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Renewed Prevail partnership helps protect most vulnerable

The REPORTER

Nearly a decade after first implementing the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), Prevail, Inc., in partnership with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office and local law enforcement agencies, is relaunching the program to strengthen and renew the community's coordinated response to domestic violence and better connect survivors at the greatest risk of serious injury or death with potentially life-saving support.

LAP assists police in responding to intimate partner violence incidents by connecting victims identified as high risk with advocates while police are on the scene. Police use an evidence-based risk assessment that assesses future severe or near-fatal violence. When survivors are screened in as high-danger, they are offered the opportunity to speak with a victim advocate at Prevail. The Prevail advocate provides the survivor with immediate safety planning information and connection to additional support and resources.



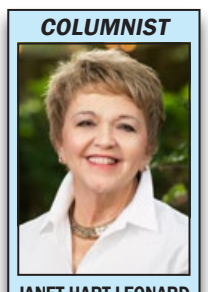
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The Lethality Assessment Program was first implemented in the county in 2016, and the relaunch will transition Hamilton County partners to the updated LAP 2.0 model.

Research demonstrates that when survivors are assessed using the Lethality Screen, identified as high danger, and speak with an advocate, they experience significantly less violence over the subsequent seven months compared to survivors receiving usual police intervention. The immediate connection to an advocate is a key component of the program, helping ensure that survivors facing the greatest risk are not left to navigate their next steps alone.

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About that rocking chair . . .



Don't put Janet in a rocking chair.

A few weeks ago, my friend Mary Ann and I booked a $49 flight to Nashville and took an Uber to Franklin, Tenn., a Hallmark-like town. Franklin has been on my bucket list for a while.

While we meandered through The Factory, we found a huge rocking chair. Mary Ann insisted I climb into it for a photo. I think she knew it might inspire a column. She was right.

When I was younger, I pictured myself at 71: a grandmother quietly sitting in a rocking chair, sipping my coffee, relaxing, and enjoying retirement.

Hold my coffee, not a beer. I am doing the sitting-in-a-rocking-chair-and-drinking-coffee part, but definitely not relaxing or being quiet.

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Noblesville High School presents cult classic musical *Little Shop of Horrors*

The REPORTER

Noblesville High School will present the cult classic and sci-fi smash musical *Little Shop of Horrors* at 7 p.m. on Nov. 19, 20, and 21.

The long-running Off-Broadway hit comes home to the NHS auditorium, featuring the man-eating yet beloved plant, Audrey II, and a cast of down-on-their-luck characters finding their way on the streets of Skid Row.

"We have such talented students at NHS, and this show allows us to showcase not just the wonderful cast on stage, but also our students who work more behind the scenes," said Natali Bacon, director and choreographer of the production and an English teacher at NHS. "Our Tech Theater class has been working very hard on building the giant puppets of Audrey II that we will be using in the show and we are so excited for the community to come see their fantastic work!"

Gaylor Electric is Signature Sponsor of all performances, which take place at NHS Auditorium, 18111 Cumberland Road, with entry at Gate 1. Discount ticket pricing is available through Oct. 31, with $13 for premium reserved seats and $10 for standard reserved seats. Prices go up on Nov. 1 to $15 for premium seats and $12 for standard seats. Attendees can buy food and beverage concessions at every performance and bid on hundreds of enticing items in the silent auction, with all auction proceeds going to fund student scholarships. Tickets may be purchased at **noblesvillechoirs.org/musical-2026** and will also be available at the door.









Photos by Deric Barrios, student photographer

If you long for "Somewhere That's Green" and want to hear an insistent plant sing "Feed Me," then look no further than Noblesville High School this November.

The show features more than a dozen musical selections, from the theme song, "Little Shop of Horrors" and rock 'n' roll "Dentist!" to the high-energy "Feed Me (Git It)" and the iconic and well-known duet, "Suddenly, Seymour."

NHS Music Director Graham Sutton and Assistant Music Director Claire Rancourt are leading the NHS students, with assistance from Student Assistant Director Ben Baker and Dance Captain Layla Valentine.

The student actors and actresses playing the *Little Shop of Horrors* main characters are Nash Sizelove as Seymour, Olivia Magill as Audrey, Cutter Bechtle as Mushnik, Gabe Carney as Orin, Graham Bodkin

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Spotlight on Art benefits local children through artistic creativity

The REPORTER

Art and philanthropy will come together once again as the fifth annual Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children returns to the Ritz Charles in Carmel from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5.

The annual event will feature artwork from more than 20 award-winning local artists, with 50 percent of all artwork sales benefiting three organizations making a difference in the lives of local children and families: the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Prevail, Inc., and Children's TherAplay.

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Go Purple with Prevail!

During October, The Reporter is recognizing Domesting 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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Carmel brothers honored with Distinguished Hoosier Awards

The REPORTER

On Oct. 19, State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) presented Carmel teens Maddox Larger and Grant Larger with Distinguished Hoosier Awards for their heroic actions saving a grandmother and two young children from a retention pond in Carmel. Lopez was joined by State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers).

Lopez said the two brothers acted quickly after seeing a stroller roll into the pond and a grandmother struggling in the water. They helped the family out of the pond and, after discovering a 2-year-old child was still in the stroller, went back in the water to bring the child to shore and provide CPR until the child resumed breathing.

"Carmel is fortunate to have young people like Maddox and Grant who put others first and stepped up when their neighbors needed help most," Lopez said. "Their courage and quick thinking helped save lives, and they exemplify the very best of our community. I'm proud to recognize these brothers as outstanding young Hoosiers."

Grant Larger is an eighth grader at Clay Middle School and Maddox Larger is a freshman at Carmel High School. The Carmel City Council also plans to recognize the brothers at its Nov. 16 meeting.





Photos provided

(TOP) State Rep. Danny Lopez (far left) and State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (far right) stands with Maddox Larger and his parents after presenting him with a Distinguished Hoosier Award. (ABOVE) Garcia Wilburn and Lopez also presented a Distinguished Hoosier Award to Grant Larger. Both awards were presented on Monday, Oct. 19.







Photos provided

J.R. Sandadi completely packed Carmel Clay Public when he gave his talk during the launch of his book on Oct. 17.

Carmel author J.R. Sandadi welcomes 225 people to book launch

Submitted

A gathering of 225 people filled the Carmel Clay Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 17, to celebrate the launch of Carmel resident J.R. Sandadi's debut memoir, *The Eleventh Kilometer: A Memoir of Inheritance, Endurance, and Learning to Stay*. Family and friends, including guests who traveled from India, joined members of the local interfaith and service communities for the event.



The memoir follows Sandadi's journey from rural India to the United States. It explores family, immigration, distance running, loss, service, and the meaning of being present. Its title comes from the 11-kilometer walk his father made to school each day in rural Telangana.

Nitya Sandadi, the author's daughter, served as emcee. She said the library was a fitting place for the launch because her family has spent countless hours there reading together. Library Executive Director Bob Swanay welcomed attendees, and Guru Anuradha Poduval offered the opening invocation.

At the heart of the program was a fireside conversation titled "Keep Moving, Learn to Stay." Dr. Aparna Soni, Associate Professor at Indiana University, and Dr. Tej Pareek moderated, with questions exploring family influences, the courage required to share difficult experiences, and Sandadi's decision to leave corporate life for service.

"Finding the extraordinary in ordinary life experiences" was a central theme of Sandadi's reflections. The conversation explored how everyday moments, family relationships and acts of service can hold meaning worth preserving and sharing with future generations.

"JR's book relates to our own journey of faith and our own journey of family. It will feed your soul," The Rev. Jerry Zehr said.

Saumitra Gokhale, international coordinator of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, said every second-generation Indian American should read the book for a glimpse into their parents' lives as first-generation immigrants.

The program also included a reading from the memoir's epilogue and closing remarks by Charlie Wiles, founder of the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, followed by a book signing.

The gathering brought together people from many stages of Sandadi's life: family, local friends, fellow volunteers from Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, classmates from BITS Pilani and Louisiana Tech University, and partners from his interfaith and community service work.

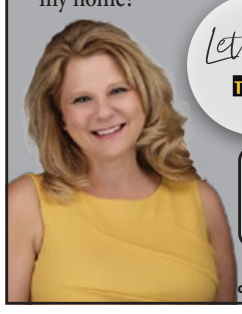
A longtime Carmel resident, Sandadi left a successful corporate career in 2017 to devote himself to service. His memoir reflects on the people and experiences that shaped that path.

About the book

The Eleventh Kilometer: A Memoir of Inheritance, Endurance, and Learning to Stay (Charaiveti Press) is available on Amazon in Kindle, paperback, and hardcover editions. An Indian edition from Garuda Prakashan is also available. More information is at **jrsandadi.com**.

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Carmel's 2027 budget emphasizes public safety & essential services

Submitted by City of Carmel

On Monday, Oct. 19, the Carmel City Council approved the proposed 2027 budget, which focuses on infrastructure needs, continuing to prioritize public safety, and modernizing essential services to benefit residents.

This approved budget totals $252.4 million, with a General Fund budget of $152.6 million.

"Residents should be able to count on us to take care of their city and keep the cost of living here at the center of our decisions," Mayor Sue Finkam said when addressing the council. "This budget honors both responsibilities."

"What is really important is that we're keeping the tax rate flat with the increased deductions we've had," City Councilman Rich Taylor said. "I applaud this council, [Chief Financial Officer] Zac Jackson, the mayor, and this administration for presenting a budget that's easy to approve."



Finkam



Taylor

The proposed 2027 budget was published online on Sept. 8 for council review and public consumption. Each department director provided a recorded video talking through their budget priorities alongside supporting documents and slideshows.

Public safety remains the budget's top priority, while emphasizing a focus on affordability and long-term fiscal stability. Key highlights of the approved 2027 budget include:

• **Public Safety Investments:** Continued funding for first responders, including competitive compensation and modern equipment for the Carmel Police Department and Carmel Fire Department.

• **Infrastructure & Operations:** Prioritizing core road and pathway maintenance, stormwater improvements and neighborhood preservation.

• **Operational Efficiency:** Utilizing zero-based budgeting principles and digital modernization to streamline administrative operations and improve service delivery to residents.

Residents can view detailed budget documents, department presentation videos and full breakdown metrics online at **carmel.in.gov/865/_2027**.

HSE Schools & HSEA reach tentative agreement on 2026-27 teacher contract

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools and the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA) have reached a tentative agreement on the 2026-27 teacher contract.

The agreement reflects several weeks of professional discussions and cooperation between both bargaining teams, following a year in which teacher salaries remained unchanged.

Under the tentative agreement, eligible teachers will receive a $1,225 base salary increase, with an additional $603 dependent on passage of the district's replacement operating referendum on Nov. 3. This comes after new insurance rates were approved Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, by the Board of Trustees, which was an investment of nearly $2.5 million.

"After having to hold salaries steady last year, we're glad to be able to offer our teachers an increase," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "I want to thank HSEA and our district team for the time and work they put into these negotiations. There was good collaboration throughout the process, and both sides worked hard to reach an agreement."

Starting salaries for new teachers hired after ratification will also increase by $750, with another $250 if the referendum passes. The agreement includes additional compensation for qualifying teachers who have earned a master's degree.

The full tentative agreement is available at **tinyurl.com/5hxvfuxt**. A public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Board of School Trustees will then meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, to consider ratification of the agreement.

Rocking Chair

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I've been busy, not just traveling but also researching for the fiction novel I'm writing. You know the old saying, "Truth is stranger than fiction"? Oh, dear readers, it's so true. When you read my novel, you'll think, "That could never have happened." Again, hold my coffee.

You may know that Maya Angelou wrote until her last breath at 86. Did you know Laura Ingalls Wilder didn't publish her *Little House on the Prairie* series until she was 65? Did you know Mark Twain published *Huckleberry Finn* at age 49? BTW, Grandma Moses started painting at 75. Don't ever give up on a dream. If you have been given a gift, find a way to use it. Never let anyone put you in a rocking chair or hush your opinions.

Age does not negate your ability to make a difference. Read that again.

My last two columns have sparked conversation. I've been both cheered and jeered. Yes, some have told me to hush. After a social media post, one person told me I have poor communication skills. Another person questioned whether people really went out of their way to care for children and the elderly when I was growing up. Trust me, the people I knew did.

At 71, I think I'm just getting started. I'm wearing my big-girl panties. My skin is wrinkled but thick, and my backbone may have osteoporosis, yet it's grown stronger. In my columns, you'll read about my crazy travel adventures, hear about my faith, and see me keep fighting for those without a voice. I will pray for the strength and wisdom to choose my battles well.

I know people will criticize my opinions. That comes with writing an opinion column. The harder I type my thoughts, the more I know I will be dodging bullets of criticism.

Some of my younger readers have questioned whether my thoughts matter in today's world. Kindness and caring will never go out of style. I hope to always wear them well.

Social media is often a place where mean people hide behind a computer screen, stir up arguments, and spread misinformation. People think that just because so-and-so says something is true, they must believe them. So-and-so may have reasons, unbeknownst to others, that will profit them in ways that are deeply hidden. Beware what you are told and what you believe.

But this is a big BUT. Some beautifully kind and wise people are on social media. They bring a breath of fresh air to a place that can wreak havoc on a weary soul. I follow them because their words encourage and inspire me.

This week, I heard a speaker say, "Never lose the voice God has given you." I needed that reminder.

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

I underlined and dated that scripture in my Bible.

I still believe that most people are good, caring, and kind. For some reason, others are prone to stir up anger and ugliness. I wonder whether something in their lives has broken their capacity for empathy, their sensitivity to the thoughts and feelings of others. They seem blind to the hurts of the less fortunate. I'll never understand them or their thinking.



Photo by Mary Ann Keck

Our columnist looks like she's posing for an album cover. Perhaps it could be called *Thoughts from The Big Chair*?

Shari Bailey says, "Lead by example and demonstrate the power of empathy and compassion."

Jim Sabataso says, "A little politeness, respect, and empathy go a long way toward making online experiences enjoyable and fulfilling."

These quotes have given me much to ponder.

If you need to find me, I'll be in my rocking chair writing because this fiction book isn't going to write itself. It's set in 1989, but today's events shape my thoughts on good vs. evil. I think you will love Audrey Grace, who is the main character.

And of course, while I am rocking, I'll be putting together my thoughts for this column. Perhaps I'll give my readers something more to talk about.

Readers, stay tuned. My fingertips are itching, and I have a new pair of big-girl panties.

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Horrors

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as the voice of Audrey II with puppet manipulation by Corinne Loessl, Mikaela Caddell as Chiffon, Luci Deichman as Crystal, and Lillian Bennett as Ronnette.

Featured characters are played by students Chace Ling, Avery Young, Leo Kenley, Timmy Quinnell, and Paxton Shock. Thirteen students make up the choruses singing and dancing their hearts out on Skid Row: Alexa Bullock, Ellie Fisk, Emma Harden, Ailis Price, Blakely Zebrauskas, London Albee, Breon Anthony, Sophia DeGuire, Carmen Dickison, Leah Durbin, Eva Rubin, Ellie Valentine and Layla Valentine.

Of course, no grand musical production – especially one featuring a giant plant puppet – can happen without the hard work and talent of a student crew. Among the 32 students who make up the dedicated crew are Student Director and Stage Manager Ben Baker, Deck Managers Keegan Bright and River Lin, Props Manager Ryleigh Galema, Costume Manager Amiyah Simmiolkjier, and Hair/Makeup Manager Lydia Fitzgerald.

Also on crew are Darcy Brown, Makynzi Brown, Lillian Campbell, Tania Danciu, Bryden Earle, Gwen Eisert, Emily Greenlee, Lily Hallgarth, Daphney Harvey, Eliza Hinson, Lex Knerr, Nicole Barroeta Manzo, Gavin Owens, Gabriella Paul Bulin, Cameron Pasko, Kai Reeves, Leighton Rugenstein, Sam Marie Sanders, Aria Stephens, Sawyer Smith, Grant Wettrick, and Grace Weaver.

The pit orchestra features students EJ Juan and Rhys Williams.

The production is licensed by Music Theatre International.

Prevail

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"Relaunching the LAP protocol is an important step in strengthening how our community responds to survivors of domestic violence," Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger said. "By partnering with the Prosecutor's Office and local law enforcement agencies, we are creating a more seamless and consistent response to domestic violence. Without this shared approach, survivors are often lost in navigating complex systems and lack support to develop a comprehensive plan for their safety."



Wanninger



Kocher

LAP was first implemented in the county in 2016 through a collaborative effort among Prevail, the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, local law enforcement agencies, and the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV). The relaunch will transition Hamilton County partners to the updated LAP 2.0 model.

"Every victim of domestic violence deserves to know they are not alone, and that help is within reach," Prosecuting Attorney Josh Kocher said. "By relaunching the Lethality Assessment Program, our Prosecutor's Office, law enforcement partners, and Prevail are coming together through the Hamilton County Domestic Violence Task Force to better identify those at greatest risk and connect them with the support and resources they need."

The relaunch represents a renewed commitment among Hamilton County agencies to a consistent, coordinated approach to recognizing high-risk domestic violence situations and responding with immediate support for Hamilton County residents.

About Prevail

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

For more information, visit **prevailinc.org**. Prevail's Crisis Line is available 24/7 at (317) 776-3472.

About Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office

The Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office is dedicated to protecting the community, seeking justice for victims, and holding offenders accountable. The team works to ensure public safety by prosecuting crimes fairly and effectively, supporting victims and their families, and partnering with law enforcement and community organizations. The Prosecutor's Office is committed to upholding the law with integrity, pursuing justice with compassion, and keeping the community a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Spotlight

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Guests will enjoy an evening of wine, champagne, and hors d'oeuvres while browsing and purchasing original artwork, all in support of a great cause.

Since its inception, Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children has raised more than $200,000 for the three above-named organizations, bringing together talented artists and community members who share a passion for helping children.

"Spotlight on Art has always been about so much more than the artwork," Event Founder Esther Lakes said. "It's about bringing people together who care about children and want to make a difference. Every piece of art purchased helps support organizations that provide care, opportunities and hope to kids and families right here in our community."

The event has grown into a meaningful annual tradition, offering attendees the opportunity to discover beautiful artwork while supporting organizations that provide essential services to children and families throughout Hamilton County.

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides a safe, positive environment where youth can learn, grow, and reach their full potential. Prevail supports individuals and families affected by crime and abuse, while Children's TherAplay provides innovative physical and occupational therapies for children with disabilities.



Lakes

"We're fortunate to have so many talented artists who are willing to share their gifts to support these organizations," Lakes said. "It's a wonderful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together for a common purpose."

Tickets are $100 per person, with sponsorship opportunities also available. Tickets and additional information can be found at **qtego.us/l/prevailartauction/tickets/event-tickets**.

For more information about Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children, visit **SpotlightOnArtBenefitingChildren.com**.

About Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children

Founded in 2022, Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children is an annual art exhibition and fundraising event that brings together local artists, and community supporters to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Prevail, Inc., and Children's TherAplay. Through the generosity of participating artists, sponsors and attendees, the event raises funds to support children and families throughout the community.

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Early Voting Totals

*Below are the number of early voters as of Thursday, Oct. 22, listed by polling location. Learn more at **tinyurl.com/VoteEarlyHamCo**.*

Judicial Center	6,139
4-H Fairgrounds	10,575
Carmel Clay Public Library	1,134
Jill Perelman Pavilion, Carmel	1,174
Wilfong Pavilion, Carmel	892
Billericay Park Bldg., Fishers	1,248
Roy G. Holland Bldg., Fishers	1,036
Cool Creek Nature Center	1,127
Westfield City Hall	699
Westfield Washington Twp. Bldg.	586
TOTAL	**24,610**

Dixon speaks to The Reporter

By AIDA KARIM
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As Hamilton County grows, Dixon is looking to address what he says are the toughest challenges facing the sheriff's department.

Republican Dustin Dixon shares the ballot with Democrat Charles Hollowell for Hamilton County Sheriff this midterm.

Dixon has over 25 years of experience in the sheriff's office. He started his journey as an entry-level patrol deputy. Gradually, Dixon began to work himself up the ranks, serving in "nearly every job and every type of assignment."

Dixon is endorsed by all four FOP lodges (police unions) in Hamilton County, as well as with the firefighters union.

"I understand the operations of the department," Dixon said. "I understand the folks we work with on a daily basis from four cities, three towns, eight other police departments, and nine other fire departments. Those relationships are really what makes you successful in public safety."

Changes in Hamilton County

Dixon told The Reporter the jail population is continuing to increase. As a result, the medical, transport, and educational services the county provides are under strain.


Dixon

"Despite some of the violent crimes, I still say Noblesville, Carmel, and Fishers are all still very safe places, but they are not the Noblesville, Fishers, or Carmel of 20 years ago or even 10 years ago," Dixon said. "We are seeing some more violent crimes and some more bad actors coming into this area."

According to Dixon, a disproportionate 40 percent of Hamilton County's inmate population has Marion County addresses. He said the sheriff's office needs to be proactive and make sure they have the right mentality as far as holding criminals accountable if they commit violent crimes in Hamilton County.

Dixon told The Reporter he wants to start both a traffic enforcement unit and a fugitive unit in 2027.

Dixon said there are a number of active, or "outstanding," warrants in Hamilton County, so assembling a fugitive unit would ease the process of tracking down those individuals.

"We're already looking at additional software in the jail that will make it easier to get programs and education tools to [inmates] and help them communicate with their family, friends, and attorneys," he said.

Traffic enforcement

According to Dixon, the most frequent complaints he receives on a weekly basis are traffic issues, such as people speeding and disregarding traffic signs. Right now, the complaints go to the deputy working that beat. The deputy works a 100 square-mile beat in between taking calls and trying to do proactive patrols.

Dixon said 146th Street from Allisonville Road all the way to Boone County is county jurisdiction. He said the department witnesses a significant amount of crashes in this area.

"It doesn't typically get resolved real well because there's just not a lot of time and attention put into it," he said. "This unit would be two deputies and it would be their full-time job, 40 hours a week to deal with traffic complaints, traffic issues, and see what the data shows."

Building a better department

When asked what he sees as the biggest issues facing the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Dixon said that, if elected, the community can expect to see a renewed focus on the retention and recruitment of employees.

Dixon said while Hamilton County is not struggling with recruiting and retention as much as other localities, he acknowledged that it remains a problem for all law enforcement agencies. He also said recruiting is important, but retention should be a greater priority.

"If we can retain the right employees, it makes recruiting a whole lot easier if we don't have to recruit as many – on a yearly basis – as we are right now," he said.

According to Dixon, serving as sheriff is the next natural step for him. He said he would like to "lead the agency and hopefully make it a bit better than it is for the next generation."

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**.

Worrell will not run again

Carmel City Councilman reflects on his public service

The REPORTER

Carmel City Councilor Jeff Worrell has announced he will not seek reelection in 2027, concluding more than a decade of service on the Council and 35 years of community involvement.


Worrell

Worrell will continue serving through the remainder of his current term, which concludes in December 2027.

Worrell, who began serving on the Council in January 2016 and is currently its most senior council member, emphasized that while his time in elected office will come to an end, his commitment to the Carmel community will continue.

"Serving on the Carmel City Council has been one of the greatest honors of my life," Worrell said. "For the past decade, residents have entrusted me with the responsibility of representing them and helping shape the future of our city. That opportunity has been profoundly meaningful. I've always believed public service is about stewardship, not permanence, and the time has come to make room for the next generation of leadership."

Throughout his time on the Council, Worrell has emphasized the importance of civility, respectful dialogue and maintaining relationships despite differences of opinion.

That commitment was shaped in part by an experience following his first City Council primary election in 2015. His opponent, former Councilor Luci Snyder, congratulated him following the election and extended her friendship and guidance. Snyder has remained a trusted confidant throughout his time in office.

Worrell intends to remain actively involved in the community, continuing his efforts to encourage civility, strengthen relationships and support initiatives that contribute to Carmel's future. He continues to serve as the Founder, President, and CEO of Project Civility and as a board member for The O'Connor House in Carmel.

Hollowell cites public & private sector experience in bid for Sheriff

By STU CLAMPITT
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Charles Hollowell is the Democratic candidate for Hamilton County Sheriff. The Reporter spoke to Hollowell about why he is running for this office, why he thinks he is the best man for the job, and why he previously endorsed a Republican candidate in the May 2026 primary.

Hollowell told The Reporter he believes his experience in both the private and public sector make him the best choice for sheriff. He transferred to Indiana from Michigan when working for The Honey Baked Ham Company, where he said he was in charge of a territory with a budget of tens of millions of dollars.

Hollowell told The Reporter he also holds an MBA from Kelly School of Business with a concentration in management and entrepreneurship.

Before joining the Westfield Police Department (WPD), Hollowell was a reserve officer in Clermont, Ind. He said he started working for WPD on Jan. 20, 2003.

"At the city of Westfield, I worked up through all the ranks of patrolman, sergeant, lieutenant on patrol," Hollowell said. "Then I became a patrol captain where I was, you know, over day-to-day operations for the patrol division itself. So everything from traffic units, actually I did our first traffic unit, developed our traffic unit in Westfield, because we didn't have one before I became a captain. Then I became a major of operations over the patrol division, as well as the criminal investigations division."


Hollowell

Hollowell is currently listed on WPD's website as a Lieutenant.

Hollowell has faced scrutiny for having endorsed Sheriff candidate Dustin Dixon's opponent, John Lowes, in the Republican primary. After Lowes lost the primary, Hollowell was appointed to be on the ballot by the Hamilton County Democratic Party.

When asked why he endorsed a Republican candidate, Hollowell said it was because of his relationship with Lowes.

"When I started working in Westfield, John Lowes was my very first Field Training Officer," Hollowell said. "So he's one of the first persons that I got to know. When you come into a county and you come into places that are different, I was faced with some biases and a little bit of racism before I became a law enforcement [officer]. So then I started working with John Lowes and he basically treated me with dignity and respect."

Hollowell followed Lowes up through the ranks. After Lowes became a lieutenant, Hollowell became a sergeant. After Lowes became a captain, Hollowell became a lieutenant under Lowes' command. He also credits Lowes with his own promotion to captain.

"If I'm not running myself, I'm going to support the person who I know, who I work with, and I know personally who I actually work with on calls," Hollowell said. "I work night shifts with them. I've been on trips with them with training for work. This is a person that I actually know. I know what type of person he is."

When asked why, after supporting a Republican, he would run as a Democrat, Hollowell said he had already planned to run as a Democrat, though at a later date.

"I wasn't planning on running until I retired from the city of Westfield," Hollowell said. "I was planning on running in basically 2029 when I retired from the city of Westfield … I'm a Democrat; I've been a Democrat my whole life. "My thing is it's people over party … At the end of the day, law enforcement should be nonpartisan … When I became a captain, when I was in major operations, it was Republicans that put me in those spots. I refuse to not support people who has the qualities of doing a great job … I've been a Democrat my whole life, but that doesn't mean that I can't support a candidate that I believe is better prepared for the job than the other person."

After speaking to The Reporter, Hollowell reached out asking that we also tell our readers the following:

"I support ending the Sheriff's Office's voluntary 287(g) agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and redirecting the Sheriff's Office resources associated with that program toward local public-safety priorities. My position does not mean disregarding federal or state law. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will continue to follow all applicable laws, honor lawful court orders, and fulfill legally required cooperation and notification obligations."

According to his campaign website, "Hamilton County is growing, and our Sheriff's Office must be prepared to grow and adapt with it. My plan is built around three pillars: Stronger Communities Through Partnership; Professional Public Safety & Effective Law Enforcement; and Accountability, Rehabilitation & Organizational Excellence." You can read the extensive details of those plans online at **Charles Hollowell.com/pillars**.

Who deserves to be Sheridan's Alumnus of the Year?

The REPORTER

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) is calling on anyone who is or has ever called Sheridan home to nominate an extraordinary person who deserves to be Alumnus of the Year.

SCS has a proud history of producing graduates who make a difference not only in Sheridan, but beyond – and Sheridan wants to give them credit!

If you know of someone who, through their service, experience, or contributions, deserves this achievement, nominate them by filling out the form at **tinyurl.com/SheridanAlumnus** and sharing your recommendation. Written recommendations are also welcome and can be mailed to High School Principal Rick Davis at 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Think of a former Blackhawk who has made a positive impact, achieved something, or represents the values that Sheridan holds, and help the district celebrate them.

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Elise Neishalla: "From six cents to common sense"

By STU CLAMPITT
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"We're working hard going from, as I like to say, lake to shining river, to get out the vote and to tell the great financial turnaround story for the state of Indiana," Indiana Comptroller Elise Nieshalla told The Reporter during an interview about her election campaign.

Nieshalla was appointed to the office by then-Governor Eric Holcomb on Dec. 1, 2023, following the resignation of Tera Klutz. Nieshalla is now involved in her first campaign for the office she currently holds.

That is not a new situation. Nieshalla's predecessor, Klutz, was appointed to the position in 2017. Kultz then won an election bid in 2022 before resigning in 2023.

The State Comptroller fulfills the duties of the Constitutional Office of State Auditor. The public name of the office was changed in July 2023 by legislative act signed into law by Gov. Holcomb. The formal title of the office remains the same and can only be changed by a future state constitutional amendment.

"We handle the accounting and the reporting of the state's funds," Nieshalla said. "We distribute the taxes collected on behalf of counties, cities, towns, and school districts to them to get those dollars put to good work serving Hoosiers. We also handle the state's payroll. We pay the state's bills. We also distribute funds to the state agencies. And we also administer the deferred compensation plan for the state of Indiana and administer the Indiana Transparency Portal shining the brightest sunlight in all of Indiana's finances."

Indiana's finances in the 21st century

"Twenty-plus years ago, if you remember, our state was struggling financially," Nieshalla said. "In fact, in the year 2002, they closed the books with only six cents in general fund reserves. They had spent down the other reserve funds by 74 percent, in addition to delaying hundreds of millions of dollars of payments to our schools. This was under the leadership of Democrats.

"Then Mitch Daniels came along, and he had this depth of fortitude to turn this state around financially, and the legislature followed. Now after a long string of solid Republican, fiscally conservative, and disciplined leadership, we've gone from six cents to $1.86 billion in that general fund reserve. And as I like to say, we've gone from six cents to common sense."

According to Nieshalls, Indiana is the fourth-lowest debt per capita state in the nation.

"We have a AAA credit rating now," Nieshalla said. "We have a balanced budget amendment that's the gold standard among the [other] states. We are only in a position to be able to do a gas tax holiday because of the reserves that we have in place. When we closed the fiscal year's books for '26, we had just under $4 billion in total reserves. You certainly couldn't offer a gas tax holiday in a state like a neighbor of ours."

When asked what the fourth-lowest per capita debt in the nation looks like in terms of actual dollars, Nieshalla told The Reporter it is $169 per resident. By way of comparison, the State of Illinois has $2,330 per capita debt.

"We have well-funded pensions and that is a real turnaround story as well," Nieshalla said. "Particularly when you look at the pre-1996 teacher pension fund: that was at 24 to 27 percent funded just a handful of years ago. Now we're looking at being fully funded in just a year or two. That is remarkable."

Public service experience

Nieshalla served in local government as the president of the Boone County Council and the president of the Indiana County Councils Association.

"As a member of [the Boone County Council], we were responsible for the budgeting and all the financial side of county government," Nieshalla said. "I now have the privilege of being in the office that distributes those funds to the local units of government so that they can put those tax dollars to good use. I still have the opportunity to work with all of my colleagues in local government. We're just at the service side as far as distributing those funds to them. It's a joy to get to work with them."

Final thoughts

When asked to tell our readers something most people may not know about her, Nieshalla told The Reporter about her relationship with a book most people know only as a musical.

"I absolutely love the book *Les Misérables*," Nieshalla said. "I read it when I was probably 14 years old. That book has always been an inspiration to me. It has an incredible story of redemption. And as a 14-year-old, it gave me insight into the depths of suffering that we can face as humans and the power of forgiveness and redemption in our lives."

Nieshalla said she believes it is Republican leadership that has gotten our state to the financial position it holds today.

"Remember from where we come as a state and how it is Republican leadership that has turned this state around financially," Nieshalla said. "We've gone from six cents to common sense. Indiana – we might as well call ourselves a sunshine state, too, because we are shining that bright sunlight, which is the best disinfectant on any fraud, waste, or abuse that may be there."

Nieshalla said Indiana serves the nation as a template for how to handle taxpayer dollars.

"Given that Indiana has become this model of fiscal responsibility, let's make America like Indiana. Given that it's this model of fiscal responsibility and the situation financially with the federal debt, let's make America like Indiana. We are a bright, shiny beacon of fiscal responsibility, transparency, and discipline, not only in the Midwest, but for the country."



Reporter photo

While interviewing State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla, State Representative Hunter Smith sat down at the table behind us for a separately scheduled and unrelated meeting of his own. "You're sitting in good company," Smith said. "Nieshalla received my full endorsement and it is the reason I'm here. I'm in the legislature because she encouraged me. She's been a longtime friend."

Treasurer race draws competing visions for managing state funds

Republican incumbent Daniel Elliott and Democratic challenger Coumba Kebe discuss state investments, local financing & their plans

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Republican Treasurer Daniel Elliott is touting nearly $1.8 billion in state investment earnings in his bid for a second term, while Democratic challenger Coumba Kebe is calling for greater transparency in how Indiana manages public money.

The Nov. 3 election pits a former software engineer and local government official against a health care executive who says her work with seniors and people with disabilities showed her the consequences of statewide financial decisions.

Both candidates want to expand the office's work with local communities and help more Hoosiers use its savings programs. But they differ on how to evaluate investment decisions, communicate with taxpayers, and use the position to influence broader state policy.

The treasurer serves as Indiana's chief investment officer, managing more than $16 billion. The job also includes leading the Indiana Bond Bank and Statewide 911 Board, overseeing savings programs, and serving as sole trustee of the State Police Pension Trust.

Although the office does not write the state budget or set property tax rates, Elliott and Kebe each emphasized opportunities for the treasurer to influence those decisions – and both candidates promised to work with lawmakers on proposals to strengthen local finances and address the financial pressures facing Hoosier families.

Elliott emphasizes earnings, experience

Elliott, first elected to statewide office in 2022, is asking voters for another four years to continue his investment strategy, strengthen cybersecurity for 911 systems, and help local governments finance infrastructure.

His office reported in August that state general fund investments had generated about $1.785 billion during his first term, including about $450.2 million in fiscal year 2026. Elliott argues that earning more from public money reduces pressure to raise taxes.



Elliott

In an interview with the Capital Chronicle, he credited the returns to a combination of available funds, investment flexibility granted by the General Assembly, experienced portfolio managers and favorable market conditions.

Before becoming treasurer, Elliott worked in software engineering and consulting and served on the Morgan County Council. He says that combination of technical experience and local government finance has helped him navigate an office with responsibilities spread across numerous boards and programs.

"I am probably the biggest nerd in the building," he said. "But if you're thinking about it, isn't somebody who's kind of nerdy who you want as your state treasurer?"

Kebe, a Noblesville resident who founded Scope Consulting, entered the treasurer's race after losing the Democratic primary for House District 29. She said she began advocating online about Medicaid changes before deciding to run for office, frustrated that elected officials were not listening to concerns from people working in health care.

She's spent the past decade in the Medicaid and senior care fields, including work managing budgets and operations. That experience, she argues, would bring a different perspective to the state's financial decisions.

"Government is here to provide to keep people safe and to take care of people, and we can't continue to make decisions just focused on the numbers," Kebe said. "We've got to focus on people."

A divide over investment politics

Elliott has made opposition to environmental, social, and governance investing – commonly called ESG – a central part of his tenure. He maintains that public investment decisions should focus on financial returns rather than political or social agendas.

"When we're talking about my role as state treasurer … we've got to focus on return, nothing less, nothing more," he said.

Indiana lawmakers approved restrictions on pension investing in 2023, giving the treasurer a role in identifying investment managers with prohibited ESG commitments.

Elliott placed BlackRock on a watchlist in June 2024. That December, the Indiana Public Retirement System's board voted to replace the firm for management of a roughly $969 million inflation-linked bond portfolio. BlackRock disputed the allegations. The decision was made by the pension board, on which Elliott serves.

Kebe, however, questioned whether that effort served taxpayers' financial interests and said she wants greater disclosure about the costs and risks of changing investment managers.

"What I would like to see less of in this office is leveraging taxpayer dollars to make political and partisan statements," she said. "This job is pretty straightforward. You invest taxpayer dollars and you focus on fiscal responsibility and making sure you maximize returns."

Kebe said the office must follow state law, but she also believes a company's treatment of workers and management practices can matter to its long-term financial performance.

Elliott, meanwhile, maintains that financial returns should drive the state's investment choices.

"There's constantly this give and take, push and pull, and so we're always adjusting that depending on the market, and that is every single day," he said.

Kebe's transparency proposals include more accessible reporting about state holdings, investment performance and fees. She wants to explain that information to Hoosiers through social media, quarterly public reporting, press conferences and community meetings.



Kebe

"[Hoosiers] want to understand how things impact them, but they don't necessarily always have the leaders who are willing to meet them on the platforms and where they're at to explain those things," she said.

Kebe also wants to use the office to advocate for changes to Medicaid and childcare policy. Those decisions, she noted, affect the workforce and the state's economic future.

"The things that I want to do will require partnership," Kebe said. "But I've started building those relationships early, even across the aisle."

Local infrastructure, 911 needs

Both candidates point to local infrastructure as a way the treasurer can help communities facing financial pressure.

Elliott highlighted the Indiana Bond Bank's new Recovery Advance Program for Infrastructure Damage, or RAPID, which launched Sept. 10 after August storms and floods. He said conversations with local officials helped identify the need for financing while communities wait for disaster assistance.

Under the program, communities can initially borrow up to $1 million at a fixed 2 percent annual interest rate for cleanup, emergency repairs and other eligible costs. Loans generally run for up to two years and carry a $15,000 participation fee.

Kebe said she wants the Bond Bank to work more proactively with municipalities on infrastructure needs and disaster preparation, including identifying financing options before a crisis. She also wants stronger partnerships with police officers and firefighters as the state makes decisions about its 911 network.

"I intend on bridging that gap and ensuring that we have a better partnership with our police officers and our firefighters when we're making decisions about the 911 communication system," she said.

For Elliott, protecting that network from cyberattacks would be a leading priority in a second term. He said smaller and rural communities may lack the staff and funding available to larger counties, making state support especially important.

"911 is critical infrastructure, not just infrastructure like water or roads, but infrastructure that actually saves lives," Elliott said.

His reelection platform highlights a statewide cybersecurity assessment, dispatcher training and emergency communication services. The incumbent said he wants to build on that work with stronger defenses for local 911 systems and said he's already discussed the issue with lawmakers ahead of the 2027 budget session.

"Most everyone has good ideas," he said. "The question is, which ideas can you afford to do? Which ideas can you prioritize?"

Elliott also sees opportunities to help local governments earn more through TrustINdiana, the state's public investment pool. Better returns and state assistance with cybersecurity costs, he said, could ease pressure elsewhere in local budgets.

Kebe further said the property tax debate needs a fuller accounting of what changes would mean for schools, police, fire departments and other local services. She opposes eliminating the tax without explaining how those services would be funded and wants to work with experts and lawmakers on a sustainable approach.

"There are a lot of professionals in the space that are eager to partner with electeds to talk about what property tax reform could look like without us losing our incredibly important local programs," she said. "That's what I would love to do: partnering with experts who can help us figure out a better, sustainable way of funding some of these programs – and not just talking about eliminating property taxes for the sake of eliminating taxes."

Reaching more families

Both candidates share an interest in getting more people to use Indiana529 education savings accounts and INvestABLE Indiana accounts for people with disabilities.

Kebe's plan includes broader outreach, including partnerships with labor unions, to explain that education savings can help families prepare for eligible trade school expenses as well as college. She said the office should do more to meet people in their communities and explain the tools already available to them.

Elliott wants to reach more veterans and other adults who may newly qualify for INvestABLE. A federal eligibility expansion that took effect in January allows people whose disability began before age 46, rather than before age 26, to qualify if they meet the program's other requirements.

The accounts allow eligible people to save for qualified disability-related expenses while preserving access to public benefits, subject to program rules.

Elliott said his first-term record and experience working with local officials and legislators make him well suited to continue leading the office.

"I have built things across the board," he said. "What I hope is that they will trust me again for this next time."

Kebe said she would press for answers about state financial decisions and serve as a fiscal watchdog for taxpayers.

"There's no allegiance to a party here," she said. "The allegiance is to the people and reporting back out to them."

This story was published on Thursday, Oct. 22, at ***indianacapitalchronicle.com****.*

See 22 military uniforms at "A Salute to Veterans" exhibit in Noblesville

By JON BALDWIN
Clay Township Military Library & Museum

Twenty-two military uniforms are now on display at "A Salute to Veterans" at the Hamilton County Historical Society Museum in Noblesville – and most are from the Clay Township Military Library and Museum!

We are pleased to join the Historical Society in this exhibition honoring military service and sharing our community's history. The display brings together uniforms from both museums, offering a closer look at military dress through the years and the ranks, ribbons, badges, and patches that help tell the story.

For our small, volunteer-led museum, this partnership is a welcome opportunity to bring more of our collection to the public and introduce new visitors to our work honoring veterans and preserving their stories.

Plan your visit

- **Where:** Hamilton County Historical Society Museum, 810 Conner St., Noblesville
- **When:** Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., through Saturday, Nov. 14
- **Special Veterans Day opening:** Wednesday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Admission:** Free

The next opportunities to visit are Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24. Bring a friend, invite a veteran or military family member, or make it part of a visit to downtown Noblesville.

Our thanks to Executive Director Deb Lorenz and the Hamilton County Historical Society for hosting the exhibition and helping share these uniforms with the community.

For museum information, visit **hamiltoncoinhs.com**.





Photo provided by Noblesville Rotary Club

(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Scholarship Recipient Dawn Summerville, Rotarian President Zach Lundin, Scholarship Recipient Yong Xiang Ren, Scholarship Recipient Justin Boone, Scholarship Recipient Bella Boehme, former Ivy Tech Hamilton County Dean of Nursing Dr. Monick Davis, and Rotarian and Ivy Tech Hamilton County Executive Director of Development & Marketing Kelly Wallace. (ABOVE RIGHT) Presenting this year's donation to Ivy Tech Hamilton County were (from left) Rotarian John Mahaffey, Rotarian Carrie Dixon, Rotarian President Zach Lundin, Ivy Tech Hamilton County Chancellor Rachel Kartz, Rotarian and Ivy Tech Hamilton County Executive Director of Development & Marketing Kelly Wallace, and Rotarian Jeff Derda.

Noblesville Rotary Club honors Ivy Tech scholarship recipients

Submitted by Anita Hagen
Noblesville Rotary Club

The Noblesville Rotary Club, along with many members of our community, were excited to host and attend the annual Scholarship Breakfast at Ginger's Café on Oct. 1.

This is the pinnacle of what we work for every year – how we portray Service Above Self in our Hamilton County community. Six local Ivy Tech Hamilton County students were honored along with family members.

This sentiment was shared by several of the recipients. One said, "This scholarship allows me to further my education all while balancing work and family commitments and more. This means the world to me."

All recipients are Hamilton County residents.

Our very popular 10th annual BrewBQ event fundraiser held on Aug. 8 raised $25,000. Proceeds from this annual event benefit scholarships for students attending Ivy Tech Hamilton County as well as the Robotics Club at Noblesville High School. Both programs advance education and workforce readiness for young people in Hamilton County, aligning with Rotary's commitment to service and community impact.

The club is now calling on area businesses to join the celebration as 2027 BrewBQ event sponsors. Opportunities range from $500 to $5,000, each offering a variety of visibility and engagement benefits.

"BrewBQ has become a signature community event, and its impact is felt long after the tents come down," said Jeff Derda, Chairman of the BrewBQ of the Noblesville Rotary Club. "We invite businesses across Hamilton County to support local education by partnering with us. Their sponsorship not only fuels a great event – it directly supports students who are shaping our region's future workforce."

The family-friendly event – set for Aug. 14, 2027 – will feature barbecue vendors, local breweries, live music, yard games, and a relaxed atmosphere for attendees of all ages. More details about entertainment, food, and ticket sales will be released in the coming months.

Businesses interested in sponsoring BrewBQ may contact Carrie Dixon at **carrie@cdi-cares.com** for a full list of sponsorship levels and benefits.

Learn more at **NoblesvilleRotaryClub.org**.

Mundy updates community at Sheridan State of the Schools

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) hosted and welcomed an engaged audience for the State of the Schools Address. Attendees asked very thoughtful questions as they learned more about the progress, priorities, and plans for the school's future.



Mundy

Throughout the address, Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy highlighted district successes in academics, arts, and athletics. The audience also heard about enrollment growth, potential new neighborhoods, and the progress of the strategic plan. This includes facility enhancements that promote student accomplishments and prepare for future growth.

Another key topic that was discussed was financial planning. Conversations were held revolving around district reductions, impact of Senate Bill 1, property tax reform, and the current referendum. Mundy and the rest of the administration shared short- and long-term goals as Sheridan continues to create more opportunities.

Throughout the entire presentation, appreciation was expressed for the community's continued involvement, support, and collaboration.

If you were unable to attend, the presentation is available at **scs.k12.in.us**.

Colts quarterback charged with possession of marijuana in Carmel

The REPORTER

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson has been charged with Possession of Marijuana after a Carmel police officer pulled him over during a traffic stop on Monday, Oct. 12.

According to the probable cause affidavit, the officer initiated the traffic stop after observing a black 2023 Dodge Charger with an expired license plate belonging to a different vehicle. Richardson was driving a vehicle with expired plates from an orange vehicle of the same make, model, and year.

After approaching the vehicle, the officer "immediately detected the odor of marijuana" coming from the car. When asked, Richardson said he had smoked marijuana inside the car because he did not want to smoke around his children. Richardson also said a small amount of marijuana was in the car, which the officer found a small mason jar in the glove compartment, along with an opened bag of Puff Panda THC-infused gummies.

According to the officer, no other contraband was found.

Richardson was issued a citation for the expired registration, as well as a court summons for possession of marijuana. No arrest was made, and Richardson said he would appear in court.

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The Hamilton County Reporter reached out to local attorney Mario Massillamany to explain the potential reason for issuing Richardson with a court summons rather than physically arresting him.

According to Massillamany, if the officer had believed Richardson was operating the vehicle while intoxicated, the officer would have conducted a field sobriety test. As with drinking alcohol, if a driver passes the field sobriety test and is not actively drinking in the vehicle, the officer can choose to issue a court summons.

Furthermore, according to Massillamany, if Richardson has no criminal history, the court may pursue pretrial diversion, and the charges could be dismissed as long as Richardson has no other legal issues over the next year.

Public input needed on Hamilton County Parks & Recreation's five-year master plan

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) invites residents to participate in a community survey as the department begins developing its next five-year master plan. The survey will gather public feedback to help guide future priorities, park improvements, recreational opportunities, and investments in the county's park system.

The master plan will help HCPR evaluate current facilities and programs, identify community needs, and establish goals for the next five years. Feedback from residents will be an important part of the planning process, helping the department understand what is working well and where additional opportunities exist.



Stice

"Our parks serve people in different ways, whether they visit to hike a trail, attend a program, spend time with family, or connect with nature," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "This survey is an opportunity for residents to share what matters to them and help us make informed decisions about the future of our park system. We want our plans to reflect the needs and interests of the community we serve."

HCPR manages 21 park properties with more than 1,800 acres, 26 miles of trails, and a variety of recreational, educational, and nature-based experiences. The department also works to preserve natural areas and provide opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with Hamilton County's history and environment.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the survey and share their perspectives. Community feedback will help inform the department's long-term planning and support decisions about how parks, programs, facilities, and resources are prioritized in the years ahead.

The five-year master plan survey is available at **myhamiltoncountyparks.com**.







Tipton Community School Corporation celebrates rising achievement in state assessments

Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.



Photo provided by Tipton Community School Corporation

Tipton Community School Corporation (TCSC) has released its district wide 2026 ILEARN results, presented last week by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ryan Glaze. The data reflect strong elementary achievement, continued growth in high school Biology, and targeted priorities for middle school improvement.

Dr. Glaze noted that elementary performance remains a major district strength, with grades 3 to 5 leading the region in English language arts, mathematics, and science. Fourth and fifth grade results were particularly strong, with proficiency rates well above state averages in both subjects. Improved attendance, consistent use of common instructional resources, and focused PLC collaboration contributed to these gains.

"Proficiency for Grades 3–5 combined leads the region in ELA, Math, and Science," the report states.

At Tipton Middle School, results show clear areas for growth, especially in grades 6 and 7 mathematics. Eighth grade performance was a bright spot, with ELA proficiency above the state average and cohort gains in both ELA and math.

"There is room to grow – the building RTI process is addressing gaps to secure growth for all students," the middle school summary notes.

Tipton High School continues to show significant improvement in Biology, rising from 14 percent proficiency in 2022 to 54.4 percent in 2026, surpassing the state average. Biology will be included in the state's new A–F accountability model for high schools.

Science and social studies also demonstrated strong results district wide. Fourth grade science proficiency exceeded the state average by 11 percentage points, sixth grade science by 2 points, and fifth grade social studies by 12 points.

Across the district, Dr. Glaze emphasized the importance of sustaining the instructional supports that have driven elementary success including small class sizes, a full time reading coach, and a dedicated reading interventionist while strengthening alignment between elementary and middle school to support students through key transitions.

The report outlines several priorities moving forward:

• Sustaining the elementary instructional model and PLC collaboration

• Prioritizing grades 6 and 7 mathematics through targeted interventions

• Strengthening alignment between grades 5 and 6

• Expanding successful eighth grade practices across TMS

• Using cohort trends to guide instructional decisions

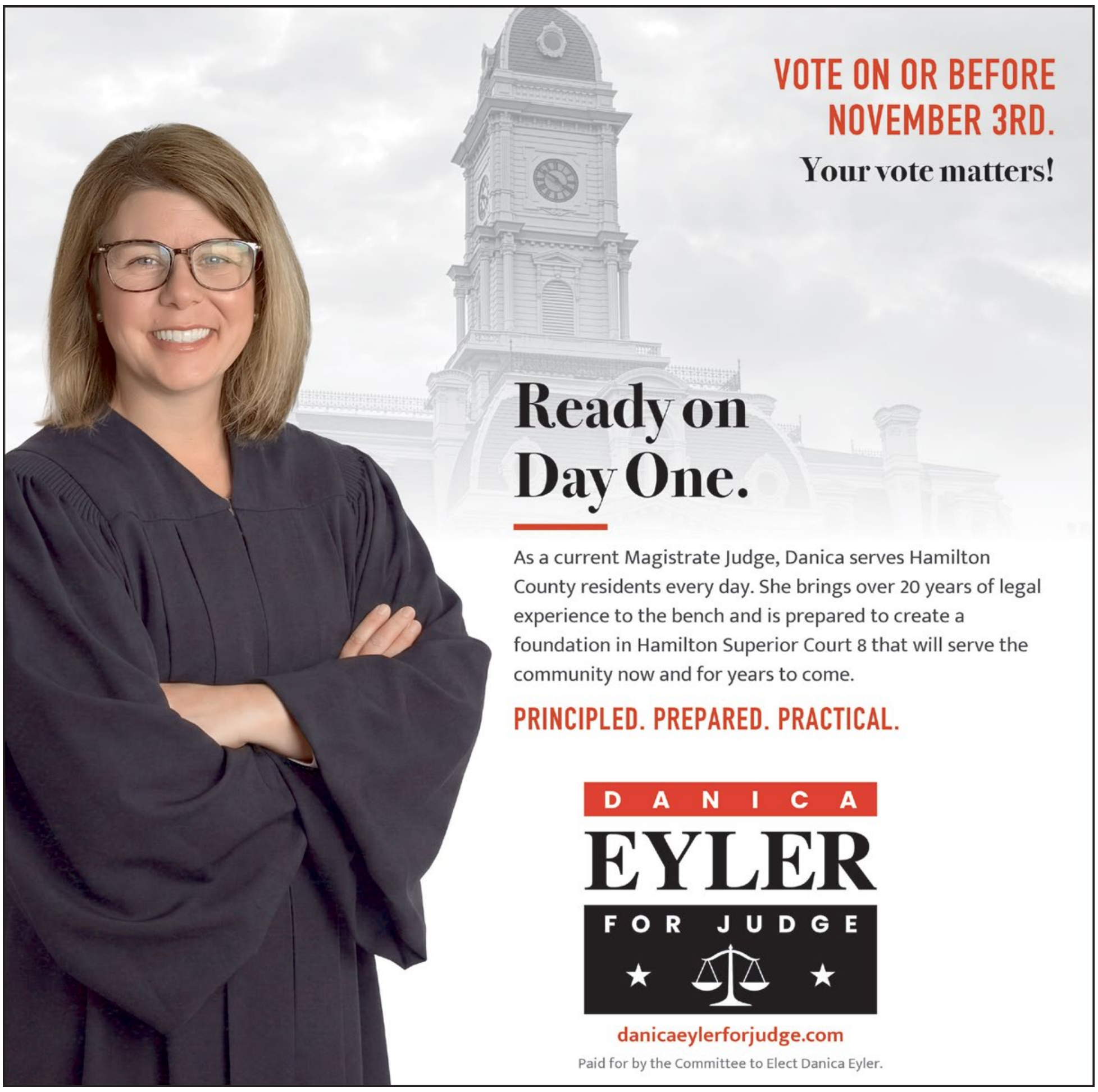
TCSC will continue reviewing data throughout the year using ILEARN Checkpoint assessments, which provide timely information to adjust instruction and support student learning. Dr. Glaze plans to share additional information on the state's A–F accountability model in November, along with official ratings when released by the Indiana Department of Education.



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"Love Thy Neighbor": Hear Jewish stories from past & present

Submitted

The public is invited to attend "Love Thy Neighbor: Conversations That Connect Us: Jewish Stories of Past and Present," an evening dedicated to learning, dialogue, and community connection.

The event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. Attendees may enter through Doors 2 or 7.

Presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Indianapolis, the program will feature personal and historical perspectives on Jewish life, including stories from both the past and present. Participants will also hear a meaningful presentation from family members of those who lived through the Holocaust and its enduring lessons for today's world.

In addition to the main presentation, a special breakout session will be available for youth in grades 6 to 12, giving students an age-appropriate opportunity to explore Jewish history and identity and the importance of understanding people from different backgrounds.

The program offers attendees an opportunity to gain insight into Jewish life in today's world while strengthening bonds of friendship, respect, and understanding throughout the community.

Registration is requested for all participants. Go to **noblesvillefirst.com/connect/attend-an-event**.

Craig Adkins named Husky Hero for building strong connections

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights School Corporation recognizes Craig Adkins, Instructional Assistant at Hamilton Heights Middle School, as the newest Husky Hero.

Adkins joined Heights in 2026 and also serves as the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) Data Coordinator for the middle school. He was nominated by Jessica Granson, who shared the meaningful impact he has had on her sixth-grade son, even though he is not one of his students.

Granson wrote, "Mr. Adkins, I believe, is new this year or maybe from last year. My son is a 6th grader and has mentioned him several times. Although he does not have Mr. Adkins as a teacher, he sees him in the halls, and he has made an impact. Calling him by name, always saying hello, or asking how he's doing. That tells me he gets to know not only his own students but all of the students at HHMS. I know kids must really like him because my son says he has a lot of playful nicknames from students. I can only assume he is a fun teacher to be around."

"Being nominated and selected as a Husky Hero means a great deal to me," Adkins said. "It's an honor, and it reminds me that the small things I do each day really do make an impact on our students. Whether it's high-fives, handshakes, or making them laugh, I want students to know that someone is in their corner. This recognition tells me those moments matter."

Supporting both students and staff is at the heart of his work.

"Students need encouragement, guidance, and someone they can rely on – and teachers need a partner who can offer feedback, assistance, and an extra set of hands when needed," Adkins said. "Knowing that what I do helps make their days a little easier and more successful is what keeps me going."

Looking ahead, Adkins says the award strengthens his commitment to Hamilton Heights Middle School.



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Craig Adkins, Instructional Assistant at Hamilton Heights Middle School, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of September for his work and impact on students. (From left) Jill Landers (HHMS Assistant Principal), Craig Adkins, and Laken and Craig Bowen (FC Tucker).

"Receiving the Husky Hero award motivates me to continue showing up and delivering for HHMS in whatever capacity I'm needed," Adkins said. "This is a special place, and I'm proud to be part of it. I want to keep contributing to the positive environment we've built and help it remain strong for years to come."

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at **bit.ly/hhschusky-hero**. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker).

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Senior Skills Day help get Heights students 'future-ready'

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School's Class of 2027 took a meaningful leap toward life beyond high school during the district's second annual Senior Skills Day, a handson, fastpaced morning designed to equip every senior with essential career, financial, and realworld life skills.

The mandatory event brought together educators, local employers, community partners, and university representatives to help students prepare for their next chapter whether that path leads to enrollment, enlistment, or employment.

Dressed in professional interview attire and carrying hard copies of their resumes, seniors rotated through a series of interactive sessions focused on practical readiness:





Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

(ABOVE LEFT) Ashley Schultz from Becks Hybrids taught students how to dress for success. Students had an opportunity to put together outfits that would serve as business casual or professional, and they even learned how properly tie a tie. (ABOVE RIGHT) Every student who attended was able to participate in a one-on-one interview with one of the business partners. Matthew Mitchell from Will Power Excavation interviews Cyrus Mason.

• **One-on-one Mock Interviews & Resume Review:** Students met with local hiring managers for realworld interview practice and received personalized feedback to strengthen their resumes and communication skills.

• **Professionalism Panel:** A crossindustry panel featuring leaders from higher education, military branches, local government, nonprofits, and private business offered candid insights into workplace expectations and career pathways.

• **Dress for Success**: Through demonstrations and handson activities, students learned to distinguish between business casual and business formal attire – even practicing how to tie a necktie.

• **Ethical & Responsible AI Use**: Indiana University Kokomo and CIESC guided students through appropriate and responsible use of artificial intelligence in college and workplace settings.

• **Adulting 101:** Seniors practiced foundational life skills including check writing, understanding Social Security, and emergency preparedness.

• **Traffic Stop Awareness:** Local law enforcement provided practical guidance on safety protocols and expectations during traffic stops or accidents.

• **Financial Awareness & Responsibility:** Students learned how to read paystubs, understand gross vs. net pay, budget personal expenses, and plan for financial independence.

"Senior Skills Day is all about giving our students the confidence and realworld tools they need to navigate adulthood whether their next step is enrollment, enlistment, or employment," said Jessi Cantlon, Director of School Counseling and Reaching New Heights Coordinator. "The maturity and professionalism our seniors displayed throughout the morning was outstanding. Multiple business partners commented on how impressed they were with our students, and that makes us really proud."

Local business partners praised the students' preparation and engagement:

"It was a lot of fun, and I was very encouraged by the preparedness and enthusiasm of the students that showed up." – David Speckman, WestPoint Financial Group

"We had an amazing facilitator, and I loved getting to know the other professionals on the panel. It was very rewarding to share our experiences with the high schoolers. I especially loved it when they personally thanked us at the end, often with handshakes, as that shows professionalism!" – Mimi Bergman, One Mind

Students also shared how meaningful the experience was:

"The mock interview was very helpful, and also being able to pick the minds of these successful people." – Will DeStefano

"I found it very helpful to learn what I should do when I'm pulled over and what I should expect in an interview." – Hannah Dent

Hamilton Heights High School extends its sincere appreciation to all participating business partners, community volunteers, guest speakers, and university representatives. Their time, expertise, and sponsorship made Senior Skills Day 2026 a resounding success and an invaluable experience for the Class of 2027.

BREAKING DOWN
BALLOT QUESTION #3

ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING CURRENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES
The referendum funds will be used to maintain current programs and services, including staffing. It cannot be used for athletic facilities or construction projects.

MAXIMUM-RATE LANGUAGE
The 57-cent rate is the maximum allowed and not expected to be used. Noblesville Schools has committed to a 2027 rate of 38.5¢, with future increases capped at no more than $0.04 per year.

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*"Shall Noblesville Schools increase property taxes paid to the school corporation for no more than eight (8) years for the purpose of funding safety and security measures in all buildings and maintaining and enhancing academic and educationally-related programs in response to reductions in property tax revenue by imposing a property tax rate that does not exceed **$0.57** and results in a maximum annual amount that does not exceed $43,842,578. If this operating referendum public question is approved by the voters, for a median residence of $350,000, the property's annual property tax bill would increase by **$955 per year**."*

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Sharon Moseley

March 20, 1939 – October 21, 2026



Sharon Rose (Cusick) Moseley, 87, Westfield, was united with her Lord and Savior on October 21, 2026. She was surrounded by her loving family as stepped from her earthly home and into paradise.

Sharon, twin sister to Charlene Rae, were born in Rolla, Mo., March 20, 1939, to Edward and Florence (Cooley) Cusick. She was a graduate of Waynesville, Mo., Senior High School, class of 1957. Immediately following graduation, she began her career as Deputy Clerk with the Circuit Clerk and Recorder's Office in Waynesville, Pulaski County, Mo. She worked for several years until her marriage to William C. Moseley, June 7, 1959.

Having served as a caseworker for 26 years, Sharon retired from the State of Missouri Department of Social Services, Aurora, Mo., in 1997. She was passionate about serving others and advocated for those in need.

Sharon lived a full life and never met a stranger, always sharing the love of Jesus wherever she went. Favorite scriptures include Psalms 23:1-6, and especially, Romans 10:9 – "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded in death by her husband, Bill; daughter, Wendi; twin sister, Charlene; and nephew, Todd.

Survivors include her daughter, Cynthia (Moseley) Herron (Steven); grandchildren, Christopher Feltrop-Herron (Matthew), Faith (Herron) Waits (Tyler), Rachel Carroll, and Elizabeth Carroll; great-grandson, Liam Feltrop-Herron; beloved niece, Lisa Kremer and husband, Gary; as well as family members Jeff and Nikki Carroll, and many dear friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Sharon's complete obituary.

Patrick Anthony Seal

September 24, 1956 – October 19, 2026



Patrick Anthony "Pat" Seal, 70, Arcadia, passed away on October 19, 2026, with family by his side. Pat was born and raised in Indianapolis. He worked for AT&T from 1977 until 2009. In 2009 he retired from AT&T and started his own wiring business, Wire2U.

Above all, Pat was a man of deep faith. He was always studying, always asking questions, and always striving to walk more closely in the footsteps of Yeshua. His curiosity never faded, and neither did his joy. Pat's laugh was infectious, the kind that made everyone around him laugh too, and it is one of the things his family will miss most. In his life, Pat never met a stranger; his deep and abiding friendships were rooted in faith and community.

Pat was devoted to his wife of 36 years, Gale. He is survived by his children, Nichole, Chris (Katie), David (Mary Ellen), Priscila (Jared) Barber, Elli, and Simon; his grandchildren, Carly, Issac, Joshua, River, Zavier, Jonathan, Jaiah, Rehn, Asa, and Alaiyah; and his siblings, Mike, Mary, and Dan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jerry and Gail Seal; his sister, Barbara; and his brother, John.

Friends and family attended a visitation for Patrick on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A funeral service followed on Monday, October 26, 2026, at the funeral home, with Luke Erb officiating.

In lieu of flowers, to honor Pat's dedication to generosity, memorial donations may be made in his honor to one of the following organizations: Mois Bridge Kenya (checks should be made out to Andrew Harmon), 340 S. Audubon Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46219; Disciplemakers, 4393 Boron Rd., Latonia, KY 41015; or Damou Christian Mission, P.O. Box 178, Hebron, IN 46341.

In honoring Patrick's memory, we invite you to share your favorite stories, cherished memories, and photos on the memorial page. Let us celebrate Patrick's life by remembering the joy, laughter, and love he brought into our lives.

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Eduardo Toledo Arrieta

August 12, 1966 – October 21, 2026



Eduardo Toledo Arrieta, known affectionately as Eddie by his loved ones, passed away on October 21, 2026.

Born in Pololcingo, Guerrero, Mexico, on August 12, 1966, to Juana Arrieta and the late Valentin Toledo, Eddie's life was a testament to the virtues of hard work, selflessness, and love for family. His journey took him from his birthplace in Mexico to various locations, including Georgia, Arkansas, and finally settling in Noblesville, Indiana. Despite the many hurdles that he faced, his humor, intelligence, and talented hands guided him through.

Eddie was a loving man of many trades; he could fix or build anything, being a handyman of great repute. He was employed in the construction industry where he was admired for his skill and dedication. He was a remarkable cook, with a special penchant for grilling. Fishing was another hobby he held dear; he often spent his free time by the water with a fishing rod in hand. His love extended beyond his human family to the animals he cared for, a testament to his compassionate nature. Eddie was a beacon of warmth and laughter, his funny anecdotes and witty remarks bringing joy to those around him.

At the time of Eddie's passing, he was survived by his fiancée, Amanda. He was a cherished member of his large family, including his mother, Juana Arrieta; his siblings Maria Toledo, Esmeralda Toledo, Christian Toledo, Bonfilia Toledo, and Hugo Toledo; Amanda's daughters, whom he held dear to his heart; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Valentin Toledo.

Eddie's life was not without its challenges, but he faced them with resilience, optimism, and an unyielding love for those he held dear. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

We invite you to leave your memories of Eddie and upload photos to the memorial page as we celebrate his life. His love, laughter, and generosity will not be forgotten, but rather will continue to inspire those he left behind.

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Martha L. Baker

February 27, 1938 – October 17, 2026



Martha L. Baker, 88, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Copper Trace in Westfield. She was born on February 27, 1938, in Albany, Ky., to Henry and Ethel (Aaron) Perdue.

Martha was a hardworking and dedicated woman who believed in staying busy and making the most of each day. After retiring from Lucent Technologies, she went on to work another 20 years at Walmart, not out of necessity, but because she genuinely enjoyed working, staying active, and being around others.

Martha was a member of Geist Christian Church. She enjoyed cooking, traveling, and, most importantly, spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, David Baker; daughter, Donna Peyton; son, Steve Cash; siblings, Marie, Geneva, Mary Dot, Ruth, Norma, and Jean; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Martha was preceded in death by her siblings, Henry, Irene, Anna, and Doris; and grandson, Jonathon.

Visitation and funeral services were held Friday, October 23, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Danny Gulden officiated. Burial followed at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Condolences may be shared at randallroberts.com.

Martha Rea Struble

November 4, 1941 – October 18, 2026



Martha Rea Struble, 84, Indianapolis, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2026, at Life's Journey of Avon. She was born on November 4, 1941, in Highmore, S.D.

For many years, Rea worked at Boehringer Mannhiem Biochemicals as administrative Assistant to the President of Research Division and liaison with corporate Human Resources. She took a lot of pride in the women in which she was a part of the hiring process. Later she was an executive secretary for Hurco Manufacturing before retiring. For fun, she and her husband James owned and operated a variety of businesses including the Bits and Pieces antique store in Lebanon, a restaurant in Tipton, and a food truck. For the past six years, Rea lived at Sycamore Reserve in the Castleton area where she made many friends, having a hug for everyone she met. She also had a love for small animals, whether the squirrels, chipmunks, or birds outside, or her little canine friends in the building. It was always important that she had a treat for each of them.

She is survived by sister, Iris Nicholas; her children, Jeff (Sherri) Baseley, Joni Struble, Dave (Debbie) Baseley, and Mark (Julie) Struble; and grandchildren, A.J., Kelli, Michael, Nicole, Matthew, Jonathan, David, Esther, Joshua, and Marybeth.

She was preceded in death by her birth father, Leon Perkins; mother and father, Leatha and Calvin Trowbridge; husband, James M. Struble; and siblings, Ivan Trowbridge and Inez Trowbridge.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (support.woundedwarriorproject.org).

Condolences may be shared at randallroberts.com.

John Edward Beacon

August 12, 1945 – October 14, 2026



John Edward Beacon, 81, Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. John was born August 12, 1945, in Elgin, Ill., the son of Herbert and Edna (Sederstrom) Beacon.

John grew up in Elgin in a loving home with his parents and sister. He completed his bachelor's degree in business at Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., and completed his master's degree from Indiana State University.

John enjoyed his college experiences and chose to work in higher education in the broad field of enrollment management. John worked at various institutions across the U.S., including Indiana State University, Western Michigan University, University of Maine, University of Nebraska, Oklahoma State University, and several additional institutions. Most recently, John retired from Indiana State University in 2016 where he served as Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management, Marketing, and Communications and was also awarded the title of Distinguished Alumni from Indiana State University in 2017.

As a man of many interests, John first and foremost was a serious runner. For more than 45 years, every day John rose before daylight and ran six miles regardless of the weather or where he was. John also enjoyed riding his Harleys, his Corvette, and bicycling, and was also an extremely talented artist. His interests and skills included: drawing, painting, woodworking, wood carving, and gunsmithing. He made several flintlock rifles; each were exact replicas of rifles used in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Recently, John developed an interest in Native American flutes and, of course, he learned how to make several as well as how to play the flute.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Kay (Beacon) Ferguson, and stepson, Joshua Morrow.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Jean Ann Beacon; sons, Michael (Dawn) Beacon, Colorado, and Derek (Allison) Beacon, Nebraska; stepdaughter, Chelsea (Morrow) White, Texas; and grandsons, Anthony Beacon and Alexander Beacon.

At the request of the family, no services are planned.

In the memory of John, donations may be made to: Indiana State University Foundation, 200 N. 7th St, Terre Haute, IN 47809 (indianastate.edu).

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

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IN MEMORIAM

Bruce James Bowman
January 12, 1961 – October 5, 2026



Lion Bruce was an active and valuable member of the Westfield Lions Club, joining October 3, 2019. He was sponsored by Lion Mark Albright and was serving as a board member of the Westfield Lions Foundation.

Bruce was very influential in setting up the Westfield Lions Foundation and served as Vice President since its 2024 inception. Bruce secured copyrights for the Lions Poker for Sight® tournament and the Westfield Lions Foundation logo.

His work at the Club's major fundraising events, including poker tournaments, fish fries, and golf outings, helped make them extremely successful. He could always be counted on to serve those in need.

His quick wit and wry sense of humor made him a joy to be around. He will truly be missed by the club.

Donations in Bruce's memory can be made to the Westfield Lions Foundation at paypal.com/ncp/payment/ZDGHVEMUS5VBE.

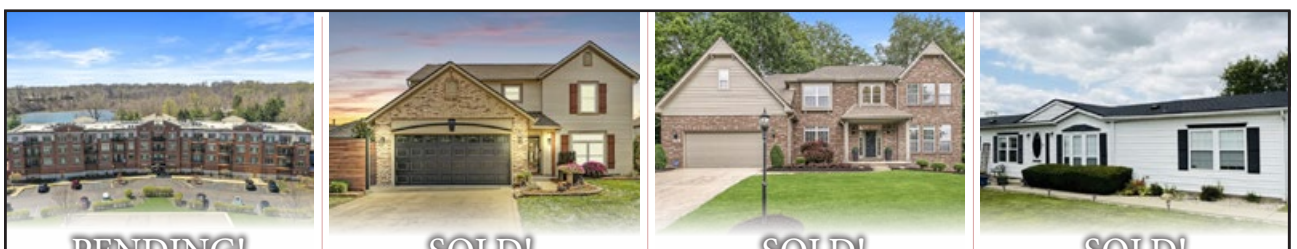
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How music affects people

COLUMNIST



JACOB BAULT
Sheridan High School Student

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

Music has been around for thousands of years and is one of if not the most influential things we have in our society.

Music was originally only used for worship in religious services. Music was only performed by the upper-class people and the clergy of the church. Music eventually made its way to the middle class and peasants through people making makeshift instruments and performing in the streets. Eventually, with lots of integration, music became what it is today.

Music has been proven to affect people's moods when they listen to it. Music can make you feel happy, sad, angry, and a lot of other emotions depending on what you are listening to. A study done in 2013 by the National Institutes of Health showed that most people who listened to music had a tendency to match the mood of the music they were listening to. Music has been shown to make people's day better. Also, music helps to get the hardships of life off people's minds.

Music has always been a big part of my life. I remember my dad putting on music in the car on the way to my T-ball games. I listen to music every day after school. Music always seems to make my day just a little bit better if I'm having a bad day. I feel music helps me disconnect from the outer world and be happy.

I listen to a variety of music, but I listen to a very small amount of rock. I mostly listen to artists like Sematary, Hackle, and Ghost Mountain. Their music makes me feel good and helps me feel better after a hard day.

Creating an independent space

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

As an ambulatory wheelchair user, I am constantly brainstorming ways to make my home more accessible. I want to live in a space that does not feel stressful.

Creating a space that works for both walking and using my wheelchair is a little bit tricky. Thorough-out my days when I am at home, I am constantly switching from walking to needing my wheelchair. My strength fluctuates a lot during the day.

Part of me wants to walk as much as I can since I am fortunate to still have that ability, but I also worry about my safety, and it is getting harder each day it seems. That is life with a progressive muscle disease. It is a double-edged sword.

Each day is different, but my desire for independence stays the same.

If my husband is home, I do not mind asking for help reaching things or whatever it may be.

When I am home alone, I need to be able to access things on my own. One of the things my wheelchair has helped me with the most is carrying things. Balancing things on my lap and taking them from room to room requires practice and patience.

The sound of something falling off my lap can be infuriating. It requires patience and practice to not get flustered by every little obstacle. That has been the hardest thing for me since getting my custom wheelchair three years ago. Managing frustration, while learning a new way of life.

The number of micro-obstacles in my day is overwhelming. I tried explaining this to someone recently, and I could tell that it was not received in the way I wanted it to be. But how could it be if the person has not dealt with it?

I remember when my aunt would visit when I was a little girl. She was in a wheelchair, as she was paralyzed and could not use her legs. I silently watched her, wondering how she made things look so easy, when I knew they were not.

Even though she was not in her own space, she still cheerfully helped my mom around the kitchen preparing meals and adapting to our kitchen. She did not miss a beat when mixing something. She put the bowl on her lap and mixed away.

I was fascinated by her confidence. She was one of the few disabled people who I knew as a little girl. I think of her often when I am cooking.

We truly never know the impact we have on others by just living out our lives. Knowing her, made a lasting impact on my life and carried me through times of sorrow and loneliness.

She also has a daughter, and I would watch how she would climb onto her lap. They had an unspoken rhythm, just like the one I have created with my own family. Her husband, my dad's brother, was so good at helping her, just like my husband is with me. They were a wonderful team and admired by many.

Having a partner who is open to any modifications that I need to make is key. Most of the things that I need to adjust to make more accessible for me, do not negatively affect him. It is a space that works for our family.

We were mindful when we built our home more than 20 years ago, that we did not want a lot of stairs to get in the house and that we needed everything to be on one level. I am glad we thought ahead for the structural changes that would be harder and more costly to make now.

I am brainstorming ideas to make my kitchen even more accessible, to continue to allow me to cook from my wheelchair because that is something I love to do.

I have learned to enjoy the challenge of producing ways to make our home functional. It allows me the independence I deserve to enjoy for as long as I can.

Until next time …

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

Taste of Community: the Ravana within us

COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Have you ever watched something burn and wondered what it represents beyond the flames?

Every year, during the Hindu festival of Dussehra, communities gather to watch a towering figure go up in flames. This ritual, known as *Ravana Dahan*, symbolizes the triumph of good over evil. For those unfamiliar with the tradition, the figure represents Ravana, a powerful king from the ancient Hindu epic, the *Ramayana*, whose pride and desire ultimately led to his downfall.

But this centuries-old story carries a message that reaches far beyond religion, culture, or geography. It asks a question that feels especially relevant today: What if the evil we are so quick to recognize in others is also something we need to confront within ourselves?

According to the *Ramayana*, Ravana was a learned scholar, a powerful ruler, and a devoted follower of Lord Shiva. Yet his knowledge and accomplishments could not protect him from his ego, arrogance, and choices that caused harm. His story reminds us that intelligence, success, status, and even good intentions do not automatically make us good people. How we treat others matters just as much as what we achieve.

Look around our world today. We see disagreements turning into divisions, differences becoming reasons for judgment, and conversations ending because everyone wants to be right. On social media, we can be quick to criticize without understanding the full story. In our workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities, we may speak about kindness and inclusion while overlooking the person who feels unheard or unwelcome.

And sometimes, the hardest truths are the ones we must acknowledge about ourselves.

We may volunteer, lead community initiatives, support our neighbors, and advocate for belonging. These actions matter. But do we listen when someone challenges our beliefs? Can we apologize without making excuses? Are we willing to admit that even with good intentions, our actions may have hurt someone?

Perhaps the real Ravana is not a person we need to defeat, but a collection of qualities we need to recognize within ourselves: ego, anger, jealousy, greed, prejudice, resentment, intolerance, and the need to always be right.





Photos provided by Pooja Thakkar

As the effigy burns, we have an opportunity to reflect on what we are ready to release.

In my *Taste of Community* journey, I continue to learn that belonging is not created simply by inviting people to the table. It grows when we make room for different perspectives, listen to stories unlike our own, and take responsibility when our words or actions cause hurt. Reconciliation begins when we stop focusing only on who is right and start asking how we can make things right.

We cannot control every action around us. We cannot eliminate every disagreement. But we can choose humility over ego, curiosity over judgment, and dialogue over division. We can acknowledge our mistakes and make a genuine effort to do better.

This Dussehra, whether or not you celebrate the festival, consider this invitation: What part of yourself needs to change? Which relationship needs healing? Whose story have you yet to hear?

The victory of good over evil is not only an ancient story or a spectacular night of fire. It is a choice we make every day – in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our communities.

Perhaps the most meaningful Ravana Dahan is not the one we watch, but the one we practice within ourselves.

Because a true *Taste of Community* begins when we are willing to grow, make amends, and create a world where more people feel seen, heard, valued, and welcome.

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

Post-it Notes & pumpkin patches

COLUMNIST



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

I feel like I've blinked and it's now October. To me, this is such a special time of year. The holidays are nearly upon us. We have settled into the routine of the new school year and we are beginning to think about what we are going to ask Santa for this year, as well as putting the final touches on our Halloween costumes.

There is something magical about this time of year. I'm constantly surrounded by children sharing what they're excited about. I work with first graders and have a five- and seven-year-old of my own, so you can imagine this time of year is filled with buzzing from the children with so much anticipation. I must admit it is contagious at times. Exhausting, yes, but also palpable.

Simple rituals define this season in my mind. There's a comfortable familiarity to this time of year that feels like home. I love going to the pumpkin patch at Spencer's. The wagon ride out to the patch is so much fun. There's nothing like pulling out the boxes of fall decor and seeing our house transform from normal to cozy fall almost instantly.

I love when the Christmas catalogs come out with all their toys for this season and seeing my children place Post-It notes all over the items they're hoping Santa brings.

I love everything about this season. The endless lists that organize the exciting times that await, making sure to have enough candy for the trick-or-treaters, and a relaxing week off for Fall break to recharge before the sprint to Christmas break.

My home has been filled with the warm scents of autumn. My daughter is all about baking right now. She loves trying new things and fall is the perfect time to get out the old family recipes and experiment with new ones. I love making homemade mulled wine.

It's a busy time of year for sure, but I want to make sure to pause and take it all in. I don't want to miss any of this and get lost in the details of the busyness. My kids are little and home. I don't want to waste a second of my energy on anything that distracts me from the magic. I want to use this time to rest and recharge.

I know I will blink and it will be the new year. I just want to make sure that I take it in and spend every moment I can making memories with my family and appreciate it all.

May your October usher in a wonderful season of calm and beautiful memories. Now, bring on hot chocolate!

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

Noblesville's Living Truth Bookstore is a treasure

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Tucked away near the intersection of Cumberland Road and Cherry Street is a wonderful treasure. I've been shopping at Living Truth Bookstore for years, and I was delighted to learn they're celebrating their 28th anniversary this month.

Living Truth is Noblesville's only Christian bookstore. It's been locally-owned since Brenda Milthaler opened her doors in October of 1998. She felt called in the spring of that year to leave her career in discount retailing. Later that summer, Brenda believes God gave her the name "Living Truth" to proclaim His life and truth through a Christian bookstore.

With a mission to serve local families and support spiritual growth, Living Truth has withstood a lot in its nearly three decades. Big box and e-commerce competition, digital media and e-readers, space limitations, and many other issues continue to plague local bookstores.

I asked Brenda what her greatest challenges have been through the years owning this business.

"I was in corporate retail since 1973," Brenda said. "It took me a while to find out this is more than selling products; it is a ministry."

As another small business owner, I could relate. But she's also loved many things about the business.

"I've enjoyed personal growth thanks to interacting with different people and learning from them. I've felt the joy of God and people helping one another.

"It's all about relationships – I believe in living vertical first, horizontal second," Brenda said.

Brenda certainly practices what she speaks. I was honored to be part of Living Truth's celebration last Saturday as they continue to feature local authors and creatives. I was there with my book, *Happy and Solo at Church*, along with Lee Rocker, author of the delightful children's book *Luca and the Light*. You can buy Lee's book through West Bow Press at **westbowpress.com**.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Living Truth will feature Cindy Holt Miller. Cindy is the creator of two Scripture Memory Match Card Games for adults and author of several books for children and adults. Living Truth will also host Bruce Beck, author of *Journey to the Land of Integrity*. If you can't make it Saturday, you can buy Bruce's book at **ajourneymanseries.com**.

I was happy to hear Brenda's not alone managing the store; she has help thanks to two wonderful volunteers.

The store is offering 28th Anniversary Specials through the end of October. All marked-down books, music, and DVDs are an additional 50 percent off. Living Truth is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can learn more about Living Truth and various authors on their Facebook page, **Facebook.com/LivingTruthBookstore**, or their website, **living-truth.com**.

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

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We got in the same room, but did we connect?


GUEST COLUMNIST
KERA CHURCH SCOTT

Work and leisure have taken my husband and me all over the country.

Different communities, different people, different ways of doing things. But it was Indiana's Hoosier hospitality that charmed us right out of the South. Since July 2026, we've had the pleasure of calling Noblesville home.

Boots on the ground and armed with curiosity, I began learning about my community. Through research and volunteering, I found the Be The People Rally for Indy at Indianapolis Metropolitan High School on Oct. 16.

I went alone, knowing no one, intentionally.

I've spent years welcoming strangers and making introductions. This time, I wanted to get involved without being responsible for making the connections.

I enjoyed myself. I played basketball with former Indianapolis Colts player Joe Reitz and saw organizations doing meaningful work. But between the basketball court, T-shirt station, and unused conversation tables, I wondered:

Are we connecting people, or are we just gathering them?

There's a difference.

The rally offered games, customizable T-shirts, themed drinks, and opportunities to learn about organizations serving Indianapolis.

Goodwill's displays highlighted thousands of graduations, job placements, and people served.

But the T-shirt station was the only place I noticed a line.

Three questions

A table labeled "Meet a Fellow Impact Leader" offered a 30-second timer and three prompts:

What's Indy's most underrated superpower?

Where could Indy use a stronger team?

What could you solve together that you couldn't alone?

Great questions, close to those guiding my research: What do we have? What's missing? What can we do about it?

While I was there, I never saw anyone use the tables or run a timer.

Was the most valuable activity in the room the one nobody was participating in?

Two strangers discovering a shared goal. Two organizations finding a reason to collaborate. Someone leaving knowing where they could make a difference.

Wasn't that the opportunity?

Right in front of us

At the Be The People welcome table, I spoke with two women affiliated with the organization. We discovered shared experience in elections. I expressed interest in staying connected, and one wrote down my email address.

Afterward, something occurred to me. I'd asked about their work, organization, and story. I couldn't recall being asked much about mine.

How many opportunities do we miss explaining what we do while forgetting to ask about the person standing before us?

What happens afterward?

Points scored during basketball and cornhole were matched with donations for the school – a creative combination of participation and giving. But how do we measure community connection?

Attendance and money raised matter. So do the organizations represented. But what about relationships formed, opportunities discovered, and people leaving knowing how to get involved?

What happens a month later? I don't know what partnerships developed outside my view or what follow-up organizers planned.

Two miles down the road

Afterward, I encountered a man holding a sign who appeared to be experiencing homelessness. My window was down. We exchanged greetings, and he told me, in a brief, kind exchange, that one of my tires was almost flat.

I thought about the impact displays.

Those numbers matter. But so did the man standing two miles away.





Photos provided by Kera Church Scott

The Reporter is happy to welcome budding columnist Kera Church Scott to Hamilton County and to our pages, especially since "Be The People" may have entertained her, but it didn't connect her.

It reminded me of the distance between resources and people who might benefit from them. Between having a resource and knowing it exists.

Between wanting to help and knowing where to begin. Between needing support and knowing whom to ask.

Sometimes the missing piece isn't another program.

It's the connection.

An opportunity

I don't consider the rally a failure. I see a worthwhile purpose and room to improve.

I left with a shirt, a bag, stickers, and a few acquaintances – mostly from conversations I initiated.

Weeks earlier, I'd participated as a vendor at YART in Muncie, handing out stickers.

I got free stickers this time. But less engagement.

If someone arrives genuinely interested in getting involved, what happens next? Who learns their story? Who helps them find their place?

Who makes sure the connection survives after the tables are folded?

There's already a foundation here, built by people investing time, resources, and heart. The opportunity is to build on it: try different approaches, connect existing efforts, and support those who come tomorrow.

I'm not suggesting the people doing this work have gotten it wrong.

I'm asking whether we can give the conversations as much attention as the activities. Sometimes the most valuable connection is the person you didn't know was coming, carrying a story you haven't yet thought to ask about.

I chose Indiana because I believe in what people can accomplish together. I still do.

Gathering people is an accomplishment. Connecting them is the work.

What event?

October 19, 2026 … three days later.

I checked social media, local news, and my emails.

Still no post-event coverage or organizer recap I could find. No follow-up in my inbox, either – not even the survey I'd agreed to receive.

Now I'm glad I took my own photos. Otherwise, I might have a hard time proving the event actually happened.

How do you build lasting connections when even the event itself seems to disappear?

Kera Church Scott is an independent community researcher based in Noblesville. Her work explores the people, places, resources, and overlooked connections that shape local communities.

Strong results should raise expectations, not lower urgency


GUEST COLUMNIST
MATT KEGLEY

Strong academic results are something to celebrate, but they're also something to study.

On the 2026 ILEARN, 66.4 percent of Hamilton Southeastern Schools students demonstrated proficiency in English language arts and 68.1 percent in mathematics, placing HSE among the state's highest-performing districts.

Those results tell us a lot about what's working, but they also tell us where we have more work to do.

That distinction matters because academic excellence isn't just celebrating the students who have already met the mark. Rigorous assessments serve as essential diagnostic tools. By responding to what the data tells us about student progress, we can respond and refine our support systems to ensure every student gets exactly what they need to achieve proficiency.

Fortunately, we have better tools than ever before.

Indiana's redesigned ILEARN assessment gives educators checkpoints throughout the school year, providing information about what students have learned while there's still time to act on it. Instead of waiting until after the school year to discover a student struggled with a particular concept, teachers can identify those needs earlier, adjust instruction, and provide targeted support.

For example, at our junior highs, students receive additional instruction during a dedicated period based on specific skills they've not yet mastered. Those interventions change throughout the year as students' needs change.

The value isn't just having more data. It's what our educators do with it.

We've taken a similar approach to literacy. In recent years, we've invested in updated curriculum, science-of-reading research based instructional practices and instructional coaches in every K-6 building – coaches who help teachers examine classroom data in real time and translate what they see into instruction.

There's no single program or initiative responsible for academic progress. It's the combination of strong teachers, effective curriculum, professional development, timely information, and the ability to respond to individual students that propels them and, ultimately, us.

As students demonstrate they're ready for more, we have a responsibility to keep raising the ceiling. We can see that happening at our high schools.

During the 2025-26 school year, more than 2,800 students at Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern high schools took Advanced Placement courses, and more than 2,400 earned at least one qualifying AP score of 3 or higher.

But what's especially encouraging is that achievement has remained strong as more students have challenged themselves.

Since 2022, AP participation at Fishers High School (FHS) has increased 21 percent, while the number of students earning qualifying scores on their AP exams has increased 40 percent. At Hamilton Southeastern High School (HHS), participation has grown 38 percent, while the number earning qualifying scores has increased 59 percent.

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— ARCADIA —

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ARCADIA TOWN COUNCIL

The Arcadia Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main Street, Arcadia, Indiana 46030, in connection with Ordinance No. 2026-04, and which is entitled An Ordinance Amending The Rates and Charges For The Waterworks Utility, and the entire text, terms, and provisions of said ordinance are as follows:

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE WATERWORKS UTILITY

"WHEREAS, the Town of Arcadia, Indiana ("Town") operates a waterworks utility for the benefit of its citizens and the surrounding area;

"WHEREAS, various ordinances have been adopted from time to time regarding policies and procedures for the waterworks and the establishment of waterworks rates, fees and charges; and

"WHEREAS, inflation has increased operational and maintenance costs of the Waterworks over the last several years; and

"WHEREAS, system improvements including the building of a new water treatment plant and the establishment of new water wells are also necessary; and

"WHEREAS, current user fees and water rates, which were adopted under Ordinance 2023-1 on February 23, 2023 and have not been increased in three and half years; and

"WHEREAS, Kleinpeter Financial Group, LLC serves as the Town's financial advisor and prepared a financial report concerning the rates and charges of the Waterworks ("Report"); and

"WHERAS, based upon the Report, the Town Council of the Town ("Town Council") finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and services rendered by the Waterworks are insufficient to enable the Town to properly improve, maintain and operate its Waterworks in a sound physical and financial condition to render adequate and efficient service; and

"WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the current rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the Waterworks must be increased to provide sufficient revenue to meet such requirements; and

"WHEREAS, the Town Council has caused notice of a public hearing on the rates and charges set forth herein to be duly advertised, posted and mailed, and has held a public hearing thereon at which time all users of the Waterworks, owners of properties served or to be served by the Waterworks and other interested persons were heard concerning the proposed rates and changes, all pursuant to the Act;

"NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ARCADIA, as follows:

1. WATER RATES – for use of and service rendered by the waterworks, each user shall be charged in an amount based upon a fee schedule, shown in Appendix A.

"All other provisions of the current waterworks ordinance, and all earlier ordinances not amended by this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

"The provisions herein, when approved and adopted, shall be effective for bills rendered on and after the day after adoption of this ordinance."

Following the adoption of the amendment to the Rate Ordinance, users located outside the Town's corporate boundaries may be entitled to petition the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission under Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8.3 to review and adjust the rates and charges imposed on such users if a petition under Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8.2 with respect to the Rate Ordinance has not been filed.

TOWN OF ARCADIA, INDIANA

EXHIBIT A
Town of Arcadia
Schedule of Rates and Charges

			Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Rate Increase ($)	Percent Change
Metered Rates per Month						
Per 1,000 Gallons						
First	5,000	gallons	$10.74	$11.36	$0.62	5.77%
Next	8,300	gallons	9.57	10.12	0.55	5.77%
Next	16,600	gallons	8.39	8.87	0.48	5.77%
Next	25,000	gallons	6.01	6.36	0.35	5.77%
Over	58,200	gallons	4.28	4.53	0.25	5.77%
Minimum Charge per Month						
All Users			$35.60	$37.65	$2.05	5.77%
Monthly Hydrant Charge						
Per User Per Month						
5/8	inch water meter		$10.74	$11.36	$0.62	5.77%
3/4	inch water meter		11.82	12.50	0.68	5.77%
1	inch water meter		15.02	15.89	0.87	5.77%
1 1/2	inch water meter		19.33	20.45	1.12	5.77%
2	inch water meter		31.16	32.96	1.80	5.77%
3	inch water meter		117.37	124.14	6.77	5.77%
4	inch water meter		150.31	158.98	8.67	5.77%
6	inch water meter		225.48	238.49	13.01	5.77%
8	inch water meter		311.40	329.37	17.97	5.77%

Private Fire Protection	
Private Hydrants, each - Per Annum	$1,418
Tap Fee for Water	
Per Residential Connection:	$300
Per Non-Residential Connection:	Actual Cost of Making the Connection but not less than $300.00
Deposit Fee - For Properties Occupied By Owners	
Deposit Fee	$55.00

Service Calls		**Proposed Increase**	**Proposed Rate**
Reconnection Fee	$35.00	$80.00	$115.00
Returned Check Charge	$35.00		
Late Charge Penalty			
All Bills 30 days or more delinquent	10% Of Bill		

R8864 *10/22/26, 10/26/26*

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RESULTS

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

Those numbers matter because expanding opportunity and maintaining high expectations shouldn't be competing goals.

In fact, we've continued adding opportunities in areas where students have interest and where we see possibilities for their futures, from AP Precalculus to expanded computer science offerings and emerging opportunities in areas such as cybersecurity. Students can challenge themselves when they have both the academic foundation and opportunities that connect to their interests.

That's the through-line from our elementary classrooms to graduation.

Our job is to understand where students are, determine what they need next and respond in real-time. Sometimes that means intervention and reteaching. Sometimes it means a more challenging course. In either case, it requires talented educators equipped with the time, training, and resources to make those decisions well.

We should be encouraged by what these results say about HSE, but strong results should raise our expectations, not lower our urgency.

There are students we still need to reach, skills we need to strengthen and opportunities we need to expand. The goal is to keep getting better at recognizing what each student needs and creating the conditions for them to succeed.

Matt Kegley is superintendent at Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

— COURT NOTICE —

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
CAUSE NO. 29D01-2610-EU-000463
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF THOMAS J. ENGELKING)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Hamilton County Probate Court

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Engelking, deceased.

Estate Docket 29D01-2610-EU-000463

Notice is hereby given that Scott Engelking was, on October 21, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas J. Engelking, deceased, who died on August 31, 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 22nd, 2026.

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R8884 *10/26/26, 11/2/26*

— WESTFIELD —

Public Notice

The following will be sold for charges:
14807 GRAY RD WESTFIELD on 11/13/2026 @ 12:00PM
- 2009 MINI WMWMR33599TU95680 $2,303.84

R8846 *10/26/26*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 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 for the purpose of reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

2611-VS-11; 16710 Oak Road, Brian and Natalie Brunner request a Variance of Development Standard to modify the Minimum Lot Size from 3.0 acres to 2.84 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District

2611-VS-12; 4215 E 161st Street, Travis and Wendy Glanner request a Variance of Development Standard to encroach 15 feet into the 30 Minimum Side Yard Setback to accommodate an addition to an existing Accessory Building (garage) on 1.91 acres +/- in the AG-SF1: Agriculture/Single-Family Rural District

Specific details regarding the cases may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Westfield-Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfield.in.gov

R8875 *10/26/26*

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday November 17, at 7:00 pm in the Hamilton County Council Chambers / Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Building at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana in order to hear the following petition:

Docket No. BZA-RV-0014-11-2026

A development standards variance concerning Article 12, 2, iv of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023 to permit construction of an accessory structure in front of a primary structure in the A-2 zoning district.

Project Address: 13058 East 239th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
Parcel number(s): 07-03-35-00-00-027.004
Property is zoned: A-2
Size of property: 10.9
Legal description: Acreage 10.90 Section 35, Township 20, Range 5

The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan Commission, 9615 E. 148th Street, Suite 101, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 or online at hamcobza.com. Please call (317) 776-8490 should you have any questions.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard until 12:00pm the day of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Petitioner's Name: Lawrence & Debbie Cook Date: 10/19/2026

R8874 *10/26/26*

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Hamilton County is requesting qualifications from Architectural/Engineering firms to provide engineering and design services for repair of the Roadway and Levee at the Public Safety Training Center located at 7925 E. 160th st., Noblesville, IN 46062.

This Request for Qualifications will use a qualifications-based selection method that is consistent with 2 CFR § 200.320(b)(2)(iv), and applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") requirements.

Firms will be evaluated, ranked, and selected on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the services required, in accordance with the evaluation criteria and their relative importance as established and published in the solicitation documents available through the County's eProcurement portal. Price will not be used as a selection factor.

Statements of Qualifications ("SOQs") must be submitted electronically via Hamilton County's eProcurement portal found on the County's website at https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/2130/Bid-Opportunities-and-Solicitation. There is no cost to the contractor in submitting SOQs through the eProcurement portal. Submission will be accepted up to the start time of the public meeting listed below. The County's eProcurement portal will not allow any SOQs to be submitted after the notice time.

All SOQs will be electronically opened by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. local time, November 9, 2026.

Solicitation documents will be available via the County's eProcurement portal. Copies of the Scope of Work, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through the County's eProcurement portal. The eProcurement portal will send out notification for addendums. However, it shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted in the eProcurement portal.

The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the RFQ.

This project is anticipated to utilize Federal-aid funds administered by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The selected Consultant will be required to comply with all applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), State and other Federal requirements associated with the use of Federal funds.

R8882 *10/26/26, 11/2/26*

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT
MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Regional Utility District will meet on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Meeting will begin with an Executive Session starting at 10:00 a.m. for discussion of the Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). Public session to discuss the utility district business will immediately follow the Executive Session.

R8883 *10/26/26*

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— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
TIPTON COMMERCE CENTER SECONDARY PLAT
CO-S-25-26

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on November 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

Approval of a Secondary Plat to subdivide approximately 79.05 acres, together with any associated rights-of-way, easements, and infrastructure improvements, in accordance with the Tipton County Subdivision Control Ordinance and applicable provisions of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance.

The legal description of the proposed Secondary Plat is as follows:

Parcel #80-11-17-200-005.010-001

A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter, thence South 88 degrees 20 minutes 17 seconds West (Indiana State Plane Coordinate System – East Zone) along the South line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 521.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 20 minutes 17 seconds West along said South line, a distance of 101.90 feet; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 1311.75 feet to the South line of the North Half of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, a distance of 583.59 feet to the beginning of a 850.00 feet radius curve to the right, being subtended by a chord bearing of South 15 degrees 02 minutes 35 seconds West with a distance of 447.55 feet; thence Southwesterly along said curve a distance of 452.88 feet; thence South 30 degrees 18 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 407.02 feet to the beginning of a 1049.86 feet radius curve to the left, being subtended by a chord bearing of South 15 degrees 23 minutes 09 seconds West with a distance of 504.69 feet; thence Southeasterly along said curve a distance of 546.84 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 19.14 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 10.05 acres, more or less.

Parcel #80-11-07-300-008.030-001

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the Quarter Section Line, said point being North 87°33'30" East 667.5 feet from the Northwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence South 02°38'00" East 665.5 feet; thence North 89°01'30" East 482 feet; thence North 00°48'00" West 678.5 feet to the Quarter Section Line; thence South 87°33'30" West on and along the Quarter Section line 503.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 7.60 acres.

Parcel #80-11-07-200-004.000-001

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East,

EXCEPT:

Five (5) acres of the whole East end thereof,

EXCEPT:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Quarter; thence S 87°55' 11" West 166.063 feet along the South line of said Quarter to the point of beginning; thence S 87° 55' 11" West 457.10 feet along said line; thence North 01° 08' 01" West 1313.95 feet to the North Quarter Quarter Section Line; thence N 88°09' 28" East 455.33 feet along said line; thence South 01° 12' 55" East 1312.03 feet to the point of beginning containing 13.75 acres, more or less, subject to highway rights-of-way in Tipton County, Indiana.

ALSO:

The North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East,

EXCEPT:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Four (4) East, and more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East marked by an iron pin; thence North on and along the West Section Line of said Section, Six Hundred Sixty point One (660.1) feet to the point of beginning marked by and iron pin; thence North on and along said West Section Line, Two Hundred Fifty-six point Zero (256.0) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence East perpendicular to said West Section Line, Nine Hundred Eighteen point Zero (918.0) feet; thence South parallel to said West Section Line, Two Hundred Fifty-six point Zero (256.0) feet; thence West perpendicular to said West Section Line, Nine Hundred Eighteen point Zero (918.0) feet to the point of beginning, containing Five and Forty Hundredths (5.40) acres, subject to legal highways and utility easements.

EXCEPT:

A part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, and being that part of the grantor's land lying within the right of way lines depicted on the attached Right of Way Parcel Plat, marked EXHIBIT "B", described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said section, designated as point "54" on said plat; thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East 916.10 feet along the west line of said section to the Northwest corner of the 5.40-acre exception described in Deed Record 164, page 829, in the Office of the Recorder of Tipton County, Indiana; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds East 46.79 feet along the north line of said exception to the east boundary of U.S. 31; thence North 0 degrees 21 minutes 13 seconds East 42.14 feet along the boundary or said U.S. 31 to point "304" designated on said plat and the point of beginning of the description: thence continuing North 0 degrees 22 minutes 05 seconds East 362.15 feet along said boundary to the North line of the grantor's land; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 32 seconds East 29.27 feet along said North line to point "306" designated on said plat; thence South 3 degrees 43 minutes 03 seconds West 363.73 feet to point "305" designated on said plat; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 47 seconds West 8.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.155 acres, more or less.

ALSO:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East, all in Tipton County, Indiana.

The proposed Primary Plat may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed plat, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Tipton County Plan Commission

R8855 *10/23/26, 10/26/26*

— TIPTON COUNTY —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-27-26 Kincade

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 4th day of November 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-27-26: Robert A. & Michelle Kincade, petitioner and owners, request approval of two (2) development standard variances to reduce the rear setback for a residential dwelling from 50 feet to 16 feet, and to reduce the front setback for a residential dwelling from 94 feet to 73 feet from the center of the road, in the AG-Agricultural zoning district.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 21 North, Range 6 East, Madison Township, Tipton County, Indiana described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Quarter; thence East (assumed bearing) 327.79 feet along the North line of said Quarter to the point of beginning; thence East 577.65 feet along said North line; thence South 163.05 feet; thence West 577.65 feet; thence North 163.05 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.16 acres, more or less.

Commonly known as: 7617 East 350 South, Elwood, Indiana 46036

Parcel No.: 80-09-20-400-010.010-007

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

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

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R8856 *10/23/26, 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*

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 —

Public Notice

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Merit Board has scheduled an executive session for October 28, 2026, at 6:30pm to receive information about and interview prospective employees pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). The regular meeting will immediately follow the conclusion of the executive session (approximately 7:00pm). The sessions will take place in the main conference room of the Hamilton County Sheriff's office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

R8861 *10/26/26*

— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
CO-ZO-26-26

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

An amendment of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance concerning an additional section entitled "525 – Data Centers". Specifically, the amendment is intended to add language to the zoning ordinance that will regulate the location and conditions of Data Centers.

Additionally, Section 303 of the zoning ordinance entitled "District Land Usage" – Table A - District Use Standards, shall also be amended by adding addition use requirements for Data Centers.

These amendments will apply to the entire jurisdiction of the Tipton County Plan Commission.

The proposed amendments may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendments, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Tipton County Plan Commission

R8854 *10/23/26, 10/26/26*

— 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*

— COURT NOTICES —

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 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. 29C01-2610-MI-12377
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Amber Marie Ely
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Amber Marie Ely, whose mailing address is: 11961 Geyser Court, Fishers. IN 46038, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Amber Marie Ely has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Amber Marie Stiles.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
Amber Marie Ely
Petitioner
Date: October, 9, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8828 10/12/26, 10/19/26, 10/26/26

29D03-2609-EU-000436
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 29D03-2609-EU-000436
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY S. PERLMAN, DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY
In the matter of the Estate of Beverly S. Perlman, deceased.
Cause Number: 29D03-2609-EU-000436

Notice is hereby given that Laura D. Perlman was on September 28, 2026 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Beverly S. Perlman, deceased, who died on the 4th day of August 2026.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on this date: September 29, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
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R8831 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
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R8834 10/19/26, 10/26/26

29D02-2609-EU-000431
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

n re the Estate of Marcella Whalin
Cause No. 29D02-2509-EU -00431
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County

Notice is hereby given that Brittani George, on the 5th day of October, 2026 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marcella Whalin, who died on the 19th day of August, 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 of Decedent's death whichever is earlier or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 5th day of October, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court
for Hamilton County, Indiana
R8845 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 G1NDER
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

ELIZABETH ANNE G1NDER, whose mailing address is: 821 ELLIS PARK DR, WESTFIELD, IN 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that ELIZABETH ANNE G1NDER 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 G1NDER
Petitioner
Date: September 18, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8789 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-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. 29C01-2609-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

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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

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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

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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

29D03-2610-EU-000441
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT E. BOOKER, III, deceased.
In the Hamilton Superior Court Hamilton County, Indiana

Notice is hereby given that JENNIFER H. QUICK was on the 13th day of October, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ROBERT E. BOOKER, III, deceased, who died on March 12, 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 Indianapolis, Indiana, the 13th day of October, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R8839 10/19/26, 10/26/26

29D02-2610-EU-000457
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Hamilton County Superior Court

In the Matter of the Estate of Rocco J. Liott. deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Lawrence J. Melochick and Christa M. Conrad were on October 16,2026, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the ESTATE OF RICCO J. LIOTT. deceased (DOD: August 25,2026).

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due. must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred

Dated at Noblesville. Indiana this October 16. 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
R8859 10/26/26, 11/2/26

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Circuit Court of Tipton County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Dawn Deering was, on October 12, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of NORMA PAULENE FEARNOW, deceased, who died August 21, 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 Tipton, Indiana on October 12, 2026.

Christy Crawford
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Tipton County, Indiana
R8863 10/26/26, 11/2/26

IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3
STATE OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29D03 -2609-EU-000419
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF CATHERINE S. PASQUALE, DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of Catherine S. Pasquale, deceased.
Cause Number: 29D03 -2609-EU-000419

Notice is hereby given that on the September 29, 2026,

Sarah K. Pasquale was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Catherine S. Pasquale, deceased, who died on the 31st day of July 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 September 29, 2026

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R8866 10/26/26, 11/2/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2610-MI-012761
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
KAYCEE HAMMOND
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

KAYCEE HAMMOND, whose mailing address is: 12531 WOLFORD PLACE, FISHERS, IN, 46038, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that KAYCEE HAMMOND has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to KAYCEE IZOLA NICOLE IVANOVA.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
KAYCEE HAMMOND
Petitioner
Date: October, 20, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8871 10/26/26, 11/2/26, 11/9/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2610-MI-012706
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Kimberly Sue Schneider
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Kimberly Sue Schneider, whose mailing address is: 13282 Zellwood Ct, Carmel. IN. 46033, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kimberly Sue Schneider has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Kimberley Raquel Garrison.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
Kimberly Sue Schneider
Petitioner
Date: October, 20, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8873 10/26/26, 11/2/26, 11/9/26

29D01-2610-EU-000454
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT 1 OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA L. BRUA, Deceased
ESTATE NO 29D01-2610-EU-000454

Notice is hereby given that James D. Henry was on October 9th, 2026 , appointed personal representative of the Estate of Linda L. Brua, deceased, who died on the 24th day of August, 2026.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on October 9th, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
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R8862 10/26/26, 11/2/26

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Hamilton County Superior Court

In the Matter of the Estate of Martha H. Hall, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that William L. Hall and Rebecca H. Fife were on August 31, 2026, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the ESTATE OF MARTHA H. HALL, deceased (DOD: June 15, 2026).

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this August 31, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
R8858 10/26/26, 11/2/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2610-MI-012578
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
Lorelei Kathleen Braniff
Name of Minor
Brandy Aliena-Rae Hand
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that, Brandy Aliena-Rae Hand, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on June 27, 2025 to change the name of Lorelei Kathleen Braniff to Lorelei Aliena Hand.

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 19, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R8870 10/26/26, 11/2/26, 11/9/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2610-MI-012498
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Tyler Kaneasc Partee
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Tyler Kaneasc Partee, whose mailing address is: 12531 9726 Ambleside Drive Unit #114 Fishers. IN 46038, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Tyler Kaneasc Partee has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Tyler Kanease Jones.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 10:00 a.m.
Tyler Kaneasc Partee
Petitioner
Date: October, 20, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8872 10/26/26, 11/2/26, 11/9/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
CASE NO. 29C01-2603-MI-03183
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
JONATHON LEWIS HALL)
Petitioner.)

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION

COMES NOW the court on Petitioner's Verified Petition for Change of Name requesting a name change from Jonathon Lewis Hall to Elias Hawthorne, and being duly advised in the premises, hereby gives notice that the Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Superior Court on January 5, 2027 at 8:30 AM 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.

SO ORDERED: 9/18/2026
10/16/2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Indiana
R8857 10/26/26, 11/2/26, 10/9/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2610-MI-012570
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Susan Elizabeth Martin
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Susan Elizabeth Martin, whose mailing address is: 9904 Waterside Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Susan Elizabeth Martin has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Susan Elizabeth Mann.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.
Susan Elizabeth Martin
Petitioner
Date: October, 19, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8868 10/26/26, 11/2/26, 11/9/26

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— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, CONCERNING A POSSIBLE DISTRICT-WIDE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The citizens of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") is considering all or any portion of (a) certain renovation, expansion, upgrade, improvement, site improvement and equipping projects, including, but not limited to, roofing restoration, repair and/or replacement, HVAC system upgrades, repair and/or replacement, security upgrades, lighting upgrades, asphalt and concrete restoration, repair and/or replacement, and interior and exterior repairs, athletic facility improvements, storage facility upgrades, updates and/or restoration, at one or more of the existing buildings operated by the School Corporation, including, but not limited to, all or any of the existing Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers High School, Fall Creek Junior High School, Fishers Junior High School, Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate Junior High, Riverside Junior High School, Riverside Intermediate School, Sand Creek Intermediate School, Harrison Parkway Elementary School, Cumberland Road Elementary, New Britton Elementary School, Fall Creek Elementary, Hoosier Road Elementary School, Geist Elementary School, Thorpe Creek Elementary School, Harrison Parkway Elementary School, Brooks School Elementary, Central Office, all or any of the other support buildings, all or any of the other existing school buildings, including, but not limited to, the existing Durbin Educational Center and all or any of the outdoor improvements or structures related to any of the foregoing buildings, all of which are used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, (b) the acquisition and/or installation of certain equipment, including, but not limited to, solar arrays, playground equipment, musical instruments, curricular materials, CTE equipment, laptops and tablets, furniture, food service equipment and other technology equipment, including, but not limited to, software, all of which will be used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, (c) the acquisition of approximately 15 buses and one or more other vehicles over the next three years, all of which will be used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, and (d) all of the projects related to all or any portion of any of the projects set forth in clauses (a) through and including (c) (clauses (a) through and including (d), collectively, the "2027-2028 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project").

The estimated cost of the 2027-2028 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project will be in excess of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000), all or a portion of which will be financed by issuing one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or entering into one or more leases or amendments to an existing lease or leases with one or more Indiana nonprofit school building corporations or other funds as they may become available. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that the Board will, on November 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (local time) and again on December 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Board Room of the School Corporation's Central Office, located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, Indiana, conduct a public hearing (1) to explain the potential value of the 2027-2028 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project to the School Corporation and the community, and (2) regarding a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or enter into a proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases between one or more Indiana nonprofit school building corporations, each as lessor, and the School Corporation, as lessee, to finance all or any portion of the costs of all or any portion of the 2027-2028 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project. The proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases will relate to all or any portion of facilities currently operated or to be operated by the School Corporation. At each of the hearings the Board will also hear objections to, and support for, all or any portion of the 2027-2028 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project from the general public.

All interested parties are entitled and encouraged to attend to present their testimony and ask any questions relative to the 2027-2028 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project at either or both of the hearings.

Subsequent to the public hearing held on December 9, 2026, the Board expects to consider adoption of a resolution regarding the nature of the 2027-2028 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project and making a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds or enter into the proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases for the purposes and pursuant to the terms described in this notice.

Dated the 26th day of October, 2026.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Matt Kegley, Ed. D., Superintendent
R8860 10/26/26

— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
CAUSE NO. 29D01-2610-EU-000455
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
JACOB M. BALDESSARI, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Diane Baldessari and Douglas Baldessari were on October 13, 2026 appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Jacob M. Baldessari, Deceased, who died on April 15, 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 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 14, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County

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R8876 10/26/26, 11/2/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2609-EU-000390
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF
SUSAN STAFFORD COX, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Ford C. Cox and Weldon D. Cox were on September 8, 2026 appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Susan Stafford Cox, Deceased, who died on July 26, 2026.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this September 8, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court

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R8877 10/26/26, 11/2/26

29D02-2609-EU-000424
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 2
STATE OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2609-EU-000424
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL S. HOFF, DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of Michael S. Hoff, deceased.
Cause Number: 29D02-2609-EU-000424

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of October, 2026, Josie L. Hoff was appointed personal representative of the estate of Michael S. Hoff, deceased, who died on the 7th day of May 2026.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether 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 5th day of October, 2026.

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R8865 10/26/26, 11/2/26

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Cause No. 29D03-2610-DN-12708
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Tonetta Marie Bell
Petitioner.
and
Wyatt Edward Bell III
Respondent.

SUMMONS

The State of Indiana to Respondent:
Wyatt Edward Bell III

You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above.

If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR. EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.

If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing.

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: Oct. 16, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
R8879 10/26/26, 11/2/26, 11/9/26



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– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1991

Carmel designated as AARP Age-Friendly Community

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel announces that it has officially been designated as a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. This national designation recognizes the city's ongoing commitment to developing policies, programs and infrastructure that enable residents to live comfortably, safely, and actively at every stage of life.

The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities evaluates cities based on key domains of livability, including housing, outdoor spaces, transportation, community health, and social inclusion. Joining the network connects Carmel to a global framework of communities dedicated to preparing for an aging population.

"Carmel has always strived to be a community where people can grow, thrive and remain active throughout their lives," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "Receiving this designation validates our commitment to thoughtful urban design, accessible infrastructure and inclusive civic programming. We are honored to join this network as we continue working to make Carmel a welcoming home for all generations."



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Carol Applegate, Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living, talks with conference attendees.



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Celebrating community connection: Intergenerational Conference for Seniors

Demonstrating this age-friendly vision in action, the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living hosted the Intergenerational Conference for Seniors on Friday, Oct. 16, at University High School. The full-day event brought together city representatives, community members, advocates, local organizations, and students to share insights, resources, and dialogue across generations.

The conference featured an engaging lineup, including two keynote speakers, two interactive breakout sessions featuring 10 presenters, a comedy performance, a popular vendor fair offering resources on wellness, living, and active aging, and involvement of several University High School students.

The success of this annual conference was made possible through the leadership of Mayor Finkam and City Councilman Rich Taylor, along with special thanks to University High School for serving as host, and the generous event, meal, and beverage sponsors whose support ensured a successful and engaging experience for all attendees.

"Events like this conference highlight the exact heart of our mission," said Carol Applegate, Chair of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living. "The commission works tirelessly to ensure that our senior population feels seen, valued, supported and connected across every generation. Earning the AARP designation gives us even greater momentum as we advocate for accessible opportunities and build a stronger, more connected Carmel for everyone."

Next steps: Age-Friendly Action Plan informed by local feedback

To fulfill the requirements of the AARP designation, the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living is hard at work developing Carmel's multi-year Age-Friendly Action Plan. This effort is directly informed by feedback collected from community members who participated in the city's recent community survey.

Data and insights gathered from the survey will guide the commission as it establishes actionable goals across key livability area including housing accessibility, pedestrian mobility, transit options, and public health support to ensure the plan reflects the real needs and priorities of Carmel's aging population.

JANUS
Life Skills for People with Disabilities

Generous funding leads to dramatic improvements of Janus' Hamilton County Express program

The REPORTER

Janus Developmental Services announces the following outstanding service accomplishments since April 2025 regarding its Hamilton County Express (HCE) transportation program.

Through the very generous gift of $25,000 from Duke Energy, along with additional funding from Hamilton County government, Janus was able to acquire a new software system, Spare, with the goal of improving services. Invest Hamilton County also provided initial consultation on the program.

These improvements have been dramatic, with the following areas seeing vast improvements:

- Requests for rides are up 30 percent
- Ride denials are down from 15 percent to 2.5 percent
- Customer Satisfaction is currently rated 99 percent (from data acquired through the HCE Rides app)

Furthermore, Janus staff report significant improvements with efficiency and ease of use. HCE Senior Transportation Manager Ben Platz reports tremendous satisfaction from his staff as they use the Spare software on a daily basis.

In addition to Platz, Transportation Manager Teresa Franklin and Senior Director of Finance and Business Improvement Mark Smith provide daily leadership for HCE, as well as providing significant efforts regarding the execution of the Spare program.

About Hamilton County Express

HCE is a public transit system operating throughout Hamilton County, providing curb-to-curb service, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fare is $3 one way.

To schedule a ride, you may either access the app, HCE Rides, or call customer service at (317) 773-2688.

For additional information regarding Hamilton County express, please call Ben Platz at (317) 776-3226, ext. 113. Detailed information about HCE may also be found through the rider guide at **janus-inc.org/hamilton-county-express**.

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