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Commemorative flag honors Carmel's first responders

Submitted by City of Carmel

The Carmel Fire Department, joined by local civic leaders and community members, officially unveiled a unique fire hose flag on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Fire Department headquarters during a ceremony commemorating National First Responders Day.

Handcrafted from retired fire hose line previously used by the Fire Department, the commemorative artwork serves as a lasting symbol of honor, service, and the enduring dedication of Carmel's first responders. The piece highlights the vital relationship between public safety personnel, city leadership, and the residents they serve. This piece was designed and produced by Brotherhood Designs Corporation.

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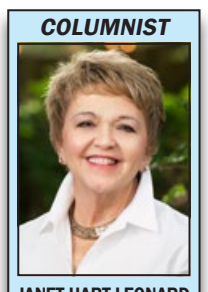


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(From left) CFD Liaison John Moriarty, CFD Chief of Planning and Communications Joel Heavner, Scott Carr and Rob Demlow from Brotherhood Designs Corporation, Mayor Sue Finkam, and Interim Fire Department Chief Lucas Ray pose next to newly unveiled fire hose flag.

Grandma Janet's sermon

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

I am both old and old-fashioned. My grandchildren will testify to that.

I may not be in the front row of their lives, but they can hear my voice from the seat behind their parents. I make my presence known in those bleachers.

I am not afraid to have difficult conversations with them. I've also been known to add some humor, which makes them roll their eyes.

Recently, 13-year-old Leah heard me say that when shorts are too short, a vagina can catch a cold. I think her look was one of shock and mortification that her Grandma Janet would say something like that. She was probably relieved she wasn't wearing shorts that were too short. She knew it was Grandma Janet's way of making a point.

Sixteen-year-old Aiden is the quarterback for his high school football team. He enjoys driving Grandma Janet to Chick-fil-A, where I treat him to a bounty to satisfy a very hungry football player. I pray not only for his meal but also for our safety.

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You can honor Civil War veterans at Noblesville's Crownland Cemetery on Nov. 7

By KEVIN YANEY
History Right Here

We are approaching Veterans Day. If you want to honor our veterans and enjoy local history, I invite you to take a walk through Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville on Nov. 7. Crownland is the resting place for 292 Civil War veterans. Each grave represents a story of our history.

You will not walk far into Crownland before you encounter the Hamilton County Civil War Monument that contains the names of 2,400 local men who enlisted in the Civil War. This unique marble memorial was dedicated on July 4, 1868, and is believed to be the first to honor both black and white soldiers together. Many of these soldiers are buried in the cemetery.

For instance, you might come across the grave of Cyrenius Streator Weed Pettijohn, who lived near Westfield. He was shot through his chest with a .57 caliber Minie ball at the Battle of Chickamauga on Sept. 19, 1863. He was attended to by Dr. William Graham from Noblesville, the surgeon for the 101st Indiana Volunteer Regiment. Dr. Graham recorded that he gave Private Pettijohn a shot of whiskey for his pain, but never thought he would survive the night. To his surprise, Dr. Graham found Private Pettijohn much better the next day. After the war, they talked often about how good that whiskey was on the battlefield.

Dr. Graham's grave is not far from Private Pettijohn's. The day after he gave the wounded soldier a drink, William Graham was captured and sent to Libby Prison in Richmond, Va. Civil War prisons were horrible places. They were filled with disease, unsanitary conditions, overcrowding, and starvation. You were more likely to survive as a soldier on the battlefield than to survive being sent to prison during the war. Dr. Graham endured the experience and returned to Noblesville after the war.

Another grave that might catch your attention is that of Frank Hawkins, who grew up just north of Carmel. He joined the 11th U.S. Regular Infantry as a teenager and was wounded three times on the second day of fighting at Gettysburg. He was left for dead near the infamous Wheatfield, but managed to survive 18 hours on the battlefield before being discovered by Federal troops.

You might also come across the graves of the four Dubois brothers: George, William, John, and Charles. All four became soldiers. They ranged in age from 14 to 21 years old when the war broke out.

Indiana had recruiting rules that put a minimum age of 18 for soldiers to enlist, but this was quite often ignored. Recruiters either looked the other way or found other ways around the age restriction. This was the case for the youngest Dubois brother, Charles, who was able to enlist as a substitute soldier – he was paid to take the place of a conscripted soldier.

We often watch war movies or battlefield re-enactments where middle-aged men act as soldiers. The average Civil War soldier was much younger. These boys were eager to enlist, to see the world and experience the thrill of the battlefield. Most found that Army life was often monotonous. The battles were horrific. Yet, those who served changed America and changed the world.



Photo provided

The Hamilton County Civil War Monument was dedicated on July 4, 1868 and contains the names of 2,400 men who enlisted from Hamilton County.

If you want to learn more, Kevin Yaney is leading a Civil War Tour of Crownland Cemetery at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. You will learn about these Hamilton County veterans and more. You can register at ***yaney.net/history-tours****.*

Magic Maker

COLUMNIST



MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

"*What a blessing it is to be my children's magic maker.*"

I saw this quote the other day and it really made me stop and think. So often, I think parents and grandparents are stretched so thin and always on-the-go that we forget what a blessing it truly is to be responsible for the childhoods our children experience. It's easy to see our to-do lists and the endless activities that are required of us and feel overwhelmed.

Sometimes I feel like a hamster on a wheel trying to plan, budget, and execute everything that will be a memorable experience for my children. If we aren't on our way to a birthday party or a practice, we are making sure the folders have been checked, homework done, tickets ready for the next holiday outing, and gifts bought for the next celebration. Don't even mention making sure the outfits are ready to go and everything that needs to be wrapped.

So often we forget to catch our breaths and look around. *How often have I been guilty of making sure my to-do list is done rather than just being present in the moment?*

Childhood is fleeting and precious. As quickly as it's over, it also lasts a lifetime because these are the formative years that build the foundation of stability and memories for my children. How they experience life in these short years will be how they view the world and approach life.

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Heights Drama Department presents *Who's Dying to be a Millionaire?*

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

The Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department invites the community to an unforgettable night of comedy, mystery, and mayhem with its fall production of *Who's Dying to Be a Millionaire?* by Pat Cook.

Directed by Theater Arts Teacher Brooks Myers and brought to life by a talented cast and crew of 29 students, this year's show is packed with sharp wit, outrageous characters, and a storyline that keeps audiences guessing from start to finish. From set design and costuming to acting and backstage tech, students have shaped every detail making this production a true celebration of creativity and collaboration at its best.

Synopsis

The hottest game show on TV takes a wild turn when contestants start dropping – literally – after answering questions correctly. Host Reginald Smarmy tries to keep the show moving, but with electrocutions, stabbings, and suspicious *"Mother, May I?"* phone calls, chaos erupts onstage.

As the police threaten to shut the show down and studio executives fight to keep ratings soaring, a parade of quirky characters enters the fray: a rival gameshow host, a blackmailing caller, a boisterous

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Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Sally Dean Riviera makes her grand entrance. (From left) Bonnie Brock (Sally Dean Riviera), Selene Wiese (Myrtle Clumph), Zoe Wright (Clovis Darnell), Lilah Coverdale (Sue Bandergill), and Maddy Lustig (Bertha Hoggins).

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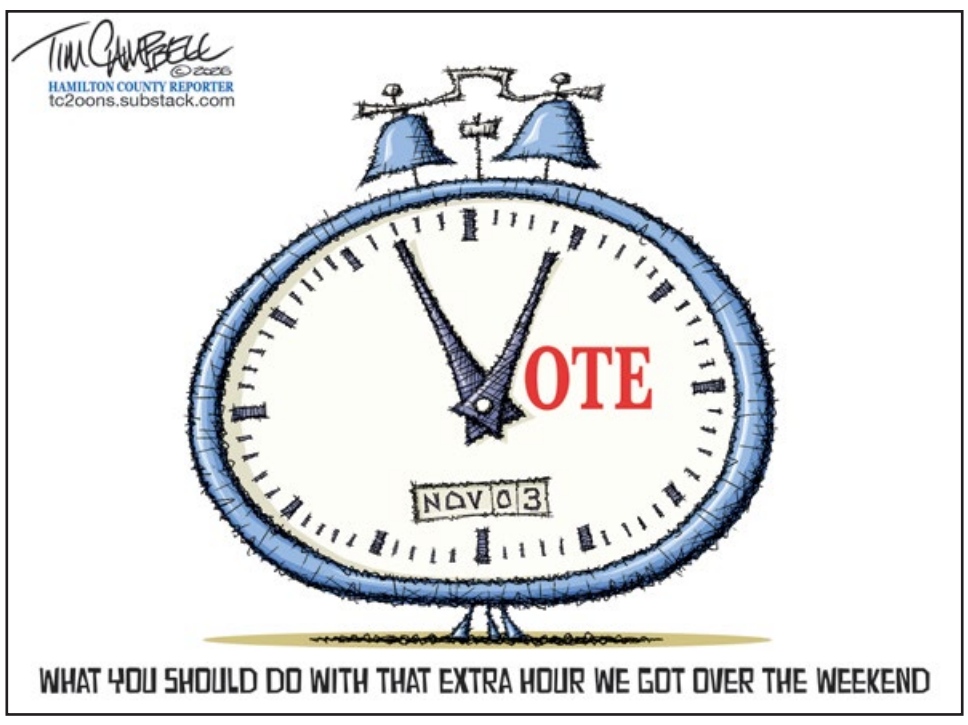




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Carmel boys basketball delivers slam dunk for Universal Cares

Submitted by Jill Hinds
Universal Cares

What a slam dunk for Universal Cares!

We are so grateful to Hamilton County Parks & Recreation and the incredible leaders at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel for welcoming us as we hosted the Carmel High School basketball teams for our annual Cleanup for Cares Day.

A huge shoutout to Coach Osborne for bringing together more than 70 student-athletes to roll up their sleeves, get involved, and learn about the importance of caring for the parks that make our communities so special.

When you have more than 70 hungry athletes working hard, you need some serious fuel. A big thank-you to Chick-fil-A at Greyhound Pass for generously donating food to keep these hardworking athletes energized. You helped make the day even better.

Each year, we look forward to bringing our youth together to learn that parks are more than just places to play basketball, walk, or enjoy the outdoors. They are essential gathering places that bring neighbors together, strengthen communities, and create memories for generations.

Teaching our young people to take pride in their community and keep these spaces clean, safe, and well-maintained is a win for everyone!

At Universal Cares, we believe small acts of service add up to BIG community impact!

Sermon

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Riding with a 16-year-old driver isn't for the faint of heart.

Aiden and I discuss his responsibility as a team leader.

"Aiden, your actions and words, both on and off the field, reveal your character. How you handle adversity, challenges, and pressure-filled situations shows how mature and responsible you are."

I always get this sweet smile from him as I keep sharing my thoughts.

"Aiden, there is never an excuse to throw physical or verbal punches at anyone on or off the field. Leadership has its responsibilities."

I hope my words give him food for thought, just as his sandwich feeds his hunger.

"Aiden, do not use words you would not use if your Grandma Janet were with you. Vulgar, disrespectful, and vile language is never acceptable. NEVER. I don't care what leadership position you ever hold. Filthy language discredits you and pours manure over your leadership ability."

By now, Aiden is probably thinking, "Next time I'm hungry, I'll go to the refrigerator and heat some chicken nuggets." When he was a kid, he would get a Happy Meal with a toy. Now he gets a sermon with his big boy meal.

"Aiden, when your friends say something inappropriate, do you laugh?"

Silence.

"Aiden, did you know that when you laugh at something inappropriate, you are aiding and abetting their wrongdoing? They should expect civility, respect, and common decency from you, and you from them."

"Aiden, do you know what an excuse is? It is a justification for wrongdoing. It doesn't change the fact that it is wrong. Did you hear that, Aiden? Making excuses for wrongdoing is, again, aiding and abetting, which makes you guilty. It also opens up future wrongdoings.

"Laughing and making excuses for wrongdoing is like a misdemeanor sin. The felony sin may be the action, but laughing and excusing any sin is wrong. It's not easy to call out your friends for inappropriate behavior, but sometimes you have to be brave and say, ENOUGH! Silence puts a stamp of approval on a wrongdoing. Do I need to repeat that, Aiden?"

At this point, I know Aiden thinks he's getting a sermon with his meal. He's right. I believe that if the older generation doesn't keep civility, kindness, respect, and doing the right thing at the forefront of everyday life, we'll keep moving toward their demise.



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Grandma Janet is always sure to give her grandson Aiden a bit of a sermon on their way to and from Chick-fil-A – and there's nothing wrong with that! (Congratulations on your first vehicle, Aiden!)

We safely arrive back at his home in Tampa. His belly is full, and so are his heart and mind. Grandma Janet always gives him something to think about.

Oh, and I also told him never to tell someone to go to hell. Just tell them they need a knot jerked in their tail. He laughed.

While much of this is an actual account of our trip to Chick-fil-A, I may have taken some poetic license in the remembering of our discussion.

Yes, I am old, and I'm old-fashioned in my thinking, but I think my sermon may need to be preached to other young people … and maybe some older people, too.

Can I get an Amen?

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Advancing Westfield Foundation awards $499,000 to local groups

Submitted

The Advancing Westfield Foundation (AWF) has awarded $499,000 in grant funding to 22 organizations serving the Westfield community.

AWF supports nonprofit partnerships that provide vital services for youth, adults, seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities and families throughout the community. Funding is made possible through net proceeds from the Mayor's Grand Gala and supports organizations working in areas such as health and wellness, food insecurity, youth development, senior support, mental health, and disability services.

"These grants represent the heart of what the Advancing Westfield Foundation was created to do: support the organizations that are meeting real needs in our community," Mayor Scott Willis said.

For more information, visit **AdvancingWestfieldFoundation.org**.



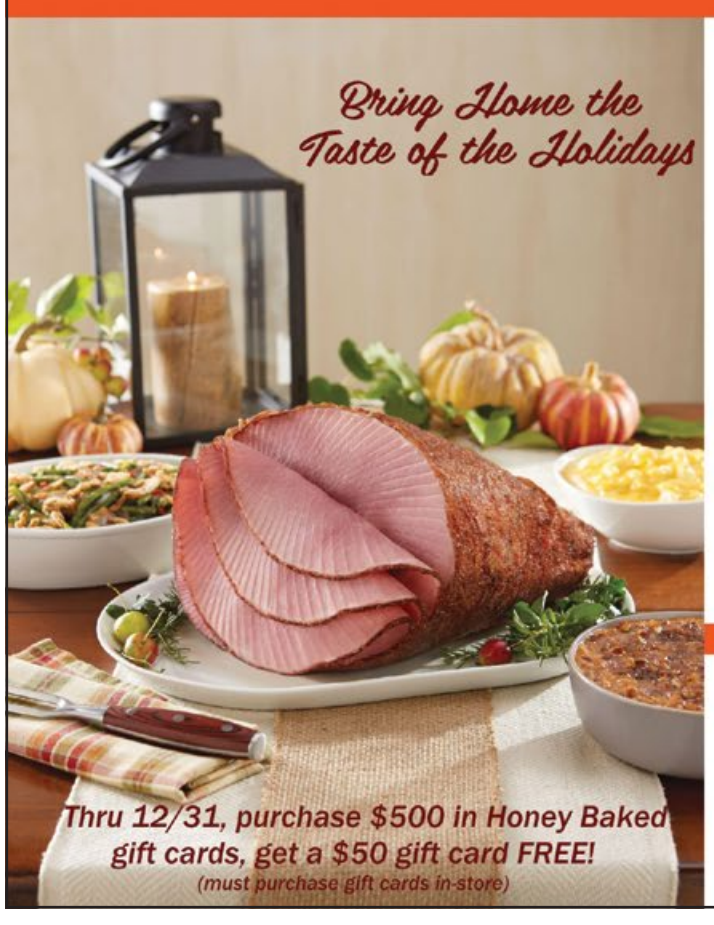
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Student Impact of Westfield was one of this year's $50,000 grant recipients.

2026 Grant Recipients

Heart & Soul Clinic	$50,000
Prevail	$50,000
Westfield Youth Assistance Program	$50,000
Student Impact	$50,000
Westfield Youth Sports	$40,000
Westfield Education Foundation	$28,000
Grace Care Center	$27,000
Trinity Free Clinic	$25,000
Westfield Library Foundation	$25,000
Union Bible College	$25,000
Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County	$20,000
Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank	$17,500
Janus Developmental Services	$15,000
Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide	$15,000
The Cooper House	$15,000
Meals on Wheels Hamilton County	$10,000
Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield	$10,000
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Carmel Fire Department kicks off Movember to support men's mental health

Submitted by Renee Butts
Community Risk Reduction Officer, Carmel FD

For the fifth year in a row, the Carmel Fire Department (CFD) is bringing the community together to shine a light on men's health, encourage conversations about mental wellness, and raise funds. This year's recipient of this fundraising effort is Building A Refuge, a men's mental health resource in Carmel.

CFD kicked off its fifth annual Movember campaign with a press conference on Nov. 1 at the "Everyone Deserves Their Morning Sun" roundabout, located at the intersection of Range Line Road, Lowes Way, and Clay Terrace Boulevard.

This year the department continues its mission of reminding men that taking care of their health – both physical and mental – is essential. Through community awareness and fundraising, the campaign encourages men to advocate for themselves, speak openly about their struggles, and seek support when they need it.

For every $5 raised, a blue flag will be placed in the roundabout, creating a growing visual display of the community's commitment to men's health challenges. Each flag serves as a reminder that no one should have to face life's challenges alone.

While CFD takes men's health and mental wellness seriously, the department is bringing plenty of camaraderie, creativity, and fun to its annual Movember campaign. Through November, firefighters will participate in a variety of activities designed to spark conversations, engage the community, and keep the focus on the important mission.

Return of the Stache

From mustaches to miles, the department is finding unique ways to get everyone involved. A mustache identification contest will challenge participants to match mustaches to the firefighters who wear them, bringing some friendly competition to the cause. Mustaches will also make an appearance on the department's frontline apparatus, and crews will show their support by wearing special Movember shirts throughout the month.

The department also puts miles behind its message. Members sign up to commit to walking 60 miles in the month of November, to raises awareness to the 60 men who commit suicide every hour of every day. The effort is intended to draw attention to the importance of mental health support, recognizing that behind every statistic is a person, a family, and a community impacted by suicide.

Although the mustaches and team challenges bring an element of fun to the campaign, the message behind them is serious: men's health deserves attention every day of the year. By using humor, teamwork, and visible displays of support, Carmel firefighters hope to make it easier to start conversations, or take actionable items, that might otherwise go unspoken and undone.

Men, your health matters

For the Carmel Fire Department, Movember is about more than growing a mustache or wearing a shirt. It is about building connections, supporting one another, and reminding every man that his health matters. By encouraging men to speak up, seek support, and advocate for their own physical and mental well-being, we can create a stronger, healthier community and empower men to have the courage to take action when it comes to their health.

Together, we can make a difference – one conversation, one step, and one blue flag at a time.

Hamilton County dedicates new fire training tower

Milestone marks significant progress on Public Safety Training Center

The REPORTER

Hamilton County officials gathered Monday morning, Oct. 26, to dedicate the newly completed fire training tower at the County's Public Safety Training Center. Members of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, County Council, Emergency Management, and fire departments from across the county attended the ceremony and toured the new facility.

"This is an investment in the safety of every person who lives, works, or visits Hamilton County," said Christine Altman, President of the County Commissioners. "Our first responders put their lives on the line for us every day. We owe it to them to provide the training, tools, and resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively."

The five-story tower will allow firefighters to train for emergencies in high-rise and mid-rise buildings, including apartments, hotels, and mixed-use developments. Crews will be able to practice advancing hoses through stairwells, performing rope rescues and rappelling, positioning aerial ladders, and removing victims down stairwells. A flashover chamber will also allow firefighters to train under realistic fire conditions in a controlled environment.

"There's no substitute for hands-on training in realistic conditions," said County Councilor Tim Griffin, a Carmel firefighter. "This tower gives our crews the opportunity to practice complicated rescues, work together, and build the confidence that comes from repetition. Better-trained firefighters mean faster responses, safer operations, and better outcomes for the people we're called to protect."

The tower is the first major component completed at the 60-acre Public Safety Training Center, located near 161st Street and River Road in Noblesville. The $32 million project will also feature more than 20,000 square feet of classroom and tactical training space, an outdoor firing range, and dedicated areas for SWAT and defensive tactics training.

Once fully operational, the Public Safety Training Center will serve as a regional training hub for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical personnel. It will provide opportunities for specialized instruction, joint exercises, and advanced certifications while reducing the need for first responders to travel outside Hamilton County for training.



Photos provided by Hamilton County Government

(From left) Councilor Amy Massillamany, Councilor Mark Hall, Commissioner Steve Dillinger, Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Councilor Tim Griffin, and Councilor Steve Nation.

Tickets on sale now for GSN's Festival of Trees

The REPORTER

Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, invites the community to celebrate the holiday season at the 13th annual Hamilton County Festival of Trees on Saturday, Nov. 21, at The Wellington in Fishers.

The evening features a VIP reception at 5 p.m., a general public reception (advance RSVP) at 5:45 p.m., and dinner and the evening program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

A cherished Hamilton County holiday tradition, Festival of Trees brings together local businesses, community leaders, donors, designers, and supporters for an elegant evening of holiday inspiration and community generosity. The celebration features festive décor, a VIP red-carpet cocktail reception, a gourmet dinner, beautifully designed Christmas trees, and exciting silent and live auctions showcasing holiday gifts, decorations, and memorable experiences.

Guests can also look forward to the return of the crowd-favorite "Paint with the Artist" with renowned artist Anthony Padget, one of the elite photorealistic artists in the Northern Hemisphere, plus a special visit from Santa Claus and additional surprises throughout the evening.

Good Samaritan Network is pleased to welcome back Kim Harden as the 2026 Festival of Trees Event Coordinator. With years of experience as a designer and event leader for the organization, Harden brings creativity, passion, and attention to detail to the celebration. The event also welcomes back favorite charity auctioneer Jim Miller, whose energy and expertise help make the auctions a highlight of the evening.

"Festival of Trees is about more than beautiful Christmas trees and holiday festivities," Harden said. "It's an opportunity for our community to come together and turn generosity into meaningful support for neighbors who need a helping hand."

Celebrating generosity that makes a difference

Proceeds from Festival of Trees support GSN's client services and programs serving underserved and at-risk individuals and families throughout Hamilton County. These services include food assistance, housing support, medical assistance, emergency resources, and holiday outreach, including hot meals on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Eve.

Every sponsorship, auction bid, and contribution strengthen the support network available to local families facing challenging circumstances.

2026 Sponsors

GSN gratefully recognizes the businesses and individuals already helping make this year's event possible:

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- **In-Kind Sponsors:** Dreiske Moving & Storage; En Pointe Indiana Ballet

Additional sponsors, talented designers, and community partners are encouraged to participate and help bring this year's vision to life.

Reservations are available now

Community members are invited to be part of this special evening of Christmastime beauty, creativity, and charitable giving. With seating limited, guests are encouraged to reserve early.

Whether attending for the designer trees, unique auction offerings, festive atmosphere, or opportunity to support local families, guests will discover an evening that combines inspiration with meaningful community impact.

For reservations, sponsorship opportunities, or designer participation, visit **gsnlive.org** or call GSN at (317) 842-2603, ext. 200.

Magic

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I want my kids to look back and remember that no matter what Mom made things happen and that they were loved. I want them to know that I love being their mom. I want them to know that even when I'm frazzled and burning my wick at both ends, being their "magic maker" was the greatest blessing of my life. Being able to see them experience the magic of Santa and hearing them tell their friends about dad's homemade noodles will be something that I carry with me until my last breath. I want them to know that the pitter patter of excited feet running down the hall in the morning to tell me that the Tooth Fairy came while missing their front tooth is one of my fondest memories of their childhood.

I may be their "Magic Maker" for now, but what they don't realize is that seeing them experience magic in their childhoods heals a piece of your heart that you did not know needed repair. They don't really understand or appreciate it now. And that's all right because I know they also won't understand this until they become a "Magic Maker" for their own children one day. At that time, they will understand the extent of how much they were loved and how hard I tried to make sure everything was special.

For now, I will relish the pitter patters in the mornings and the excitement of holiday baking lists and letters to Santa.

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

Dying

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mayor with her starstruck council, and Sofie Mondello, who seems to confess to everything. With contestants falling as fast as the wisecracks, only armchair detective and stage manager Denny Perkins may be able to solve the mystery.

It's a riotous lampoon of quiz shows, politics, and human nature – and the only question left is: *Are you dying to be a millionaire?*

Tickets are $5 and will be available online one week prior to the performances on the Hamilton Heights High School website. Tickets will also be sold at the door beginning 30 minutes before each show (cash or card). All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department.

Hamilton Heights High School is located at 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Most of the cast and crew from Hamilton Heights High School's upcoming fall production of *Who's Dying to Be a Millionaire?* gather onstage. Directed by Brooks Myers, the comedy-mystery features 29 talented students who bring sharp wit, outrageous characters, and nonstop surprises to this year's show. *See the full cast and crew list at ReadTheReporter.com.*

Get Your Tickets

When: Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 15 at 2:30 p.m.
Where: Hamilton Heights H.S. auditorium
Tickets: $5 per person (tickets sold online or at the door)

Flag

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"We believe that honoring those who serve is a responsibility shared by an entire community," said Rob Demlow, president and co-founder of Brotherhood Designs Corporation. "This flag represents more than patriotism. It represents the men and women who answer the call, the families who support them and a city whose leadership understands the importance of recognizing their service."

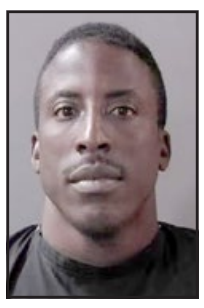
The unveiled fire hose flag will remain on display at the Carmel Fire Department headquarters, 210 Veterans Way.

"This piece symbolizes more than just retired hose line," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "It carries the history of our fire department's service to the Carmel community. It stands as a testament to the strong bond between our firefighters and the citizens they protect every day."

Hamilton County man convicted after threatening two judges

By JOHN HERRICK
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Hamilton County man faces up to 13 years in prison after being convicted of threatening two judges who handled his custody case, made statements about their families, and warned that his actions could cost lives.


Petty

Jarrod Petty, 35, was charged April 16, 2025, with intimidation after investigators said he made threatening phone calls involving Judge Andrew Bloch and Judge Christopher Evans, according to a probable cause affidavit filed in Hamilton County Superior Court.

Threats against judges

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Officer Matthew Miller wrote in the affidavit that court reporter Jill Savage reported receiving a threatening phone call from someone identifying himself as Petty on April 15, 2025.

During the call, the person said, "I will get justice any way I can. I'm not afraid to break the law to get justice for my little girl, may cost lives, there's no lines I would not cross," according to the affidavit.

The caller also compared judicial accountability to a case involving a Kentucky judge and referenced Evans' two daughters and son, the affidavit states.

Previous reports

The affidavit details two earlier incidents involving calls to Hamilton County court and prosecutor's office personnel.

On Feb. 21, 2025, someone identifying himself as Petty called the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office Child Support Division and said he knew the courthouse's entrances and exits, security measures, and camera locations, according to the affidavit.

On March 14, Court Administrator Jill Acklin reported receiving a call from someone identifying himself as Petty who made derogatory comments about Bloch and expressed anger over his custody case.

"If I don't get legal custody of my kids, I'm not following y'alls process," the caller said, according to the affidavit. He also said, "Don't dismiss me and act surprised with what happens."

A separate report that day documented a call in which someone identifying himself as Petty said Evans "will pay hell" if Petty lost custody of his children, the affidavit states.

Petty's sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 24.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at ***wishtv.com/news/local-news/hamilton-county-man-charged-with-threatening-two-judges*****.**

Hamilton County makes voting accessible for voters with disabilities

First-time voter shares his experience using assistive technology at the polls

The REPORTER

When Noblesville High School senior Matthias Vescelus cast his first-ever ballot this past weekend, he did so independently, thanks to assistive technology available at every Hamilton County polling place.

Vescelus, who is blind, used a device called DoubleTalk that connects to the voting machine and reads the ballot aloud through headphones. The technology allows voters with visual impairments to navigate their ballot, make their selections, and cast their votes without assistance from another person.

"I preferred this over voting absentee because I could do it myself," Vescelus said. "It took me a second to figure out the system, but once I figured it out, it was super easy."

All Hamilton County voting machines can be equipped with the DoubleTalk hardware. The machines also offer a zoom feature for voters who need larger print. For those with mobility challenges, the voting panel can be lowered to a seated position, allowing voters to use the equipment more comfortably.

"Our goal is to make sure no one feels that a disability prevents them from participating in an election," Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Kreag Williams said. "If you arrive at a Vote Center and need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask. Our poll workers are trained to help make every voter feel comfortable and confident when they come to the polls."

Voters with disabilities also have several options for casting an absentee ballot in future elections:

• **Vote by Mail:** Voters with disabilities may request an absentee ballot by mail if they can personally mark their ballot and sign the required envelope.

• **Vote with Print Disability Ballot:** Voters with qualifying print disabilities may request an electronic ballot delivered by email that can be read using assistive technology.

• **Traveling Absentee Voter Board:** Voters who cannot independently mark their ballot or sign the absentee ballot security envelope may request assistance from a bipartisan absentee voter board, which can travel to their location and assist them with voting.


Photo provided by Hamilton County Government
Matthias Vescelus, who is blind, voted early thanks to the assistive technology available at the county's polling places.

Voters who have questions about accessible voting equipment, absentee voting, or requesting assistance are encouraged to contact the Hamilton County Elections Office or visit **hamiltoncounty.in.gov/220/Vote-Absentee**.

Carmel Police Chief Drake Sterling named to prestigious 2026 IACP 40 Under 40 list

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel announces that Police Chief Drake Sterling has been selected as a recipient of the 2026 International Association of Chiefs of Police 40 Under 40 Award.

This global award recognizes 40 law enforcement leaders under age 40 who demonstrate outstanding leadership, inspire innovation, and exhibit a deep commitment to the policing profession and their local communities. The 2026 award recipients represent a diverse group of leaders from across the United States and five other countries, highlighting the international reach of this recognition.

"Chief Sterling represents the very best of our department and the future of modern law enforcement," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "His dedication, problem-solving mindset and strong connection to the people we serve make this a well-deserved honor."


Sterling

A graduate of the FBI National Academy, Chief Sterling demonstrates a commitment to excellence and forward-thinking leadership. Since his appointment as chief of police in 2024, he has driven meaningful modernization across operations, officer well-being, leadership development and community safety.

Under his leadership, CPD has expanded a comprehensive officer wellness program that includes both mental and physical health evaluations and resources.

Additionally, Chief Sterling helped launch one of Indiana's earliest Drone as First Responder programs, which integrate advanced technology with a real-time information center to enhance situational awareness and improve emergency response times.

Beyond operational advancements, Chief Sterling serves as director-at-large on the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police as well as on several regional boards advocating for youth services and crime reduction.

"I am deeply humbled to receive this recognition from the IACP," Sterling said. "This award is a reflection of the hard work and support of the incredible men and women I serve alongside and our shared commitment to keeping Carmel safe."

The IACP 40 Under 40 awardees were formally recognized during the IACP Annual Conference and Exposition in Orlando, Fla., on Oct. 26.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

Board Highlights

October 2026 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

• The board honored Noblesville West Middle School's seventh grade football team for their undefeated season and Hamilton County championship.

• Hinkle Creek Elementary presented on their applied programming for students with special needs.

• Assistant Superintendent of Learning Dr. Ryan Rich presented on state testing results that show Noblesville Schools students continue to be top academic performers in Indiana.

• The board approved the 2027 budget, including a 38.5-cent operating referendum rate. As required by state law, the budget must be submitted by Nov. 1 and also must assume the continuation of referendum funds. If the continuation of referendum funding is not approved by voters, the budget will be amended accordingly.

Go to ***noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board*** *for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.*

Noblesville Common Council approves 2027 budget

Submitted by City of Noblesville

The Noblesville Common Council has approved the Civil City 2027 budget, prioritizing responsible stewardship of public funds and return on investments for the benefit of taxpayers. The approved budget totals $143,619,604 to fund city operations, personnel, projects, and programs.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and city leaders strategically developed the 2027 budget over a period of six months through a rigorous analysis and review process that included three Council work sessions, revenue forecast updates, Finance Committee scrutiny, and stakeholder input. Similar to prior years, the adopted budget balances the core service and infrastructure management needs of a fast-growing community while ensuring that the city continues to live within available resources. The 2027 budget makes targeted investments and adjustments with a fiscally responsible approach amid uncertainty surrounding effects of recently enacted legislative changes and potential additional changes to municipal finance laws.

Much of the city's budgeting efforts focus on the core operational budget, which represents the funds and resources that can discretionarily be allocated to community priorities. Previously approved debt service obligations and pension benefit payments are not within the scope of the core operational budget.


Davis

Growth in the ongoing 2027 core operational budget was limited to five percent, consistent with the city's Fiscal Plan and revenue forecast. The core operational budget includes $97.2 million in ongoing expenses and $10.8 million in one-time expenses. Much of the one-time expenses support capital projects and community investments like road and trail improvements to enhance pedestrian and vehicular safety and improve connectivity across the city.

The 2027 budget continues the city's focus on safety, allocating 57 percent of the ongoing core operational budget to public safety – up from 55 percent in 2026 and the highest share in the past six years.

The 2027 core operational budget is $11.5 million more than the 2026 adopted budget, largely due to one-time capital investments and rising operating costs. Ongoing core operational funding increases five percent year-over-year to maintain existing services, while $17.8 million in total one-time expenses supports capital projects and community investments. The budget does not include property or income tax increases as the city is maintaining a $1.10 property tax rate despite implementation of state-mandated credits and deductions and increased local service demands.

"This budget reflects our commitment to responsibly managing taxpayer dollars while continuing to invest in Noblesville's future," Common Council President Mike Davis said. "The 2027 budget maintains essential services, prioritizes public safety and important capital projects, and supports programs that enhance the quality of life for our residents. The council appreciates the collaboration with Mayor Jensen and city department leaders to develop a fiscally responsible budget."

The city will redirect $11.9 million in Rainy Day Fund reserves toward strategic priorities and near-term capital projects. The budget prioritizes economic development, infrastructure, roads and trails, and managing operating costs. The city will complete or advance capital projects such as a new police headquarters, Fire Station 78, trail maintenance and trail gap programs, and street and sidewalk rehabilitation.

The adopted budget also includes more than $900,000 in contribution increases to police and firefighter pension plans based on a recent state mandate to increase the local contribution rate. The city budget also supports funding grants, such as the Neighborhood Match Grant and Facade Improvement Grant Program, to support aesthetic improvements and quality-of-life projects.

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Tipton County breaks ground on new Commerce Center

$3 million READI 2.0 investment advances new ag tech, industrial & commercial development opportunities along U.S. 31

The REPORTER

Tipton County officials and partners broke ground on the Tipton Commerce Center on Tuesday, Oct. 27, near the northeast corner of U.S. 31 and State Road 28, to mark an important milestone in the county's efforts to attract new business investment, support job creation, and strengthen the local economy.



Photo by Joshua Andrews

The Tipton Commerce Center will be a few miles west of town at U.S. 31 & State Road 28.

Tipton Commerce Center is a collaborative effort among Tipton County, the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council (NCIRPC), and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), supported by a $3 million grant through Indiana's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI 2.0). Tipton Municipal Utilities is providing additional support to advance the development.

The groundbreaking brought together representatives of the Tipton County Board of Commissioners, Tipton County Council, Tipton County Redevelopment Commission, NCIRPC, Patch Development, Cushman & Wakefield, and others to recognize the progress made toward establishing a new destination for business and industry in Tipton County.

For Tipton County Board of Commissioners President Dennis Henderson, the groundbreaking represents the culmination of years of persistence and collaboration.

"This project has been a long time coming," Henderson said. "We started the process about six years ago and have just kept working to make it happen. The North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council has been an incredible support for us. I am very happy to officially break ground today."

Located along U.S. 31 just west of Tipton, the Tipton Commerce Center offers development opportunities ranging from three to 80 acres, with planned unit development (PUD) zoning and access to essential utilities, including water, sewer, electricity, and natural gas. Its strategic location provides access to major regional markets, positioning the site to accommodate a range of industrial, logistics, and commercial users.

Tipton County Commissioner Tracey Powell emphasized the many local partners whose work helped move the project forward.

"This is a great day for Tipton County," Powell said. "We are grateful to everyone who worked on this project. County Council, Plan Commission, County Highway Department and Engineer, Tipton Municipal Utilities, and many more."

Tipton County Community Development Director Abbie Smith highlighted the importance of the project's private-sector partners in positioning the site for future development.

"We are happy to be partnering with the teams at Patch Development and Cushman & Wakefield," Smith said. "Their expertise has been critical in bringing us to this point, and we are confident they will continue making Tipton Commerce Center a success."

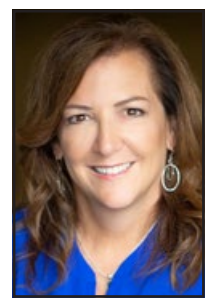
Patch Development and Cushman & Wakefield are bringing development and commercial real estate expertise to help position the Tipton Commerce Center for prospective investors and businesses seeking a strategic location in the region.

For more information on Tipton Commerce Center, people are encouraged to reach out to Tipton County's Community Development Department by emailing **communitydevelopment@tiptoncounty.in.gov**.

Finkam announces re-election campaign

Submitted

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced via a video on social media that she will seek re-election in 2027, reaffirming her commitment to public safety, fiscal responsibility, and protecting Carmel's exceptional quality of life.



Finkam

"There's more I want to accomplish, more problems to solve and more opportunities ahead for Carmel," Finkam said in her announcement video. "I love this city and the incredible people who call it home. Serving as your mayor is an honor I never take for granted."

Finkam was elected mayor in 2023 after serving 12 years on the Carmel City Council. She is seeking a second four-year term in the 2027 municipal election.

Carmel invites public to honor veterans

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel will hold its Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 6 this year.

The ceremony honors the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This year's theme, "Honoring Our Heroes: America 250," pays special tribute to the founding of the United States and the generations of veterans who have protected our nation.

The public is invited to join city officials, veterans' groups, and community members for this meaningful event, set for noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 6 at The Tarkington Theater.

As part of the annual tradition, the ceremony will also recognize the winners of the city-wide Veterans Day poster and essay contest held among Carmel elementary school students. Winning posters will be displayed and the student essay winners will read their entries aloud.

All veterans, military families and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Featured participants

- Carmel High School students Gwen Stacey and Connor Sudduth
- Carmel VFW Post 10003 Honor Guard
- Dave Choutka, Carmel Fire Department Chaplain
- Blair Clark, Artist Development Company
- Vice Admiral Terry Cross
- Dr. Tim Hannon, Retired U.S. Navy Captain
- Dr. Thomas Oestreich, Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent
- Banks Pillar, 5th Grade Deputy Mayor
- Brielle Turner, Artist Development Company

Thank you to American Structurepoint, Inc. and Indiana Members Credit Union for your contributions to this event and our Veteran community.

HSE Schools adopts 2027 budget, holds teacher contract hearing

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools is heading into 2027 with a smaller budget. The Board of School Trustees approved a financial plan Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, that is projected to be approximately $15 million lower than last year.

The adopted budget totals $325.9 million, with actual expenditures expected to reach $323.9 million, compared to $339 million in 2026. The decrease reflects ongoing cost-saving efforts, including nearly $8 million in projected savings identified through the district's Budget Task Force, along with changes in revenue and debt obligations.



Kegley

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

Financial challenges remain, including declining enrollment, rising health insurance costs, and higher mandatory teacher retirement contributions. The projected 2027 tax rate is $1.1912 per $100 of assessed valuation, compared to $1.1476 in 2026.

The Board also approved the capital projects, bus replacement, and referendum spending plans. The 2027 budget includes a projected $31.3 million Referendum Fund spending plan with funding contingent on the outcome of the replacement operating referendum on Nov. 3.

Wednesday's meeting also included a public hearing on the tentative 2026-27 teacher contract with the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA).

The proposed contract includes a $1,225 base salary increase for eligible teachers, with an additional $603 dependent on a successful passage of the referendum. Starting salaries for new teachers hired at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year would see a $500 increase with the successful passage of the referendum. New teachers hired after ratification would also increase by $750, with another $250 contingent on the election outcome.

The Board is scheduled to consider ratification at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4.

Additional information is available at **hseschools.org/community/finances** and **hseschools.org/community/public-notices**.

Applications open for two Elks scholarships

Submitted

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a major provider of college scholarships every year. The Elks contribute over $2.52 million per year in support of providing scholarships to worthwhile students based on need, community service, and performance in the classroom.

The Noblesville Elks Lodge #576 announce that applications are open for these two scholarships:

- **Most Valuable Student Scholarships:** Open to any high school senior who is a U.S. citizen. The deadline to apply is Nov. 12, 2026. Applications are available at **enf.elks.org/MVS**. The award amount can range from $1,000 to $60,000.
- **Indiana State Vocational Grants:** This program provides assistance for graduating high school seniors to attend a two-year or less vocational/technical program, culminating in an Associate Degree, Diploma, or Certificate. Email Geoff Robinson at **grobin6117@aol.com** to obtain an application.

Guerin Catholic President Deacon Rick Wagner announces retirement

Submitted

Guerin Catholic High School President Deacon Rick Wagner announced on Wednesday, Oct. 28, that he will retire at the conclusion of the 2026-27 school year, bringing to a close an extraordinary 42-year career dedicated to Catholic education and faith-based leadership.

Wagner has devoted his professional life to forming students academically, spiritually, and personally through Catholic education. His career has included leadership roles at Bishop Chatard High School, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, and Guerin Catholic. Since 2021, he has served as Guerin Catholic's president, having previously led the school as principal from 2007 to 2013.

Throughout his tenure, Wagner has been recognized for his steadfast commitment to the mission of Catholic education, his servant leadership, and his dedication to fostering a faith-filled community where students are encouraged to grow in wisdom, faith, and service.

"Deacon Rick has faithfully dedicated his life to Catholic education and has profoundly impacted countless students, families, faculty, and staff throughout his career," said Trudy Young, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. "His leadership at Guerin Catholic has strengthened our mission and left a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire our community for years to come."

Reflecting on his decision, Wagner shared that retirement will allow him to spend more time with his wife, Carol, their children, and grandchildren. He also plans to continue sharing his passion for ministry by leading retreats and workshops while remaining active in service to the Catholic Church.

"My years serving in Catholic schools as a teacher, coach, and administrator have been life-giving," Wagner said. "It has been a joy to be surrounded by loving, caring adults who want the best for the young people in their charge. I have been blessed to have a leadership role at Guerin Catholic and am humbled by the trust Bishop Doherty and Trudy Young placed in me. I am certain that the school will continue to flourish for years to come."



Photo provided by Guerin Catholic

In addition to his ongoing ministry work, he will continue serving as a deacon for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at his home parish, St. Pius X.

The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana will begin the search for Guerin Catholic's next president in the coming weeks. According to Young, a search committee will be established with the goal of naming the school's next president by March 1, 2027, ensuring a smooth and thoughtful leadership transition.

Founded in 2004, Guerin Catholic High School is a diocesan Catholic high school in Noblesville, dedicated to forming the whole person through academic excellence, faith development, and student life to live out the gospel message.



Photo provided by Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

(From left) BGCN Development Director Nathan Helm, Pharmacy Manager Sean Collett, and Vision Center Manager Lucas Jordan.

Walmart's Spark Good program supports Boys & Girls Club kids

The REPORTER

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) was recently awarded a $2,000 grant from Noblesville Walmart Store #923.

As an investor is the Club's mission, Walmart continues to provide more than 2,200 local youth access a safe, supportive environment after school and during out-of-school hours where they can participate in valuable programs encouraging leadership, academic success, character development, workforce readiness, and healthy lifestyles.

Learn more about the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville serves children at **bgcni.org**.



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Senior Ayden Miller, a student in Hamilton Heights' Culinary Internship Program, created and served his homemade Apple Fritter Bites to the entire high school as part of National Apple Crunch Day. He is pictured with Courtney Tharp, HHHS Café worker.

Scouting For Food to fill shelves at Open Doors

Submitted by Barry Simpson

On Saturday, Nov. 7, Westfield residents are likely to see Scouts strolling their neighborhoods.

Westfield Scouting America Crews, Troops, and Packs will hold their annual Scouting For Food from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Scouts will be canvassing Westfield neighborhoods to gather nonperishable food items to stock the critically low shelves of Open Doors of Westfield. Look for signs at the entrance of your neighborhood to know whether Scouts will be there.

"We have partnered with Open Doors for well over 20 years with a fall food drive and collected thousands of pounds of food each year to be distributed to Westfield families in need," Troop 1070 Committee Member and food drive coordinator Danica Eyler said. "We are proud to be Westfield based and helping local residents!"

Each of the last three Novembers, the Scouts have collected and sorted more than 4,000 pounds of food and were able to make a significant cash donation as well.

"This annual Scouting food drive is impactful and aids in donating food at the right time," said Kurt Wanniger, Westfield City Council member and Vice President for Operations for Open Doors. "This food will benefit the overall wellbeing of our community in more ways than most realize – the single parents making ends meet, the elderly person who has to decide between buying food for their pet or buying their meds, the child that will not go to bed hungry or go to school hungry and not be able to focus."

According to Eyler, Scouting For Food marks the second largest single collection day of the year for Open Doors.

"It is vital to ensuring their ability to provide holiday meals to our community and weekend snacks to our students in need," Eyler said.

Signs at the entrances of neighborhoods, including Centennial, Coventry, Oak Manor, Village Farms, Harmony and Silver Lakes, will let residents know if Scouts will be in the area. To participate, residents can have food items bagged and labeled "Scouts" or "Open Doors" and ready for pickup by the front door.

Donations will also be accepted at Webster & Garino, LLC, at 209 E. 179th St., Westfield, through Nov. 6 and in the parking lot west of Open Doors at 19360 Tomlinson Road from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7.

"One of the best things about volunteering at Open Doors and seeing groups like this doing food drives in the importance of teaching the next generation the value of serving and giving back to their community," Wanninger said.

For a list of critically needed items, visit **opendoorswestfield.org**.

Student's recipe takes center stage on National Apple Crunch Day

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School recently celebrated National Apple Crunch Day with a special treat created by a student.

Senior Ayden Miller, a student in the Culinary Internship Program, took on the challenge of developing an original recipe and preparing it for the entire high school to enjoy. Students and staff were treated to Miler's homemade Apple Fritter Bites, made with apples from Tuttle Orchards and served alongside fresh apples from the local orchard. The event highlighted not only the flavors of fall but also the creativity, skill, and dedication he has developed through his culinary studies.

While students across all Heights' buildings enjoyed a variety of fresh apples from Tuttle Orchards as part of National Apple Crunch Day, Miller's Apple Fritter Bites were a special feature exclusive to the high school. Even more exciting, he submitted his recipe to the Indiana Grown for Schools Recipe Contest, giving his culinary creation the chance to be recognized on a larger stage.

The Hamilton Heights community is proud of students like Miller who use their talents to create meaningful experiences for others and showcase the incredible opportunities available through the district's Career and Technical Education programs.

Best of luck in the contest, Mr. Miller!

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Fishers Health Department releases Community Health Improvement Plan

Submitted by Fishers Health Department

The Fishers Health Department (FHD) has released its 2026 Community Health Improvement Plan, the next step following last year's Community Health Assessment.

The new plan focuses on three areas where FHD and community partners can work together to improve health and well-being:

- Mental Health for All Ages, with a Priority Focus on Youth and Families
- Social Connection and Belonging Across the Lifespan
- Community Resource Navigation and Connection System

The priorities build on the 2025 Community Health Assessment, which was developed through a year-long review of local, state, and national health data, nearly 1,500 community survey responses and input from more than 60 focus group participants. After the assessment was completed, more than 230 additional residents helped prioritize areas for action, and a steering committee representing health care, behavioral health, education, public safety, social services, local government, and other community organizations helped shape the final plan.

The plan focuses on needs identified in the Community Health Assessment. Mental health was the community's top health priority, with mental health-related emergency room visits increasing 73 percent among adults ages 20 to 29 and 24 percent among residents under age 20 since 2020. More than one in four Fishers adults experience social isolation, and residents also reported challenges knowing what resources are available and where to start when they need help.



Heltz

FHD has already begun expanding programs and services in response to these needs. Last month, the department launched a free Mental Health Navigation service to help residents understand their options and connect with mental health resources and treatment. FHD also offers mental health education and prevention programs, including Mental Health First Aid and suicide prevention trainings, and plans to continue growing opportunities that support mental well-being across all ages. Through its Aging Well programs, FHD also provides classes and activities designed to help older adults stay connected, active, and engaged in the community.

"Our Community Health Assessment told us what the needs are. This plan helps us narrow that down to areas where FHD and our partners can focus our efforts," said Monica Heltz, Director and Health Officer of the Fishers Health Department. "The goal is to build on work already happening in Fishers, strengthen partnerships and make it easier for residents to connect with support."

The Community Health Improvement Plan focuses on resident priorities that require collaboration with community partners, while FHD's broader strategic plan, to be released later this year, guides the department's overall work. The plan also supports FHD's initial accreditation efforts through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Over the next three years, FHD and community partners will put the priorities into action through new and expanded programs. In 2027, FHD plans to launch additional mental health education opportunities, including programs designed to reach parents and caregivers of young children, while continuing work with local behavioral health providers to improve access to care. FHD is also beginning to develop a social ambassador model that will use trained community volunteers to help connect residents with programs, services, and opportunities for social connection. These and other efforts will be tracked and updated as community needs change.

View the full Community Health Improvement Plan at **health.fishersin.gov/about-us/fishers-community-health-assessment**. Learn more about the Fishers Health Department at **Health.FishersIN.gov**.



Photos provided

(From left) Carmel's living mayors and their years of service are: Jane Reiman, 1980–1987; Dorothy "Dottie" Hancock, 1988–1991; Jim Brainard, 1996–2023; and Sue Finkam, 2024–present.

Carmel celebrates 50 years

Honoring leaders & partnerships that shaped the city

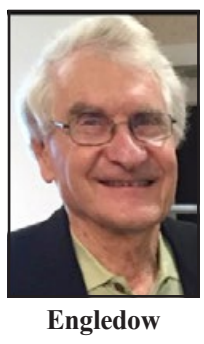
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As Carmel celebrates its 50th anniversary as a city, it's an opportunity to reflect on the leadership and community partnerships that have helped shape this thriving and ever-evolving community just north of Indianapolis.

Behind the growth of Carmel is a history of great leaders and a longstanding partnership between those leaders and the business community. To recognize that relationship and celebrate the people who have helped shape Carmel, the Rotary Club of Carmel, and the Carmel Clay Public Library invite the public to a special community celebration on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Honoring Carmel's mayors & business leaders

The evening will include a Mayor's Community Reception from 5:30 to 6 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Public Library, offering residents an opportunity to thank Carmel's four living mayors: Jane Reiman, Dorothy "Dottie" Hancock, Jim Brainard, and Sue Finkam.



Engledow



Moffett

Also being recognized are two representatives of Carmel's business community: Ed Engledow, whose leadership reflects the city's business legacy from 1976 through 2026, and Justin Moffett, representing the next chapter of Carmel's continued growth and development.

Engledow is co-owner of Engledow Group and served as the company's president from 1968 to 2002. Best known for its commercial and residential landscaping, Engledow Group has also provided prominent landscaping, decor, and horticultural services for major regional events, including the 1987 Pan American Games and the 2012 Super Bowl.

Moffett, chief executive officer of Old Town Design Group, has helped shape Carmel through his vision, leadership, and commitment to community development, contributing to the continued evolution of Carmel and Clay Township.

Following the Mayor's Community Reception from 5:30 to 6 p.m. will be The Carmel Connection: The Power of Friendship in Sports and in Life from 6:05 to 6:50 p.m. and from 7 to 7:45 p.m. is A Pacers Blue and Golden Anniversary Celebration. Light refreshments will be served.

Colts recognize Tipton High School head football coach Aaron Tolle

By ANDREW CHERNOFF
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Tipton High School head football coach Aaron Tolle received a big honor on Monday, Oct. 26.

Tolle was named the Colts/NFL Coach of the Week, sponsored in part by Certor Sports.

Tolle's Blue Devils were on the road on Friday, Oct. 23, and upset previously undefeated No. 7 Eastern (Greentown), 35-28. As a result, the Blue Devils advanced to the sectional semifinal round of the IHSAA 2A Football Playoffs, where they faced Lewis Cass on Friday, Oct. 30.

Tolle is currently in his 22nd year as head coach at Tipton.

This is the 27th year that the Colts are recognizing high school football coaches throughout Indiana.

"All high school head coaches in the state are eligible regardless of their school size, league or division," according to the Colts website. "Coaches are evaluated on various factors including the coach's impact on the team, school and community, as well as the team's performance. The honorees are selected by a panel of football media, former athletic directors and other football representatives from across the state."



Photo courtesy of Tipton Community School Corporation

Tipton High School football head coach Aaron Tolle was named Colts/NFL Coach of the Week.

At the conclusion of the current season, "each winning coach will receive a $2,000 donation and a commemorative plaque."

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Livuzzle's Christmas trivia puzzles sold nationwide are made in Tipton County

Submitted

Question: In what U.S. state is the town of Santa Claus located?

Answer: Indiana.

It's one of 72 questions that come with Livuzzle's Christmas Trivia Puzzle, and fittingly, the puzzle itself is made in Indiana. Livuzzle, a small puzzle company based in Boise, Idaho, manufactures its puzzles in Tipton and sells them nationwide on Amazon.

The 1,000-piece Christmas Trivia Puzzle (19.3 x 26.6 inches, ages 13 and up, $24.99) comes with an insert of 72 Christmas trivia questions and answers, and every answer is drawn somewhere in the puzzle's hand-illustrated Christmas scene. Families build the puzzle, read the questions out loud, then hunt for each answer in the picture: a jigsaw puzzle, a trivia game, and a seek-and-find in one box.

The questions range from "For what holiday was the song 'Jingle Bells' originally written?" (Thanksgiving) to "Are Santa's reindeer male or female?" (Female. Male reindeer lose their antlers in November.)

For younger puzzlers, (or simply a quicker Christmas party activity) the 72-piece Christmas Trivia Puzzle (ages 6 to 10, $34.99) has big, extra-thick pieces that build into a 2-by-3-foot floor puzzle, with a Christmas trivia question and answer on the back of every piece. It was a 2025 ASTRA Play Award finalist.

"I noticed that if you put a jigsaw puzzle out on a table, people naturally gather to it – a puzzle gives people something to do, which makes social gatherings easier," Livuzzle Co-Founder Valerie Abenoth said. "We took that a step further and added a conversational component to all of our puzzles (trivia, jokes, quotes, and seek/find activities) to get people talking, laughing, and learning together as they gather around a puzzle. It's a connect-while-you-connect sort of idea. We're proud that our puzzles are made in Tipton, and we love that a Christmas puzzle with a question about Santa Claus, Indiana, is made in Indiana, too."



Photo provided by Livuzzle

Livuzzle puzzles are made on extra-sturdy puzzle board and are recyclable. The children's sizes have passed children's product safety testing, so they're made to last and to be passed on for years. The company manufactures all of its inventory in Tipton, including its USA History Trivia Puzzle, a 1,000-piece puzzle with 72 American history questions, made for America's 250th birthday.

Both Christmas Trivia Puzzles are available now on Amazon. Learn more at **livuzzle.com**.

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Janus Developmental Services and the For the Love of Janus Guild will present the seventh annual Janus Jingle on Sunday, Dec. 6. It is a great way to get into the holiday spirit and support Janus.

Tickets are $20 each and all the money goes directly to the Janus Guild to help fund programs for Janus participants. You will tour a beautifully decorated home with 45 Christmas trees and all the other decorations to go along with them. Enjoy Christmas cookies, a special Christmas coffee or Christmas punch, all while getting into the holiday spirit and visiting with friends and family.

Tickets are sold in time slots, so it is easier for everyone to enjoy. Time slots are 1 to 2 p.m., 2 to 3 p.m., and 3 to 4 p.m.

Purchase tickets online at **tinyurl.com/janusjingle2026**. You will receive an email with the event details.

You can also purchase a ticket through a Guild Member or Jerry Jamison by emailing **jjamison@janus-inc.org**.

Get help surviving holiday season with Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare program

The REPORTER

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed.

Have you lost a loved one or know someone who will find it difficult to face the coming holidays? GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays seminar will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, in Wesley Hall at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. Please enter through Door 7.

This seminar will be open to anyone experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one. The program offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar, you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. Facilitators who have experienced grief-filled holidays will lead attendees in discussion of how to manage all holidays and special dates in your life now.

To find out more about GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, email Coleen Albright at **coleen.albright58@gmail.com** or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

This program is free and no registration is necessary. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors who are struggling through grief. All attendees will receive a Holiday Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt unveils 2026 lineup of vendors, artisans & live music

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Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Inc. (CCI) has unveiled the event schedule and vendor list for the ninth Carmel Christkindlmarkt season. In 2026, attendees can look forward to 60 authentic German vendor huts – including two new booths – over 160 hours of live music, nine visiting German artisans, seven cherished traditional events and an expanded free shuttle service. The Market will officially open on Nov. 21 and run through Dec. 24.

The Market's free shuttle service is back by popular demand, with expanded capacity to alleviate parking challenges for the over a quarter-million visitors expected to visit the Carmel Christkindlmarkt this year. The ADA-accessible service will be available to all patrons on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the Market season. Every 15 minutes, Market shuttles will pick up visitors at a parking lot on CNO Financial Group's former campus (550 College Drive) and drop them off at the Market's entrance on 3rd Avenue.



Photo provided by Roben Bellomo / Bellomo Studios / Carmel Christkindlmarkt

Returning for its ninth season, the popular Carmel Christkindlmarkt promises to pack Carter Green with that undeniable Christmas spirit.

"We are eager to welcome visitors back to the Market and create joyful spaces where they can make memories that become traditions," CCI CEO Jason Adamowicz said. "The Carmel Christkindlmarkt team has been preparing year-round for this event, making intentional updates such as selecting new vendors, expanded shuttle service and more. All of this is done with the goal of creating a magical Market experience for every one of our guests."

Authentic food, drink and handmade gifts sourced from Germany and German-speaking countries, exclusively available at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, will be sold by vendors at 60 festive wooden huts throughout the Market's footprint. The 2026 Market will feature two new vendors and several returning crowd-favorites.

New vendors

• **Ino Schaller Papiermaché** – Discover traditional German papier-mâché figurines made in Meilschnitz, Germany. These charming handcrafted pieces are perfect for adding a little German tradition to your holiday collection.

• **Brathaus** – Serving traditional German bratwurst, including Nürnberger Bratwürste and Käsekrainer, along with ham and bean soup. This is the first-ever vendor to serve Nürnberger Bratwürste at the Market, providing yet another delicious taste of Germany.

Carmel Christkindlmarkt's traveling artisan program is also returning for the 2026 season. From Nov. 21 through Dec. 24, a rotation of nine artisans will travel from Germany and take up residence in the Werkstatt (Workshop). There, they will showcase their crafts – from wood-working to glass-blowing – during live demonstrations. Visitors are welcome to meet the artisans, share stories, swap tricks and tips, and feel inspired by this opportunity for cultural exchange.



Adamowicz

"In a world where so much is mass-manufactured, we remain committed to preserving the traditions behind what people see, taste and experience at Carmel Christkindlmarkt," Adamowicz said. "Our stringent authenticity and quality requirements for vendors, performers and artisans are what make our Market one of the most authentic German Christmas market experiences in the U.S."

In addition to vendors and artisans, over 160 hours of live musical performances are scheduled at the Market's Winter Pavilion throughout the 2026 season. Artists include:

• **Alex Meixner** – a Grammy-nominated polka artist known for his modern twist on traditional folk music.

• **Duke Tumatoe** – a renowned blues guitarist, songwriter, and vocalist.

• **Johnny Koenig Band** – a "polkastar" and recognized force in the genre.

• **Midwest Alphorns** – an unforgettable ensemble of 12-foot-long Swiss alphorns, performing beloved German cultural songs and Christmas favorites.

• **Mollie B** – Award-winning vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, and polka performer.

CCI will also host seven special events in 2026, which have quickly become beloved traditions:

• **Opening Ceremony (Nov. 21)** – Celebrate the new Market season with the ringing of the inaugural opening bell and live music.

• **Tree Lighting Ceremony (Nov. 21)** – Experience the magic of the Christmas tree at Carter Green as it lights up for the first time.

• **Sankt Martinstag (Nov. 25)** – A cozy celebration honoring the timeless story of St. Martin's kindness.

• **Sankt Nikolaustag (Dec. 5)** – Bring the kids to meet St. Nikolaus and participate in craftmaking in the Kindereke.

• **German Sing-Along and Ornament Exchange (Dec. 9)** – Join in singing German carols and swap ornaments with other visitors.

• **Glühwein Gallop 5k (Dec. 12)** – A festive 5k race that starts and finishes at the Market, complete with a costume contest.

• **Military Appreciation Day (Dec. 21)** – A special ceremony honoring active and retired military members.

A full schedule of the Market's 2026 lineup of performances, events and activities can be found at **carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/schedule**.

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt is made possible each year by the City of Carmel and the support of generous sponsors, including Tom Wood Porsche and Ascension St. Vincent, which operates the Market's first aid hut.

Eric Foley joins Adler Attorneys

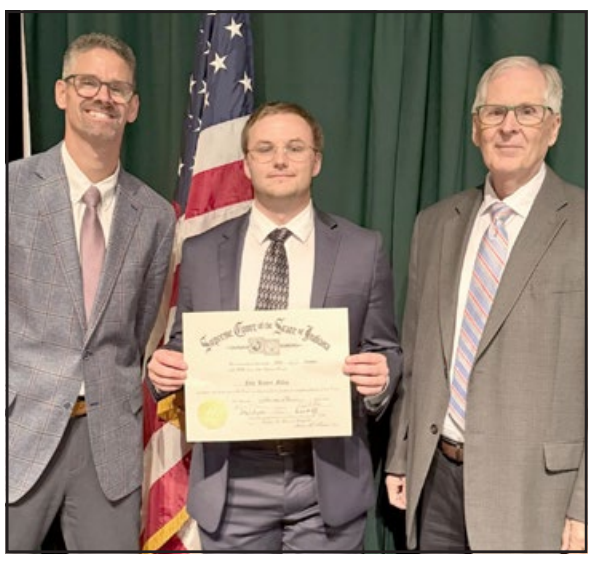


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Congratulations to Eric Foley (center) who recently passed the bar in Indiana and joined Adler Attorneys in Noblesville. (From left) Seth Wilson, partner at Adler Attorneys, Foley, and Ray Adler, partner at Adler Attorneys.

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Kathryn (Kathi) L. (Bales) Ottesen

June 16, 1950 – October 25, 2026



Kathryn (Kathi) L. (Bales) Ottesen, Greenfield, passed away October 25, 2026, at home. Kathi was born June 16, 1950, to William (Bill) and Audra (Louise) Bales in Noblesville.

Kathi had a strong work ethic in office administration. From scheduling to organizing records and file retention, she took great pride and dedication in her work. Kathi spent most of her working career in the road construction business. Beginning with a decade of office administration at E&B and nearly 20 years working with her husband, Tim, at T & R and Indiana Traffic Services (ITS).

After retirement, Kathi loved to spend time with her sisters and sister-in-law as well as a sweet group of friends she called her "gal pals."

Kathi married Tim Ottesen on December 30, 1994. They spent nearly 32 years of life side by side building the business, exploring new places, spoiling their dogs, and cheering on their Indianapolis Colts, Pacers, and Fever teams.

Kathi is survived by children, Wendi (Donnie) West, Julie Sobczak, Gary (Marlena) McDougall, and Theo (Caitlin) Ottesen; mother, Louise Bales; siblings, Bonnie (Randy) Smith, Debbie Waple, Ron (Leslie) Bales, and Linda (John) Stapleton; siblings-in-law, Robert Ottesen (Ali Ochs), Michael (Xi Xi), and Deborah Price; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Kathi was preceded in death by her father, Bill Bales; siblings-in-law, Joseph Waple, Coby Ottesen, and Steve Ottesen; and nephew, Joe Waple.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with funeral services at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Theodore (Tim) M. Ottesen III

December 30, 1953 – October 25, 2026

Theodore (Tim) M. Ottesen III, Greenfield, passed away October 25, 2026, at home. Tim was born December 30, 1953, to Theodore (Ted) M. and Charlotte (Coburn) Ottesen in Dayton, Ohio.

Tim proudly served in the United States Marines.

Tim leaves a legacy as a hardworking, self-made business man. He spent his life building a successful business and reputation in road construction. Tim took great pride in the companies (T & R and Indiana Traffic Services ITS) he created and the incredible network of business associates, colleagues, and friendships established in the industry that will be remembered for generations.

When not focusing on work, Tim's adventures included owning harness racing horses, driving race cars, flying airplanes, and playing golf.

Tim married Kathi (Bales) Henderson on December 30, 1994. They spent nearly 32 years of life side by side building the business, exploring new places, spoiling their dogs, and cheering on their Indianapolis Colts, Pacers, and Fever teams.

Tim is survived by children, Theo (Caitlin) Ottesen, Gary (Marlena) McDougall, Julie Sobczak, and Wendi (Donnie) West; his siblings, Robert Ottesen (Ali Ochs), Michael (Xi Xi) Ottesen and Deborah Price; mother-in-law, Louise Bales; siblings-in-law, Bonnie (Randy) Smith, Debbie Waple, Ron (Leslie) Bales, and Linda (John) Stapleton; 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, James (Coby) and Steve Ottesen; and niece, Stephanie Ottesen.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with funeral services at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

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Jean Elizabeth Fleming

February 25, 1945 – October 26, 2026



Jean Elizabeth Fleming, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, October 26, 2026, at Bridgewater Healthcare Center in Carmel, leaving behind a beautiful legacy of love, kindness, service, and unwavering devotion to her family and community.

Born on February 25, 1945, to R. Wayne Musselman and Helen Costomiris Musselman, Jean lived her life with a servant's heart, a gentle spirit, and a genuine love for others. She was a woman whose warmth could be felt the moment you met her, whose smile could brighten any room, and whose kindness was extended freely to everyone she encountered.

On December 31, 1965, Jean married the love of her life, Ronald J. Fleming. Together, they shared more than 60 years of marriage, building a life centered on love, family, and service to others.

Jean is survived by her loving husband, Ronald; her two children, Scott Allen Fleming (Gina) and Jill Marie Barnes (Alan); and her eight beloved grandsons: Andrew (Nicole) and Noah Fleming; Maddux and McCoy Fulk; and Jack, Cole (Anna), Luke, and Will Barnes. She is survived by siblings Patricia Overdorf, David Musselman (Cherie Query), and Diana Musselman (Phil Hall), and was preceded in death by siblings Joyce Wiggins and Gary Musselman. Several nieces, nephews, and cousins survive as well.

Being a grandmother was one of Jean's greatest joys. She absolutely adored her grandsons and took tremendous pride in each of them. She was always eager to hear how they were doing and what was happening in their lives. Never one to miss an opportunity to brag about her boys, Jean delighted in sharing their accomplishments and celebrating the young men they have become. Each held a special place in her heart, and her love for them was immeasurable.

A proud 1963 graduate of Noblesville High School, Jean's love for her hometown and the Noblesville Millers ran deep. She devoted 32 years of her life to teaching Family and Consumer Sciences at NHS, touching countless lives along the way. For Jean, teaching was far more than a profession; it was an opportunity to encourage, nurture, and make a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Her commitment to the school community did not end with retirement. Jean remained an integral part of the Noblesville High School family, maintaining the friendships, connections, and traditions that meant so much to her. She proudly wore the black and gold throughout her life, and few things brought her greater pride than watching her own children and grandchildren graduate from the same high school where she was a student and educator. Being a Noblesville Miller was a lifelong honor she treasured.

Jean's passion for education and service extended well beyond the classroom. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, Tri Kappa sorority, and the Hamilton County Retired Teachers Association. She was also a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville.

For many years, Jean was actively involved with Prevail, Inc., a nonprofit organization providing free, confidential support and crisis intervention to survivors of crime and abuse. This was a cause especially near and dear to her. Her dedication to Prevail reflected her compassion for others and her desire to offer support, dignity, and hope to those facing difficult circumstances.

Those who knew Jean will remember her as a woman of extraordinary patience, gentleness, and kindness. She truly never met a stranger. Whether greeting a familiar face or meeting someone for the very first time, Jean had a remarkable ability to make people feel welcomed, valued, and cared for. Her kindness was not reserved for special occasions or grand gestures; it was simply how she lived, each and every day.

One of Jean's lifelong friends perhaps captured her spirit best when she shared that, in all the years she had known Jean, she could not recall ever seeing her angry. Instead, she remembered a woman who always had a smile on her face. That gentle, joyful presence was a gift Jean shared with everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Above all, Jean lived her life in service to others. Whether through her years as an educator, her involvement in the community, her commitment to causes she believed in, or the love and encouragement she gave so freely to her family. Jean made the world around her a kinder and more welcoming place. She led not by seeking recognition, but by quietly and consistently showing up for others with love, patience, and grace.

Jean's legacy will live on through her family, the generations of students she taught, the community she faithfully served, and the countless individuals whose lives were made brighter because she was part of them. She will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever cherished.

Visitation took place Sunday, November 1, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

An additional visitation was held Monday, November 2, 2026, at First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, followed by a funeral service celebrating Jean's life.

Burial followed at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

For those wishing to honor Jean's memory, the family would be deeply grateful for memorial contributions made in her name to First Christian Church of Noblesville or Prevail, Inc., two organizations that held a special place in her heart.

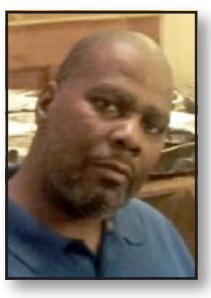
The family sincerely appreciates the love, prayers, and kindness extended during this time.

Jean's was a life beautifully lived, a heart generously shared, and a legacy of love and service that will continue to inspire those she leaves behind.

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McClinton Brown

September 19, 1966 – October 27, 2026



McClinton Brown, 60, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on September 19, 1966, in Detroit, Mich.

McClinton worked as a salesman for a cable company. He loved to read Bible scriptures and enjoyed computers and traveling.

No services are planned. Randall and Roberts Funeral Home has been entrusted with McClinton's care.

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Sharon Sue (Gibson) Neal

June 7, 1947 – October 24, 2026



Sharon Sue (Gibson) Neal, 79, Noblesville, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday October 24, 2026, surrounded by her family in her home in the woods.

The eldest child of Bill and Betty Gibson, Sharon was born in a log cabin in Wadestown, W.V., in 1947. She graduated from Crawfordsville High School in 1965, and was a member of the last graduating class of Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Indianapolis in 1968. In 1969, The Summer of Love, Sharon married the love of her life and husband of 52 years, Roger Neal, of Noblesville.

The young couple began their family in 1971. Their early journeys led them to Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area in Daviess County, where Roger served as the wildlife biologist and later property manager. They raised their two children at Glendale for the next 15 years. In January of 1991, Sharon lost her only sister, in Louisiana, and the Neal family lost all of their earthly possessions in a house fire in Indiana. At a time when most would crumble, Roger and Sharon, with overwhelming support from family and friends, persevered and rallied. Roger took an administrative job in Indianapolis with the Department of Natural Resources; the family developed land on Roger's childhood homestead in Noblesville; and they built their forever home: a majestic log home nestled in the woods of Hamilton County.

Sharon was an angel upon this Earth, disguised as a full-time registered nurse. In her 42-year nursing career, she worked all over the state: as an on-call surgical nurse, in the extended care/elder field, and performing essential pre-operative interviews. She was universally respected for her skill and dedication by surgeons, doctors, administrators, and nurses in the surgical field, and fought for the dignity and peace of her elder care patients. She learned that a patient may forget her name, but they would never forget how she made them feel.

Roger and Sharon loved to travel. They worked full time, overtime, and still picked up odd jobs to take their children and grandchildren on the most magical of vacations. For over 50 years, they traversed the hemisphere. From Yellowstone, Yosemite, Alberta, the Black Hills, Disneyland, Dodger Stadium, the Bahamas, Redwood National Forest, Crater Lake, the Grand Canyon, Montana, The Great Smoky Mountains, Mexico, the Grand Tetons, The Alamo, and Alaska, just to name a few.

Sharon loved celebrating Christmas, apple pie, crafting, Bob Evans, orange circus peanuts, The Oak Ridge Boys, Estée Lauder, frozen Bahama Mamas, entertaining and hosting, Cher, chicken Parmesan, M*A*S*H, gardening, The Hallmark Channel, singing, coffee, sheet cakes with walnuts, giving others birthday gifts, Dolly Parton, canning pickles and green beans, mauve pink, butterscotch discs, fresh sheets from the clothesline, Barbra Streisand, Cashmere Woods, her arsenal of glue guns, chicken & noodles, Kenny Rogers, writing Christmas cards, Jane Fonda, watching her grandchildren perform & compete, NCIS, Lorna Doone cookies, Martini & Rossi Asti Spumante, breakfast, Crystal Gayle, orange popsicles, and the literary works of Danielle Steel, Debbie Macomber, and Robyn Carr.

Sharon was a 35-year member and the soul of Union Church in Noblesville. She found immense joy as a 15-year alto in the Hamilton County Silvernotes, a statewide female singing group. She went by many names, to many people: Sharon. Sharon Sue. Susie. Sharn. Mom. But in the end, she was the ultimate grandma: 4' 9" inches of pure wisdom, patience, humility, razor-sharp wit, kindness, grace, and class. Mamaw Incarnate.

Left with decades of unforgettable memories are her surviving immediate family members: son Jeff (Jamie) Neal of Vincennes; daughter Jennifer Schlotter of Noblesville; brother Ron Gibson of Ladoga; sister-in-law Darlene (Joel) Musselman of Noblesville; seven grandchildren: Allison (Kyle) Tucker, Haley Neal, Kate (Chris) Conder, Kyle Schlotter, Kolden Schlotter, Chase Neal, and Cooper Neal; and nine nieces and nephews.

Leaving this world before Sharon were: her husband Roger Neal (in December 2021), father Bill Gibson, her mother Betty (Strosnider) Gibson, her sister Sandra (Gibson) Odom, and her faithful canine companion, Heidi.

Visitation too place Tuesday, October 27 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. The funeral service was held Wednesday, October 28, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home. Sharon was laid to rest aside her beloved Roger at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville, at a graveside ceremony after the service.

As an alternative to flowers, friends and family may send a donation in Sharon's memory to Union Church at 19090 Deshane Ave., Noblesville, IN, 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Bruce A. Lauter

August 3, 1934 – October 26, 2026



Bruce A. Lauter, 92, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 26, 2026, surrounded by his family.

He was born on August 3, 1934, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Ernest and Violet (Janke) Lauter. He was a graduate of Euclid High School. He attended Case Western Reserve University and was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. He served his country proudly in the United States Army 101st Airborne Division as a paratrooper and a medic. After his retirement from Exide Battery, he bought and ran the Cicero Do It Center in Cicero with his wife, Janet. They owned the store until they retired.

Bruce enjoyed golfing, sailing, listening to the Four Freshmen among other groups of his day, and a good cigar. He also enjoyed yearly vacations with his family when his children were growing up. Many weekends were spent at South Haven, Mich., on the family sailboat. He was a participant in the Chicago to Mackinac sailboat race.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 67 years, Janet (McNellan) Lauter; three daughters, Kelly (Don) Snyder, Kyle Lauter, and Karen Norvell (Rusty Forth); as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kimberly Webber; two brothers, Neil and Kirk Lauter; and sister-in-law, Barbara McCoy.

The family gives special thanks to Enlight Hospice, Grace At Home, and Senior Helpers for all their care and support.

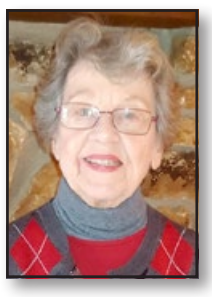
A private burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Carol Ann Dembowski

January 31, 1935 – October 21, 2026



Carol Ann Dembowski, 91, Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at Wellbrooke of Avon. She was born on January 31, 1935, to Chester and Helen (Putz) Szalkowski in Toledo, Ohio.

She married Gerald "Jerry" Dembowski in 1956, who predeceased her in 2005. She and Jerry live in San Francisco, Calif., Columbus, Ohio, Anderson, Ind., and East Windsor, N.J., before settling in Noblesville during their almost 50 years of marriage.

In her early years Carol worked as a legal secretary and then became a homemaker after the birth of their daughter, Susan. She was a long-time member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville. Carol was known for picking out just the right greeting card for those she loved, and she had a great sense of humor.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Carl McJunkins; grandson, Sam McJunkins; granddaughter, Lucia McJunkins; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of almost 50 years, Jerry Dembowski.

Visitation and a Mass of Christian Burial were held Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Burial was at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Special thanks to the staff at Rittenhouse Village at Northside for caring for Carol and making her last years happy ones.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamilton-humane.com), or the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 (heart.org), or the donor's favorite charity.

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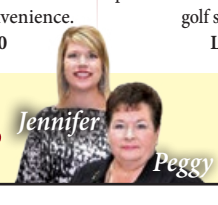

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The world of D&D

COLUMNIST



KASON CRAMER
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.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be whoever you want to be, do whatever you want without any real-world consequences? That is D&D in a nutshell.

Every game of D&D is different because there are different Dungeon Masters, different worlds, different characters, and different rolls. At SHS, there is a D&D Club.

D&D is a tabletop role-playing game. I am a player in one of the campaigns. I also want to be a Dungeon Master next quarter. A dungeon master is the god of the campaign. They create the world and story for the players to play in. I got involved in D&D at home because of my dad. We played a campaign, and it was my first experience with D&D.

D&D makes Sheridan better. It adds creativity and something to do after school. Everyone there is nice and friendly. And there are multiple campaigns if you don't like the one you currently have.

Voting, veterans & virtue

COLUMNIST



NANCY KELLY SMITH
Civility Counts

"In essentials, unity, in non-essentials, liberty, and in all things, charity."

Puritan Richard Baxter promoted this maxim in his day, and it still has relevance for us as citizens today.

In order to have a functioning government, practicing civility is a necessity, an essential. We are now in the season of campaigning and voting for some of our local, state, and national leaders.

So when and where do we practice civility? In all our interactions with other citizens, especially those of a different political persuasion, we treat people with respect. We don't have to agree, but can agree to disagree. Disagreeing doesn't mean we are entitled to be rude or insulting, however. To those campaigning who come to our doors, a simple "Thank you, but I don't have time now" and closing (not slamming) the door is a way to end the encounter civilly. Maybe the campaign material given will end up in the trash, but the other person wasn't "trashed"!

Another time and place to practice civility is at the polling place. Having recruited poll workers for three different elections in Hamilton County, I know what a VERY long day is required for those who accept a position at the polls. If a question, mistake, or challenging situation should come up, that issue would be directed to a person who could help resolve it. We may feel frustrated at times if we believe we are not getting our due in some way. But we can calm down, practice self-control and still treat poll workers with civility and that could help resolve the issue without lingering animosity. We are all human, less than perfect, and we may do well to give ourselves and others some grace.

Undoubtedly, most citizens in our county are being civil with each other as we engage in the election process.

Important to note also, is that it is not essential that we persuade others to vote for our choices. We have the liberty to vote for the candidates we think would best reflect our values and perform the duties of their elected office with competency, dedication, and integrity, embodying civility in what they say and do.

Many of us have had family members or friends who served in the military, or who are veterans themselves. My father was in the Army in WWII, trained at Camp Atterbury here in Indiana, fought and was captured and spent months in a German POW camp before being liberated. Consequently, I have some knowledge of what suffering veterans and their families have endured to preserve our freedoms, including the freedom to vote. All the veterans I know fought in Viet Nam. Most of them were not treated with civility and respect when they returned stateside. But now we have the opportunity to thank them, to attend ceremonies that honor them, to donate to reliable veterans organizations that support veterans, and hopefully, provide resources that can provide housing, mental and emotional support and end the tragedy of veteran suicide.

Who among us does not want to be understood? to belong? to be loved? To me, "charity" IS love, and is the foundation of "civility." I don't think of love necessarily as an emotion. I think sometimes it is a decision to care about another person. To treat that one as we want to be treated with dignity and respect.

Charity is a virtue to permeate all our words and actions. If it does, the practice of civility can become commonplace. We can all do our part to make it so.

Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civic Renaissance. Learn more at ***civic-renaissance.com****.*

Obituaries

Marvyn Piel

October 9, 1953 – October 26, 2026



Marvyn Piel, a generous and hardworking man, was born on October 9, 1953, in Beech Grove, Ind., and passed away on October 26, 2026, at the age of 73.

A retired automotive mechanic, Marvyn dedicated many years to his craft at Esler's Auto Repair in Westfield before retiring in 2018. His greatest joy in life came from the time spent with his cherished family and friends, especially his beloved grandchildren, whose smiles could light up his day.

Marvyn married the love of his life on January 7, 1995, and together they built a life filled with love and laughter. He is survived by his step-children, Julie (Justin) Michael, Joshua (Christina) Heath, and Matt (Sarah) Page; his grandchildren, Elaina Page, Monte Heath, Emma Heath, Josie Michael, and Jackson Michael; his sister, Nancy Scott; nephew, Jonathan Scott; and niece, Elizabeth Hyatt.

Marvyn was preceded in death by his parents, Ronald and Catherine Piel. Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

The family will be celebrating his life privately. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories and upload photos to the memorial page to celebrate Marvyn's life and legacy.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Velna Holcomb Pennington

November 21, 1945 – October 9, 2026



Velna Holcomb Pennington, 80, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on November 21, 1945, to Wayne Edson and Velna Harriett (Quinette) Holcomb in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Velna was a registered nurse where her care and concern for others served her well. Over her 30+ year career, she worked in hospitals, home health care, doctor's office, and did drug research. Velna enjoyed knitting and genealogy. She loved her family and her Heavenly Father, God.

She is survived by her husband of 59 1/2 years, Douglas Pennington; son, Aaron (Lorri) Pennington; daughter, Christine (Daryl) Lassen, brother, Ken of Michigan, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Wayne and Harriett, of Alloway, N.J., Velna was preceded in death by siblings Kay and Jim from Michigan, and Wayne Jr., Jean, Vincent, Jeffrey, and Wendy, all from New Jersey.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 21, at Alexandria First Baptist Church, 2107 S. Park Ave., Alexandria, Ind. Velna's family has entrusted her care to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation or The American Fibromyalgia Syndrome Association Inc.

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Martha Leora (Schoolcraft) Height

d. October 29, 2026



Martha Leora (Schoolcraft) Height, 62, Noblesville, went to be with the Lord on October 29, 2026. She was born in Noblesville to Martha (Haygood) and Louis Schoolcraft Jr.

Marti, as she was known to those who love her, was a mother, a Gammie, a wife, an aunt, a sister, a mail carrier, and a friend. For the past 27 years, Marti found joy and immense pride working as a Rural Route Mail Carrier for the Carmel Post Office. She had such a passion for her customers, her coworkers, and the mail process. Marti delivered mail to 584 boxes daily and even with that large number, you could give her a customer name and she would immediately tell you the customer's address and how long they had lived at the residence.

Always a jokester, Marti loved to make people laugh. She had the biggest heart and a kind spirit. She was a lover of the warm sun, a crisp morning, an upbeat song, and a good prank. Marti loved to do random acts of kindness and many times those were carried out anonymously. She enjoyed making those she loved feel valued and took pride in making them laugh. Her grandchildren were her ultimate pride and joy. "Love is how you stay alive, even after you are gone." – Mitch Albom

Marti will always be loved by her grandchildren, Madison, Brayden, and Paisley Cook, Jacob Dawson II, and Shia Mendoza; her children, Natosha (Brad) Cook, Jacob Dawson, Destiny Height (Christopher Mendoza); as well as her husband, Mike Height.

To honor Marti's request, there will be no public service.

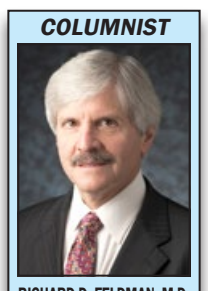
In lieu of sending flowers to the family, please consider making a donation towards a memorial bench in honor of Marti or perform a random act of kindness in her honor. Donations for the memorial bench can be made at gofund.me/3b5be99ec.

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Is Indiana doing enough to support school-health programs?

COLUMNIST



RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.
State of Our Health

The American School Health Association recently contacted me for possible involvement in their October centennial national conference being held in Indianapolis. It reminded me of my work in addressing school-health issues when I was Indiana's state health commissioner and how important schools are to supporting children's health.

Schools are part of our public health system and play a significant role in assuring our children's physical, social, and emotional health. Schools are ideal places to meet children where they are. It's difficult for an unhealthy, disadvantaged, or struggling child to learn and prepare for a productive, well-adjusted life. Schools can help reduce health disparities and, ultimately, health-care costs.

They support physical health by providing physical education, organized sports, and health education that includes instruction on disease prevention, sexual health, and healthy nutrition and lifestyles. Education regarding the perils of substance abuse, including tobacco, vaping, and alcohol, can reduce initiation and foster resistance to peer pressure. Knowledge is power.

School breakfast and lunch programs are particularly critical for low-income children, many of whom rely on these meals as a primary source of daily nutrition. It's difficult for a hungry child to learn.

School-based health clinics improve access to medical and preventative care, especially valuable for disadvantaged children who have social and economic barriers to accessing the health-care system. These clinics also provide management of acute and chronic illnesses, mental health counseling, and referrals.

Understand that teachers, nurses, social workers, psychologists, and counselors are often not only the first to recognize untreated medical conditions, but also signs of child abuse, neglect, developmental delays, attention deficit disorder, and learning disabilities. Additionally, they identify anxiety, depression, and substance abuse, among other mental-health conditions. These professionals facilitate connecting families to providers and other resources.

The school's function in socialization cannot be overstated. Schools provide supportive and inclusive environments. Through involvement in the classroom and school activities, children can develop an understanding of teamwork, acceptance of diversity, and leadership skills. Students also learn the interpersonal attributes of empathy and effective communication; they can acquire conflict resolution and prudent decision-making skills.

From my own childhood experience, I appreciate that the school environment is a chance for students to experience inspiring, nurturing teachers, coaches, and other school staff who serve as role models to emulate and provide encouragement and direction. To be mentored is a gift.

Schools, including those in Indiana, face significant barriers to promoting health, including limited funding; shortages of school nurses, counselors, and psychologists; and inequitable distribution of resources among school districts. Inadequate parental involvement, lack of comprehensive health education, and policies that do not consider the effect on student health are additional barriers. Addressing these challenges requires collaboration among educators, health professionals, families, government, and the breath of community stakeholders. It's a shared responsibility.

Investment in comprehensive school-health programs represents one of the most effective strategies for helping children achieve academic success and reaching their full potential. This approach is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics and by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Whole School, Community, Child model, which emphasizes the integration of education, health services, family engagement, and community partnerships.

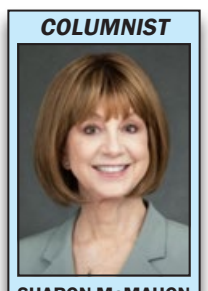
A child's health is not just about preventing and treating illness. It's also about assuring conditions exist that allow a child to thrive. Schools are essential in that process.

As the national conference comes to Indianapolis, it seems like a good time for me to ask: Is Indiana doing enough to support our school-health programs?

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

What can we do as food prices rise?

COLUMNIST



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

"To eat is a necessity, but to eat intelligently is an art." – Francois De La Rochefoucauld, French author (1613-1680)

Honestly, what is the meaning of this quote? While there may be different interpretations, I will share mine with you, dear readers. We all understand that eating is a necessity but eating *intelligently* can be confusing given the plethora of items available, from organic produce to heavily processed items to fast food.

Within the parameters of the many choices lies a very obvious and serious issue of rising food costs. I am the grocery shopper in my home, for the most part. My husband, who is actually retired from the food industry, enjoys a foray through the grocery aisles occasionally, but I am the one who sees the escalating food costs at a pace which I have never witnessed in the past, and I am willing to bet that has been the case for you as well.

During the previous 20 years (2006−25), prices for all food increased 3.0 percent per year, on average. In **2026, prices for all food are forecast to increase 2.8 percent,** with a forecast interval of 2.6 to 3.1 percent. **In 2027, prices for all food are forecast to increase 1.7 percent,** with a forecast interval of -2.5 to 6.2 percent.[1] I would imagine, though I do not have statistics to back me up, that these rising costs differ depending on the geographical areas. In recent months, I have been watching some of these prices closely and interestingly have noted that along with the rising prices, *the packaging has been reduced, thereby increasing the cost per item as well.*

Again, I am not a food scientist nor have I studied the data beyond what you see here, but I think it is fair to say that food costs from the grocery store to dining out will not be reduced going forward.

What is a consumer to do?

It stands to reason that we will be reviewing our meal plans with the goal of not only keeping our grocery budget in line but making sure that our purchases are as nutritious as possible. This can be achieved, I believe, to some degree of success through planning and research. I do not consider myself a "coupon clipper" as such, but there are some coupons available online for products that you use regularly or would like to try. The key is, of course, only to select those that make sense for your family's needs and interests. And make sure you note expiration dates as well as quantities required, etc.

Buying in bulk can be cost-saving, but there again make sure that the items will be consumed in a timely manner or can be frozen or otherwise secured for future meal planning. Some grocers offer "clearance" items that you can carefully select if you note any expiration dates or item damage. I would be remiss, as my loyal readers know, if I did not mention the importance of any items' nutritional value; low sugar and additives, with adequate protein and/or other nutritional components. These criteria would also ring true for any food pantry items you wish to donate.

Dining out is another area of escalating menu pricing. Often restaurants offer specials on specific days of the week and during specific times on those days. Others may offer coupons or incentives such as senior pricing which can be helpful as well. Restaurant staff work hard and keep in mind that if you dine out you should tip fairly, so include that in your dining budget.

Bon appétit!

[1] **usda.gov**

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

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NOTICE TO PRE-QUALIFIED TIER 1 BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received: BY AND AT:
Hamilton Southeastern Schools
Central Office
13485 Cumberland Road
Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 594-4100
Attn: Jerry Enyart

FOR: **Hamilton Southeastern High School Pool Unit Replacements**
PROJECT LOCATION: HSE High School
12499 Olio Road
Fishers, IN 46037

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Hamilton Southeastern High School Pool Unit Replacements

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PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on **Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 1:30 PM at Hamilton Southeastern High School. Meet at Main Entry Doors**. The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the pool mechanical mezzanines and roof areas. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact Jerry Enyart, email: jenyart@hse.k12.in.us phone: (317) 594-4380. Drawings and specifications shall be available at the ReproGraphix online plan room. https://eplanroom.reprographix.com/

CONTRACT TYPE:

Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material, and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.

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The Contract to which the Owner will be a party will contain a provision prohibiting the other party to the Contract, and their subcontractors, from engaging in employment practice that constitutes a discrimination against a person because of the person's race, color, sex, religion, national origin or ancestry. The successful Bidder shall provide an affidavit with each billing assuring the Owner that this provision has not been violated.

Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to RE Dimond and Associates, Inc, 317-634-4672. Contact Mike East mike.east@redimond.com.

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond. Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable to Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages.

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R8916 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

CITY OF FISHERS
FALL CREEK BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE VA-26-10

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://fishersin.gov/how-do-i/

View the list of board members at FishersIN.gov/FCBZA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the **FALL CREEK BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center, FMC Nickel Plate Conference Room, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038**.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # VA-26-10 -Consideration of three (3) Development Standards Variances from:

1. Section 6.2.2.A. of the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to allow a residential accessory structure with a floor area of 2200 square feet, rather than the permitted maximum floor area of 2000 square feet;
2. Section 6.2.2.B. of the City's UDO to allow a residential accessory structure with a height of 28 feet, rather than the permitted maximum height of 18 feet; and
3. Section 6.2.2.C.3. of the City's UDO to allow a residential accessory structure to be placed with a side setback of 8 feet, rather than the permitted minimum side setback for accessory structures over 600 square feet that is equivalent to the height of the structure (i.e., if request #2 were approved, the minimum side setback is 28 feet).

LOCATION: 11022 E 116TH ST, FISHERS, IN 46037

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Community and Economic Development, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:

City of Fishers Community and Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: Adam Mears, Gradison Building Corp.

R8913 *11/2/26*

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FOR: **Hamilton Southeastern Schools – Hoosier Road ES and Brooks School Road ES Boiler Replacement**
PROJECT LOCATION: Hamilton Southeastern Schools -
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Fishers, IN 46037

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R8915 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

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Notice to Sub-Contractors - Pre-Qualification

Date: October 15, 2026
Re: **Fall Creek Intermediate - Parking Lot Renovation**
12011 Olio Rd, Fishers, IN 46037
The Skillman Corporation Project No. 223731

All first tier subcontractors wishing to bid and contract for this project must be prequalified in order to participate in the bidding process and to be considered for an award of contract. The prequalification process will be administered by the Owner's Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc), The Skillman Corporation. The following are the Bid Categories under consideration for this project.

1 – Site Improvements

In order to prequalify, first tier subcontractors must submit their completed Prequalification Form conforming to the requirements set forth below no later than November 5, 2026. The CMc reserves the right to extend this deadline in its sole discretion. The Prequalification Form is available for pick up by interested first tier subcontractors at The Skillman Corporation's Office. Prequalification Form will also be available via email, requests shall be sent to Andrew Huehls at ahuehls@skillman.com. Bid documents will be available on or after October 16, 2026

Prequalification requirements set forth by Indianapolis Public Schools are as follows:

• Performance & Payment Bond from company with a rating of A+ VII, A VII or A- VII by A. M. Best and lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located.

• Must be able to obtain Insurance in the amount of $3 Million Commercial General Liability; $3 Million Aggregate; $5 Million Umbrella from company with a rating of A+ VII, A VII or A- VII by A. M. Best and lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located.

• Provide an arbitration and litigation history on all construction contracts in the last 10 years.

• Provide record of safety history to include EMR, DART, TRIR and history of OSHA violations.

• Provide history of contracting with or hiring minority, women, and veteran business enterprises on prior projects and include date of projects.

• Sub-contractors must commit and be able to comply with applicable laws including but not limited to the requirements detailed in the bidding documents and found in applicable public works and contract statutes.

• First tier subcontractors may be found to be unqualified for this project if the CMc, Architect, or Owner determines that: (i) the above requirements have not been satisfied, (ii) a history of non-compliance by the first tier subcontractor that has negatively impacted the schedule, budget, safety or quality of a project, (iii) if the first tier subcontractor's experience on comparable projects is insufficient, or (iv) the first tier subcontractor's available manpower is insufficient based on its current workload.

Hamilton Southeastern Schools

R8911 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

NOTICE TO PRE-QUALIFIED TIER 1 BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for a Public CMc Project under IC 5-32:

By: The Skillman Corporation, Construction Manager
For: Fall Creek Intermediate - Parking Lot Replacement
At: e-Bid Electronic Bid Submission, November 19, 2026
Until: 2:00 PM (local time) Via: eBid.

Bid Opening: Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM (local time) via Microsoft Teams. Link will be issued in final Addendum. Bids to be submitted electronically; refer to Section 00 10 00 Instructions to Bidders for detailed instructions.

All work for the complete construction of the Project will be under one or more sub-contracts with the Construction Manager based on bids received from pre-qualified tier 1 bidders and on combinations awarded. Award of contracts will be in accordance with Indiana Public Bidding Laws. The Construction Manager will not self-perform any of the work on this project.

Construction shall be in full accordance with the Bidding Documents which are on file with the Owner and Construction Manager and may be examined by prospective bidders at the following locations:

Office of the Construction Manager The Skillman Corporation 3834 S. Emerson Avenue, Building A Indianapolis, IN 46203	The Skillman Plan Room www.skillmanplanroom.com

Pre-Qualified Bidders, sub-subcontractors and material suppliers must place an order on **www.skillmanplanroom.com** to be able to download documents electronically or request printed documents. There is no cost for downloading the bidding documents. Bidders desiring printed documents shall pay for the cost of printing, shipping and handling. Reprographic Services are provided by:

Eastern Engineering 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, Phone 317-598-0661.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 28, 2026, at 1:00PM (local time) via Microsoft Teams (link below) and on site at 12011 Olio Rd, Fishers, IN 46037. Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project. Site investigations will be available upon request.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25761166040412?p=16Z78boYDJbxJqqf62
Meeting ID: 257 611 660 404 12
Passcode: 8Uf6Nu67
Need help? | System reference
Dial in by phone
+1 317-762-3960,,536880749# United States, Indianapolis
Find a local number
Phone conference ID: 536 880 749#

The following bid categories are under consideration for this project:

1 – Site Improvements

Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner and CMc reserve the right, in their sole discretion unless otherwise prohibited by law, to (i) waive any informalities and irregularities in bids received; (ii) reject any or all bids for a particular bid package; and (iii) award subcontracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, provided that the bid has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the bidding documents.

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Owner and CMc shall have the right to accept alternates in any order or combination, unless otherwise specifically provided in the bidding documents, and to determine the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on the basis of the sum of the base bid and alternates accepted.

The successful Bidders will be required to furnish Dual Obligee Performance and Payment Bonds for one hundred percent (100%) of their Contract amount prior to execution of Contracts.

Subcontractors submitting bids for the performance of Work as specified in this building Project should make such Bids to **The Skillman Corporation**. Contractors shall enter into a sub-contract with The Skillman Corporation as the Construction Manager CMc for the Owner.

The Owner and the Construction Manager reserve their rights to accept or reject any Bid (or combination of Bids) and to waive any irregularities in bidding. All Bids may be held for a period not to exceed **60** days before awarding contracts.

THE SKILLMAN CORPORATION

R8912 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

— WESTFIELD —

LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
CAUSE NO. 37389 GCA 148
APPLICATION OF WESTFIELD GAS, LLC, D/B/A CITIZENS GAS OF WESTFIELD FOR A CHANGE IN ITS GAS COST ADJUSTMENT CHARGE FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 2026, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2027

NNotice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in **Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 2:00 PM on November 13, 2026**. This hearing is open to the public.

If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317. 232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
317.232.2701
BY: IURC – Jon Williams, ALJ

DATE: October 28, 2026

R8910 *11/2/26*

— CARMEL —

Notice of Public Sale

City of Carmel Street Department will offer decommissioned vehicles for sale through an online public auction. A listing of the items available for purchase, along with the additional auction information, may be viewed online through GovDeals.

Date: Items will be available to view online starting November 2, 2026. Auction closing date for items is November 18, 2026. Specific times vary depending on vehicle. Details are available online.

Place: Online at **https://www.govdeals.com/en/carmel**

Terms of Sale: Items are sold AS-IS. No warranty available. Shipping is not available. Item must be picked up within 14 days from end of sale. A valid ID will be required at pick-up that matches the name on the invoice (unless prearranged by buyer to seller for a different pickup person). Payment must be certified check.

For any questions, contact Travis Tabak at ttabak@carmel.in.gov.

City of Carmel Street Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

R8807 *11/2/26*

Notice of Public Sale

City of Carmel Street Department will offer decommissioned vehicles for sale through an online public auction. A listing of the items available for purchase, along with the additional auction information, may be viewed online through Municibid.

Date: Items will be available to view online starting November 2, 2026. Auction closing date for items is November 18, 2026. Specific times vary depending on vehicle. Details are available online.

Place: Online at **https://municibid.com/seller/carmelstreetin**

Terms of Sale: Items are sold AS-IS. No warranty available. Shipping is not available. Item must be picked up within 14 days from end of sale. A valid ID will be required at pick-up that matches the name on the invoice (unless prearranged by buyer to seller for a different pickup person). Payment must be certified check.

For any questions, contact Travis Tabak at ttabak@carmel.in.gov.

City of Carmel Street Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

R8808 *11/2/26*



"A man needs options."
– Stanley (like the power drill) Clampitt, 1991

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

Bray Family Homestead Park Farm Lease Advertisement for Bids:

Sealed proposals for a farm lease for a parcel of land totaling approximately forty-two and seven tenths (42.7) acres tillable in Washington Township will be received by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305, until 4:30 p.m. (Local time) on Monday, November 30, 2026.

1. The farm is located approximately 1/3 mile north of SR-38 on Hinkle Road in Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.
2. A successful bidder must be willing to sign the Park Department's Farm Lease. The terms of the Park Department Farm Lease are incorporated herein by reference. The terms of the Parks Department Farm Lease will cover a time period of three (3) years.
3. The Park Board reserves the right to hold any and all bids for a period of not more than forty-five (45) days and said bids shall be and remain valid and in full force and effect during said period.
4. The Park Board further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the contract to the highest per acre, most responsive and responsible bidder, all to the advantage of the owner.
5. The Park Board also reserves the right to award contracts to separate bidders or to reject any and all bids.
6. Proposals must be accompanied by the completed Non-Collusion Affidavit and Non-Discrimination Clause forms.
7. Park Department Farm Lease Documents are available at the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department Administration Office at the address given above. The telephone number for the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department is (317) 770-4400.
8. No oral modifications or changes will be binding on either party. All changes in plans and specifications must be in writing and submitted prior to the pre-submission meeting.

R8922 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

— CICERO —

Notice

The Cicero Town Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. local time at the Cicero Town Hall, 70 North Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in connection with Ordinance No. 11-04-2026-03, which is entitled An Ordinance to Amend the Garbage Collection Fee. The entire text, terms, and provisions of said ordinance, less the signature page, are as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-04-2026-04
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-1-3-2 confers upon all local units the powers that they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-1-3-6(b)(1) prescribes that any such exercise of power shall be authorized through enactment of an ordinance passed by the legislative body; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cicero is a municipal governmental entity which may pass and codify ordinances for the operation of the government, all pursuant to I.C. 36-1-4 and I.C. 36-1-5; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cicero is a municipality located in Hamilton County, Indiana, which provides garbage collection and recycling services to its residents via a contract with Republic Services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cicero recently solicited bids for garbage collection and recycling services contract for the three-year period commencing January 1, 2027 and expiring December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Republic Services was the lowest, responsive bidder for this contract and entered into a Contract with the Town of Cicero to provide said services; and

WHEREAS, the Town's cost to provide these services has increased thereby making it necessary for the Town to modify its Garbage Collection Fee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the town council of the Town of Cicero, Hamilton County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1: That, effective January 1, 2027, the garbage pickup and recycling services fee established by 52.11(A) entitled Garbage Collection Fee is hereby modified to include a three (3) year graduated rate. The rates will be as follows:

A) That, effective January 1, 2027, the garbage pickup and recycling services fee established by 52.11(A) entitled Garbage Collection Fee is hereby modified to $17.85 per month, per unit.

B) That, effective January 1, 2028, the garbage pickup and recycling services fee established by 52.11(A) entitled Garbage Collection Fee is hereby modified to $18.56 per month, per unit.

C) That, effective January 1, 2029, the garbage pickup and recycling services fee established by 52.11(A) entitled Garbage Collection Fee is hereby modified to $19.31 per month, per unit.

Section 2: Except as amended by this ordinance, all the other terms, provisions, conditions, and water rates, fees and charges set forth in Section 52.11 of Title 5 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: The provisions of this ordinance shall become and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and adoption upon the signatures thereof by members of the Cicero Town Council and in accordance with any publication required by law.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Cicero Town Council.

By Rhonda Gary, Clerk-Treasurer

R8923 *11/2/26*

— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE CITY OF CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Indiana Code §6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(1), that the City of Carmel Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), as governing body of the City of Carmel Redevelopment District (the "District"), a special taxing district whose corporate boundaries are coterminous with the City of Carmel, Indiana (the "City"), will, at its meetings to be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., local time, and again on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., local time, each in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at One Civic Square Drive, Carmel, Indiana, conduct two (2) public hearings regarding a proposed lease or amendment of an existing lease, which is or will be between the City of Carmel Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), as lessor, and the Commission, as lessee (the "Lease"). The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the financing of all or a portion of the design, construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, installation, equipping, and other improvements and capital projects and/or equipment related thereto, as part of redesigning a portion of the City's existing water utility distribution facility, located at 3450 W. 131st Street, Carmel, Indiana 46033 and adjacent area, and repurposing of such space to become the City's Fire Department Station No. 47 (collectively, the "Fire Station Project"), together with all or a portion of the expenses incurred in connection with or on account of the issuance of bonds by the Authority. The Commission's lease payments under such Lease will be secured by and payable from a pledge of the revenues derived from a special benefits ad valorem tax to be levied and collected by the Commission on all taxable property within the geographical boundaries of the District pursuant to Indiana Code §36-7-14-27. At each public hearing, the Commission will make certain information available to the public regarding the Lease and the financing of the Fire Station Project as required by law and will allow members of the public to testify regarding the preliminary determination to enter into the Lease and the Fire Station Project and the terms of the Lease. At the public hearings, the Commission will hear any objections to, and support for, the proposed Fire Station Project and the Lease from the general public. Subsequent to the public hearing on December 16, 2026, the Commission expects to consider adoption of a resolution making a preliminary determination to enter into the Lease in order to finance the Fire Station Project.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2026.

CITY OF CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

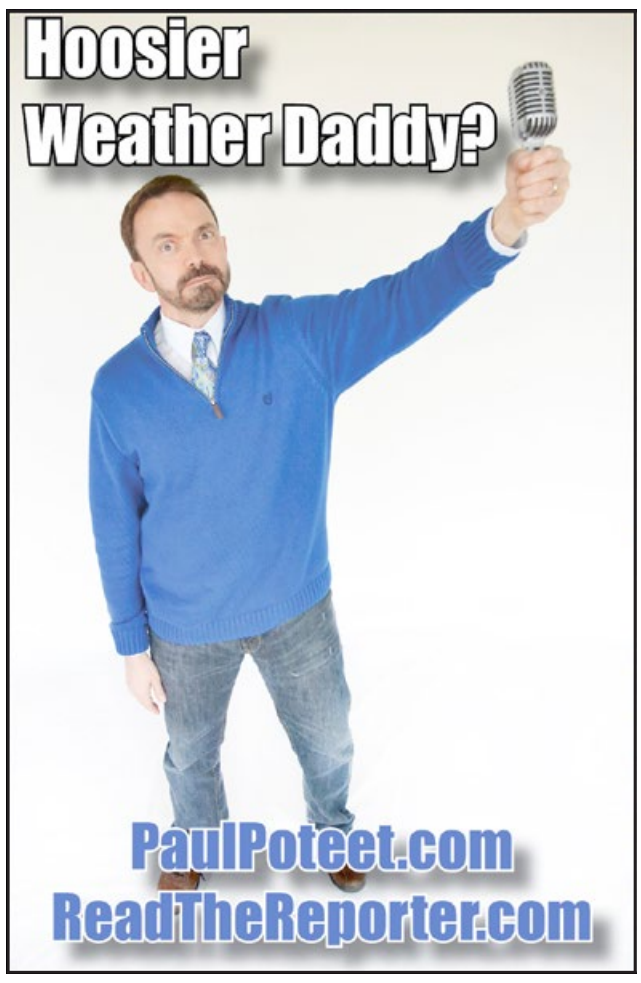
R8932 *11/2/26*

— NOBLESVILLE —

Public Auction Notice
Harbour Storage
20236 Hauge Rd.
Noblesville, IN 46062

Auction to be held on Tuesday November 10th, at 10am. This is for one 10x10 storage unit. Lessee Shane Faith unit R383. The personal property stored in and outside of this space will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien in accordance with IC 26-3-8-11. This sale will be at 20236 Hague Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062.

R8934 *11/2/26*



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— COURT NOTICES —

29D03-2608-EU-000374
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KOEHLER LAW, LLC
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Suite 200
Carmel, Indiana 46032
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*

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
Attorney for personal representative:
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R8862 *10/26/26, 11/2/26*

29D02-2609-EU-000437
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF LUPE SWINFORD
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on September 29, 2026 Brooke Allen Swinford was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lupe Swinford, deceased, who died on September 18, 2026.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on September 29, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court #1
Laurie D. Johnson
Eric J. Benner
Boje, Benner, Becker, Markovich & Hixson
1312 Maple Avenue
Noblesville, IN 46060
R8823 *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*

29D02-2610-EU-000457
Pamela K. Koehler, Attorney
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Joanna S. Feltz, Attorney
(#20877-49)
KOEHLER LAW, LLC
12805 E. New Market Street,
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Carmel, Indiana 46032
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*

80C01-2610-EU-000060
Sarah J. Randall, #26898-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM
10765 Lantern Rd., Ste. 201
Fishers, IN 46038
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
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*

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.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 2
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Matthew L. Snyder, Attorney
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997
R8865 *10/26/26, 11/2/26*

29D02-2610-ES-000464
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2610-ES-000464
IN RE THE ESTATE OF CARLA MERCEDES HYNES, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Joseph P. Wilson was, on the 26th day of October 2026, appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate of Carla Mercedes Hynes, deceased, who died on August 7, 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 26th day of October 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
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R8891 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

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.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court 1
Martha T. Starkey, (# 01749-49)
Natalie Hatfield, (#37255-29)
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R8884 *10/26/26, 11/2/26*

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
Rebecca W. Geyer, Esq.
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R8876 *10/26/26, 11/2/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
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
Cara M. Chittenden, Esq.
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R8877 *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
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 3
HOLT LEGAL GROUP
Matthew L. Snyder, #34777-29
198 South 9th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
(317) 773-5997
R8866 *10/26/26, 11/2/26*

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*

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*

29D01-2610-EU-000469
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF CHUNG KWANG RAYMOND WONG, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Ariel B. Wong, on this date Oct. 23rd, 2026, was appointed as
personal representative of the estate of Chung Kwang Raymond Wong, deceased, who died on October 2, 2026, without leaving a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.
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 October 23rd, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Bradley H. Cohen
Cohen Garelick & Glazier
Professional Corporation
Attorney No. 16381-49
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46240
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(317) 574-3855 (fax)
bcohen@cgglawfirm.com
R8892 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

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*

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*

29D03-2610-EU-000471
Jonathan L. Albright, Jr. (#28442-49)
Nickloy Albright Gordon & Siebe LLC
5540 Pebble Village Lane, Suite 300
Noblesville, Indiana 46062
Phone: (317) 773-3030
Fax: (317) 219-0545
jon@nickloylaw.com
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court No. 2
In the Matter of the Estate of David K. Wiswasser, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Dane M. Wiswasser and Alevtina G. Wiswasser were on October 26, 2026, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of David K. Wiswasser, deceased (09/09/2026).
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 26, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 3
R8893 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

29D03-2610-EU-000467
Kathleen E. Boaz, #36231-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that John T. Mitchell was, on October 23, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of KIRIAKI MITCHELL, deceased, who died July 20, 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 23, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Hamilton County, Indiana
R8895 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 4
)SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D04-2608-MF-010513
ARVEST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WISK DERIFOND and TSIGE BERELSMAN,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is:
Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate
Against the property commonly known as 12030 Bird Key Blvd, Fishers, IN 46037-4181 and described as follows:
Lot Numbered 148 in Rolling Knoll at Hoosier Woods, Section Two, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument Number 200200017761, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant:
Wisk Derifond
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s)whose whereabouts are unknown:
Tsige Berelsman
If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.
You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30)days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
By /s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND
Attorney No. 22108-29
Attorney for Plaintiff
BRYAN K. REDMOND
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R8914 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

29D01-2610-EU-000470
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF ANN E. POOLE DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey Poole, on this date Oct. 23rd, 2026, was appointed as personal representative of the estate of Ann E. Poole, deceased, who died on September 10, 2026, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.
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 October 23, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
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R8901 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

29D01-2610-EU-000480
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT #1
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF ERIC M. BERMAN , Deceased)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on October 28, 2026 Christine D. Berman was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Eric M. Berman, deceased, who died on December 5, 2025.
All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on October 28, 2026..
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court #1
Laurie D. Johnson
Eric J. Benner
Boje, Benner, Becker, Markovich & Hixson
1312 Maple Avenue
Noblesville, IN 46060
R8917 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-010017
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Matthew Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Matthew Allen Alcantara, whose mailing address is: 14043 Sedona Ct., Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Matthew Allen Alcantara has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Matthew Southwick Alcantara.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.
Matthew Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
Date: August 17, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8748 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Cause No. 29D03-1507-DR-005456
IN THE MATTER OF:
Jose Romo
Petitioner
V.
Tina Marie Romo
Respondent
MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR PASSPORT & TO CORRECT NAME
Comes now. Jose Romo, and requests the Court grant Petitioner sole authority to apply for a US passport, and correct a spelling error on the final decree For the reasons below:
The Decree of Dissolution of Marriage was entered on December 11,2017 and granted sole legal and physical custody to Petitioner Jose Romo. In spite of that order, Petitioner has been refused application for a passport for Alejandro A. Romo without a court order or the consent of Respondent Tina Marie Romo. Respondent's whereabouts are unknown and she has had no contact with Petitioner or children since the decree. In addition, the decree contains a spelling error on the name of minor child Alejandro A. Romo, adding a second "I" in the child's name, which also causes difficulty in securing a passport.
WHEREFORE.Jose Rom°(requests that this Court grant this motion and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.
Jose Romo
Respectfully Submitted,
R8921 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

29C01-2610-MI-012751
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME OF:)
RYLEE ELISE FOGELBERG)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given that Kaitlin N. Camp has filed a Petition in this proceeding for the change of her daughter's name to Rylee Elise Camp.
A Hearing will be held in Hamilton Circuit Court on January 11, 2027, at 8:30 am.
Dated this October 26, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton Circuit Court
S. Matthew Cook
COOK & COOK
Attorneys at Law
955 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317) 773-5522
R8890 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2610-MI-012659
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Lily Star Staab
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Lily Star Staab, whose mailing address is: 20320 ATCHISON WAY, WESTFIELD IN 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Lily Star Staab has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to LILY EMMELINE STAR.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:50 a.m.
Lily Star Staab
Petitioner
Date: October, 15, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8888 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-11419
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Denise Marie Kirk
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Denise Marie Kirk, whose mailing address is: 15624 W Rail Drive, Westfield IN 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Denise Marie Kirk has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Denise Marie Eastling.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.
Denise Marie Kirk
Petitioner
Date: July 6, 2026
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8711 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

29D01-2610-EU-000483
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR Court 1
HAMILTON, INDIANA
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of Ricardo Santiago Decca, deceased.
Cause No 29D01-2610-EU-000483
Notice is hereby given that Astrid M. Sainz Estrada was, on the date set forth on this Notice, appointed Personal Representative of the unsupervised estate of Ricardo Santiago Decca, deceased, who died on September 4, 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 : October 28, 2026.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
Erin N. Johnson
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Carmel, IN 46032
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erin@erinjohnsonlegal.com
R8924 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

80C01-2610-EU-000061
Kathleen E. Boaz, #36231-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Circuit Court of Tipton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that EMMA L. TEYEMA was, on October 22, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of MARTHA A. MENG, deceased, who died August 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 Tipton, Indiana on October 22, 2026.
Christy Crawford
Clerk of the Circuit Court of
Tipton County, Indiana
R8931 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

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— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA

Taxpayers of the City of Noblesville, Indiana ("City") are notified that the Common Council did, on October 27, 2026, adopt Ordinance No. 53-10-26 ("Ordinance") authorizing the issuance of Capital Projects Short-Term General Obligation Bonds of 2026 ("Bonds") of the City in an aggregate amount not to exceed $6,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of funding capital improvements to City owned property and the acquisition of capital equipment to serve City needs, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are to bear interest at a maximum rate or rates not to exceed the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, as published daily by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, plus 1% as of the date of the sale of the Bonds (the exact rate or rates to be determined by bidding or negotiation with the purchaser of the Bonds), are to mature semiannually or otherwise on the payment dates determined for each year as set forth in the Ordinance, with a final maturity no later than eighteen months after the date of issuance of the Bonds, and are to be payable from property taxes levied and collected on all taxable property in the City.

Dated November 2 and 9, 2026.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
/s/ Jeff Spalding, Controller
City of Noblesville, Indiana

R8902 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on application **LEGP 000228-2026 on the 16th day of November, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060**. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application submitted by the City of Noblesville Planning Department is regarding amendments to Article 2 and Article 4 of the Unified Development Ordinance for changes to the regulations regarding demolitions within the zoning classification all within the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 150 in City Hall for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.noblesville.in.gov, agendas, Plan Commission – November 16, 2026, prior to the meeting date.

NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary

R8904 *11/2/26*

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS FOR THE Notice is hereby given that the Drainage Board of Hamilton County, Indiana will, on the **23rd day of November, 2026**, in Government and Judicial Center in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, at **9:00 AM**, receive BIDS for furnishing of all labor, equipment and materials necessary for the maintenance of all **RURAL REGULATED** drains and or ditches under the jurisdiction of said Board for the calendar year of **2027**, and will award a contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder according to specifications and proposal on file in the office of said Board and may accept more than one bidder.

Bidders shall submit bids on a unit price basis, furnish financial statements and bidder's bond.

The right is reserved to reject any or all BIDS.

1. Proposals 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 proposals through the eProcurement portal. **Submission will be accepted up to the start time of the public meeting listed above**. The County's eProcurement portal will not allow any proposals to be submitted after the bid notice time.

2. If you would like a hard copy of the bid package, please contact the Surveyor's Office at 317-776-8495 to pay a $15 fee. You will still need to enter your bid into the eProcurement portal. Bids will not be accepted without the $500 Surety Bond or Certified Check in the amount of $500.

3. It is preferred that a physical copy of your $500 Surety Bond or Certified Check be delivered to the Surveyor's Office by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday before the Drainage Boards meeting for the bid opening.

THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS LOCATED AT:
9615 East 148th Street, Suite 109
Noblesville, IN 46060

If it's not received at the Surveyor's Office by then, you must bring it to the 9:00 A.M. meeting before your bid will be allowed to be included in the bid opening. The bid opening will be held in the **Commissioners Courtroom in the Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana**.

THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD REQUIRES A COMPLETE DAILY LOG OF EACH WORK ORDER/CLAIM TURNED IN.

Dated this 26th day of October 2026.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

R8918 *11/2/26, 11/16/26*

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Drainage Board of Hamilton County, Indiana will, on the **23rd day of November, 2026**, in Government and Judicial Center in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, at **9:00 AM**, receive BIDS for furnishing of all labor, equipment and materials necessary for the maintenance of all **URBAN REGULATED** drains and or ditches under the jurisdiction of said Board for the calendar year of **2027**, and will award a contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder according to specifications and proposal on file in the office of said Board and may accept more than one bidder.

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Dated this 26th day of October 2026.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

R8919 *11/2/26, 11/16/26*

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Drainage Board of Hamilton County, Indiana will, on the 23rd day of November, 2026, in Government and Judicial Center in the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, at **9:00 AM**, receive BIDS for furnishing of all labor, equipment and materials necessary for the maintenance of all **televising, power jetting and vacuum cleaning REGULATED** drains and or ditches under the jurisdiction of said Board for the calendar year of **2027**, and will award a contract to the most responsive and responsible bidder according to specifications and proposal on file in the office of said Board and may accept more than one bidder.

Bidders shall submit bids on a unit price basis, furnish financial statements and bidder's bond.

The right is reserved to reject any or all BIDS.

1. Proposals 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 proposals through the eProcurement portal. **Submission will be accepted up to the start time of the public meeting listed above**. The County's eProcurement portal will not allow any proposals to be submitted after the bid notice time.

2. If you would like a hard copy of the bid package, please contact the Surveyor's Office at 317-776-8495 to pay a $15 fee. You will still need to enter your bid into the eProcurement portal. Bids will not be accepted without the $500 Surety Bond or Certified Check in the amount of $500.

3. It is preferred that a physical copy of your $500 Surety Bond or Certified Check be delivered to the Surveyor's Office by 4:00 P.M. on the Friday before the Drainage Boards meeting for the bid opening.

THE SURVEYOR'S OFFICE IS LOCATED AT:
9615 East 148th Street, Suite 109
Noblesville, IN 46060

If it's not received at the Surveyor's Office by then, you must bring it to the 9:00 A.M. meeting before your bid will be allowed to be included in the bid opening. The bid opening will be held in the **Commissioners Courtroom in the Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana**.

THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD REQUIRES A COMPLETE DAILY LOG OF EACH WORK ORDER/CLAIM TURNED IN.

Dated this 26th day of October 2026.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

R8920 *11/2/26, 11/16/26*

— CICERO —

NOTICE

On November 4, 2026, the Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 pm at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN purusant to the following: IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) For discussion of strategy with respect to the initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation, employee specific compensation, or employment matters of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a general discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

R8905 *10/29/26, 11/2/26*

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
Noblesville, Indiana

The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Application No. LEGP 0195-2026 on Monday, November 16, 2026 beginning at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060**. The application submitted by Justus at Promenade, LLC (Owners/Applicants) is for amendments to the adopted Promenade Planned Development Ordinance including amendments thereto relating to bulk standards of the Planned Business zoning district (minimum lot size, minimum lot width to depth ratio, maximum impervious surface coverage, minimum front yard setback), perimeter parking lot landscaping area, lot frontage on street requirements, and request for two ground signs located at 5838, 5841, 5887 Promenade of Noblesville Parkway, all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. A live stream meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.

Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page www.noblesville.in.gov

Agendas and Minutes, Plan Commission – November 16, 2026 prior to the meeting date. A list of each of the appointed officer's name, the appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.nobleville.in.gov/boards

NOBLESVILLE PLAN COMMISSION
Caleb P. Gutshall, Secretary

R8885 *10/28/26, 11/2/26*

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE

As mandated by state law under House Enrolled Act 1001, the Arcadia Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing with respect to housing development on November 9, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Arcadia Town Hall located at 208 W. Main Street, Arcadia, Indiana 46030, IN.

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

The Arcadia Plan Commission is holding this public hearing to discuss the above in fulfillment of this requirement. **No specific ordinance amendments are proposed or being voted on as part of this public hearing**. This session is strictly intended to gather public comment and perspective from residents, business owners and community stakeholders as required under HEA 1001.

The Public Hearing is open to all and the opportunity to speak will be offered to all. Written comments filed with the Town of Arcadia Plan Commission on or before 10am on November 9, 2026, will be considered. Written comments may be submitted via email to jennifer.pickett@arcadia.in.gov, submitted by mail to PO Box 578, Arcadia, IN 46030, or hand delivered to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 208 W. Main Street, in Arcadia, Indiana. Written comments will also be accepted during the Public Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as necessary.

Dated this 20th day of October 2026.

By Jennifer Pickett, Clerk-Treasurer

R8887 *10/28/26, 11/2/26*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Plan Commission
Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Plan Commission on the 16th day of November, 2026. This hearing to review the Noblesville Unified **Development Ordinance, zoning regulations, and land development rules pursuant to 2026** House Enrolled Act No. 1001 will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. No specific ordinance amendments are proposed or being voted on a part of this public hearing. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville.

Written suggestions or comments relative to the public hearing may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Plan Commission. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the staff report will be posted on the city website www.noblesville.in.gov at least 5 days prior to the hearing.

Noblesville Plan Commission
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R8886 *10/28/26, 11/2/26*

Request for Bids to Purchase Surplus Technology Equipment

Noblesville Schools (NS, the District) desires to dispose of surplus technology equipment pursuant to Indiana Code 5-22-22-5.

Deadline for Submission: prior to 3:00 pm local time (EST) November 13, 2026

Recording of Proposers: 12:00 pm local time (EST) November 16, 2026

Location: Noblesville Schools Administration, 18025 River Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062

NS's surplus equipment includes working devices listed below:

LOT #1

Lenovo 14E Chromebook 14" screen AMD A4-9120C Dual-core Processor 1.60GHz, up to 2.4GHz max boost 1 MB cache Qty 170	Dell CMPCT36 Holds up to 36 devices Includes 36 USB-C chargers (between 45w and 60w - some wired already) Includes 1 key, working locks Qty 3
32 GB eMMC Onboard HDD 4 GB DDR4 1667 MHz (soldered)	
No chargers or cables included May have scratches, needs cleaning	May have dents, scratches, wear and tear, needs cleaning

LOT #2

Dell Precision Tower 3620 Intel i5 6600 3.30 GHz Windows 10 Pro on OoBE screen Qty 55
500 GB SSD Drive 16 GB RAM NVIDIA Quadro P620 2 GB GPU
Power cords included 1TB WD Blue SATA Drive 7200 RPM - Not connected but provided in chassis on 53 of 55 machines Some ports may not work on GPU and on motherboard Cases have dents/scratches and need cleaned

All items are sold as is. Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and specifications stated in the notice documents posted on the Noblesville Schools website. Questions should be addressed via email to the Noblesville Director of Technology, Andrew Swickheimer (andrew_swickheimer@nobl.k12.in.us)

NS will select the highest responsible bidder for each lot. Payment must be made at the time the devices are picked up.

R8895 *11/2/26*

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

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*

— CICERO —

Notice

Bullseye Towing LLC 22271 U.S. 31 N #100, Cicero, IN, 46034 317-979-8446
Date of Sale:11-05-2026
JTHBA1D27H5053119 2017 Lexus IS 200T $4,750

R8900 *10/29/26, 11/2/26*

— CLAY TOWNSHIP —

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF CLAY TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA TO ISSUE BONDS

Owners of real property in Clay Township of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Township"), are hereby given notice that at its meeting held on October 27, 2026 the Township Board (the "Board"), adopted Resolution No. 2026-10-27-01 (the "Determination Resolution") determining that it would be of public utility and benefit to undertake one or more of the following projects: (i) financing of the purchase of property located at 407 and 445 Smoky Row, Carmel, Indiana consisting of 23.92 acres to be maintained and utilized as a nature preserve; and/or (ii) the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement and/or installation of equipment and improvements at one or more of the existing Carmel/Clay Parks (collectively the "Projects"). The Determination Resolution was adopted pursuant to a Taxpayer Petition certified by the Hamilton County Auditor and submitted to the Board pursuant to Ind. Code §36-10-7-2(b). The Projects will be financed by the Township and will be owned and operated by the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement between the Township and the City of Carmel, Indiana.

The Determination Resolution also approved a series of general obligation bonds of the Township to finance the costs of the Projects. Such bonds will be issued pursuant to Ind. Code §36-10-7-2 in a principal amount not to exceed $4,000,000, will be payable from ad valorem property taxes levied on all taxable property in the Township, will bear interest at a rate not to exceed seven percent (7.0%) per annum, and have a term not longer than twenty (20) years after the date of issuance (the "Bonds"). The Determination Resolution and the general descriptions and estimates with respect to the Projects are on file and open to public inspection in the office of the Clay Township Trustee, located at 10701 N. College Avenue, Carmel, Indiana, 46280.

Including interest costs, the maximum annual payment by the Township to retire the Bonds is not more than $382,905 and the total payments over the term of the Bonds is not more than $7,452,987. The maximum interest rate that will be paid on the Bonds is 7.0%. The estimated interest rate for the Bonds is 4.5% and the total interest cost for the life of the Bonds is estimated to be $1,573,825.

The Township's current total debt service levy for 2026 is $7,084,900 and the current debt service rate is $0.0573 per $100 of assessed valuation. Presuming the issuance of the Bonds the Township's total debt service levy, and excluding any miscellaneous revenues, for 2027 is projected to be $7,678,808 with a projected debt service rate of $0.0631 per $100 of assessed valuation. If the Township issues the Bonds, the estimated maximum increase to the Township's debt service levy will be $382,905 and the estimated maximum increase to the Township's debt service rate will be $0.0031 per $100 of assessed valuation. The estimated amount of the Township's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following ten (10) years presuming the Township issues the Bonds (considering any changes that may occur to the debt service levy and rate during that same period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that mature or terminate during said ten (10) year period) is as follows:

Payment Year	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy*	Estimated Debt Service Tax Rate*
2027	$7,678,808	$0.0631
2028	7,668,999	0.0630
2029	7,681,789	0.0632
2030	7,678,854	0.0631
2031	7,678,429	0.0631
2032	7,682,209	0.0632
2033	7,686,039	0.0632
2034	7,687,159	0.0632
2035	7,688,696	0.0632
2036	7,692,374	0.0632

* Estimated tax levy and rate takes into account maturing bonds and leases.

The percentage of the Township's current annual debt service payments compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the Township is 0.0582 % which will increase to approximately 0.0614 % if the Township issues the Bonds. The current percentage of the Township's outstanding long term debt without the Bonds, together with the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any of the territory of the Township, compared to the net assessed value of taxable property within the Township is approximately 8.9806% which will increase to 9.0135% if the Township issues the Bonds.

Owners of property within the Township or registered voters residing in the Township who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed Bonds must file a petition with the Hamilton County Voter Registration Office that complies with Ind. Code §6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(4) and (5) no later than thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice in the manner provided by Ind. Code §6-1.1-20-3.1.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2026.

Paul Hensel, Township Trustee

R8894 *11/2/26, 11/9/26*

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Tuesday November 17, 2026 at 7:00pm 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-LU-0013-11-2026

A Land Use Variance concerning Article 03, A-2, 2 of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023 In order to permit "Mineral Extraction" in the A-2 zoning district whereas "Mineral Extraction" is not a permitted or special exception use in the A-2 zoning district.

Project Address: 13280 Strawtown Road, Noblesville, IN 46060
Parcel number(s): 07-07-02-00-00-012.121
Property is zoned: A-2
Size of property: 15.59
Legal description: Acreage 15.49 Section 2, Township 19, Range 5

The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan Commission, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13, Noblesville, Indiana. 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: Andrew Leeman Date: 10/14/2026

R8889 *11/2/26*

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that Bullseye Transportation, LLC, an Indiana limited liability company with its principal place of business at 1022 Kendall Court, Suite 2, Westfield, IN, 46074 (the "Company"), has been voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to resolutions of its members and managers. Articles of Dissolution have been filed with the Indiana Secretary of State in accordance with the Indiana Business Flexibility Act.

In order to make a claim against the Company, you may mail a written statement of the amount of your claim and an explanation of your claim sufficient to apprise the Company of the basis thereof to: Bullseye Transportation, LLC, 1022 Kendall Court, Suite 2, Westfield, IN, 46074. We suggest that you provide copies of any documents that support the amount you are claiming, and that the statement and supporting documents be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

All claims against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the date of publication of this notice.

Bullseye Transportation, LLC
By: Matthew E. Harms, Manager

R8896 *11/2/26*

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that Plaster Evolutions LLC, an Indiana limited liability company with its principal place of business at 1022 Kendall Court, Suite 2, Westfield, IN, 46074 (the "Company"), has been voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to resolutions of its members and manager. Articles of Dissolution have been filed with the Indiana Secretary of State in accordance with the Indiana Business Flexibility Act.

In order to make a claim against the Company, you may mail a written statement of the amount of your claim and an explanation of your claim sufficient to apprise the Company of the basis thereof to: Plaster Evolutions LLC, 1022 Kendall Court, Suite 2, Westfield, IN, 46074. We suggest that you provide copies of any documents that support the amount you are claiming, and that the statement and supporting documents be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

All claims against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the date of publication of this notice.

Plaster Evolutions LLC
By: Matthew E. Harms, Manager

R8897 *11/2/26*

Notice

Millenium Force LLC (9512 Gladstone Dr, Pittsboro, IN 46167) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the BUILT Westfield project located at the southwest corner of IN-32 and Gray Road, Westfield, Indiana 46062. Runoff from the project site will discharge to the Vestal Kirkendall Regulated Drain. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Contour Land Group at 765-430-2042 or by email at jnierzwicki@contourlandgroup.com

R8898 *11/2/26*

Public Notice

The following will be sold for charges:
18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD on 11/20/2026 @ 2:00PM

- 2016 KTM MD2JYJ403GC247285 $2,402.50

R8878 *11/2/26*

— FISHERS —

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Trinity Wesleyan Church (11721 Olio Road, Fishers, IN 46037) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Fishers, IN Trinity Wesleyan Church Addition project. Project is located at 11721 Olio Road, Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into Thorpe Creek-Geist Reservoir. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Todd Stacy of Catalyst Management, Inc.at 5158 E. 65th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

R8903 *11/2/26*

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – LEASE APPROVAL

The City of Fishers Redevelopment Commission, a commission of the City of Fishers authorized and existing pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-7-14 et. seq. ("Commission"), hereby provides NOTICE that at its November 17, 2026 meeting, the Commission will hold a public hearing on Resolution No. 01101726, a Resolution Approving Lease Of The Fishers Redevelopment Commission (Lease of the Fishers Fieldhouse). The meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Fishers Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana, 46038. The Commission will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. Following the hearing, the Commission will consider whether to adopt the Resolution approving the Lease with BCFV26, LLC for the approximately 200,427 gross square a multi-sports facility.

R8909 *10/30/26 11/2/26*

Bugs, sunrise alarm clocks & hygge

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

It's time for another one of my famous three-part columns, where my mind jumps to three different topics I must share with you all at once. Here we go:

1. Bugs

Most of us know life changes when we become parents. One unexpected thing for me was all I've learned thanks to being a mom.

Last week, I was enjoying a chat in the park with my dear friend Cara. I saw something out of the corner of my eye – a little creature leaping into our shelter. And I mean *little* – an insect.

"Oh! I see a big ol' bug over there," I said, bounding from the picnic table to check out what had landed on my bike tire. Thankfully, Cara isn't squeamish, and we both bent over to check out the little guy – a grasshopper.

"I love grasshoppers!" I exclaimed.

Pre-Mom Amy would never have paid attention to bugs. In fact, she often squished them, which I now regret. My oldest son Jonathon fell in love with insects at an early age. In fact, one of his (and our) favorite Halloween costumes was the time Jonathon dressed as an entomologist – a scientist who studies insects.

Equipped with a butterfly net, battery-operated bug catcher, fake glasses, a magnifying glass, and a floppy hat, Jonathon looked truly adorable. He taught me to appreciate insects and their benefits (even spiders). Now, if I see one in my house, I'm the queen of the "glass and paper swoop," scooping up the creature and setting it safely outside.

2. Sunrise alarm clocks

It's been tough waking up lately, hasn't it? And yes, while we turn our clocks back an hour this weekend, eventually we'll return to those dark mornings as winter arrives. One of my favorite things to help is having a sunrise alarm clock.

A sunrise alarm clock, or light alarm, gradually brightens your bedroom, using light to help you wake up naturally. This makes so much sense to me.

When we go to bed, we don't fall asleep instantly, at least most of the time. So why should we force ourselves to wake up instantly? I know there's the good old snooze button, but this can leave us feeling even more groggy in the morning. I've had a sunrise alarm clock for a couple of years now, and it's been life changing. When I get out of bed at the time I'm supposed to, I don't feel sleepy. Instead, I'm ready to go!

If you need a little help waking up, especially now, I highly recommend getting one of these clocks.

3. Hygge

Speaking of darkness … while it's awesome to gain some morning light this coming weekend, it means we lose evening light. This is your yearly reminder to help this situation by embracing the Danish and Norwegian concept of hygge (pronounced HOO-guh).

Hygge means "comfort or console." The early evening darkness can beckon us to enjoy candles, a fire, soft blankets … anything to create the feeling of coziness and warmth.

I used to despise winter, and it wasn't even the cold or freezing conditions that troubled me the most. Battling the darkness was the worst. Thanks to discovering ways to embrace the darkness through hygge, rather than fight it, I've learned to appreciate the dark, quiet evenings. It's a chance to slow down, breathe, and enjoy some of the simpler things in life.

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****.*



Photo provided by Amy Shankland

Our columnist is ready for the dark evenings thanks to her hygge kit.



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

From handmade dough to heartfelt hospitality: a taste of Palestine in Fishers

COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

I recently had a wonderful experience at Al Manakeesh in Fishers and wanted to share my thoughts on this local gem.

During a recent breakfast meeting, I had the opportunity to speak with the owner, Kamal. His passion for authentic Palestinian cuisine and hospitality truly stood out. Everything at Al Manakeesh is made fresh from scratch using high-quality ingredients, including meat sourced from Michigan and traditional items like za'atar, Palestinian olive oil, Akkawi cheese, and labneh.

Their specialties center around manakeesh – traditional Middle Eastern flatbreads – baked in a Turkish brick oven at 600 degrees. The open kitchen allows guests to watch the dough being hand-shaped and prepared. Beyond their savory options, like the unique baked falafel pie and double-layered meat and cheese pies, their sweet treats are exceptional. Kamal treated us to an incredible warm sweet pie topped with ishta, honey, and pistachios.

What makes Al Manakeesh truly special is its focus on community and cultural sharing, evident down to the educational packaging that accompanies the food. It is a fantastic place to slow down, enjoy authentic flavors, and learn about Levantine food culture.

I highly recommend giving it a try the next time you are looking for a great meal in Fishers.

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

Klingenmeier's final flood reflections

COLUMNIST



KEN KLINGENMEIER

Last Saturday marked 10 weeks since the White River overflowed into our neighborhood and into our lives. For the past week or so Mrs. K and I have been living in our mostly mended home. It's not in the least "finished," but it is comfortable and warm enough to sleep in, rest in, work in, and have our meals in.

And we no longer have to use the RV for survival, which is better for us as the season changes over to cooler weather. It was great to have as an outpost, but our house is much the preferred location for us now.

Those 10 weeks have gone by very quickly and our personal progress has outpaced nearly all of our neighbors, some of which have not been able to even start steps to recover their homes as they are meshed in dealings with the city, insurance companies, banks, contractors, and suppliers. We count ourselves to be VERY lucky in how our project has come together. You all know our son Tony has been a great contributor on that account, leading the demolition, design and rebuilding of walls, floors, and furnishings. And we have been extremely fortunate financially as family, friends, and FEMA have come through with generosity. The expense involved in all this recovery work has been staggering.

Some of our neighbors will need many more months to get their properties in order. Some nearer to the river need to have their homes raised up off the ground in order to meet the requirements set by state laws referencing flood plain property. It's truly overwhelming for many. I've heard of one man who just collected his possessions and walked away. I wouldn't be surprised to hear of more individuals doing that due to what they are facing.

Again, I want to emphasis that we know we have been so lucky to have met this challenging disaster in the way we have been blessed with. Mrs. K and I only have to look up and down our street to see the different difficulties that people are facing. We have a ways to go, too, but we are so close to finishing the work.

I feel I've learned a lot during these past weeks – practical things like hanging doors and mounting cabinets and installing doorknobs and handles. But, perhaps even more so, things like generosity and patience (something I have lost from time to time, and by losing it have found its importance).

Through it all, we have come away with a great appreciation for all the volunteers who have selflessly come forward in aiding people's efforts during these hard times, whether it be organizing meals, arranging for free drywall to be available, or clothing, or monetary contributions such as one by Pat Sullivan of Sullivan Hardware who purchased a great number of $300 gift cards to be distributed for purchases not from his stores but from Lowe's!

Bottom line: We are just so glad to be back in our home – still a work in progress, but we can live here again. Also – we are tired, so very tired – happy but tired.



— COURT NOTICE —

29D01-2610-EU-000481
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1
STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
KRISTINA K. CADDEN,)
DECEASED)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on October 28th, 2026, Bradley C. Cadden was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Kristina K. Cadden, deceased, who died on September 25, 2026.

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

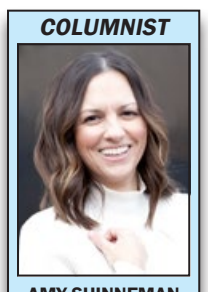
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on October 28th, 2026.

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Anticipatory grief

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The first time I heard the term anticipatory grief was from my friend Jan, who you know as The Hamilton County Reporter's front-page columnist on Mondays. While it was not a term that Jan invented, I first learned of it from her.

I was struggling so much that day with emotions about loved ones and worry about the future. Our Word Warriors group met, and she said the term. She did not need to explain it; it just clicked with me.

It was something I had felt my entire life but hearing that phrase somehow felt so incredibly validating and comforting.

Of course, I deal with anticipatory grief surrounding loved ones in my life, but that is not something I have been doing all my life.

The type of anticipatory grief I am referring to pertains to my progressive disease. The anticipation about what tomorrow will look like when a real and present threat hovers over my life. The threat from a thief that steals my abilities.

The grief that follows each of these robberies is unspeakably lonely. Often, I never voice the things I have lost with my physical abilities. Most of this is processed silently and alone.

The pain of not being understood weighed with the pain of keeping something so heavy on the inside with nowhere to go. Each added to a catalog of loss that I need to work my way through. I may never get to the end.

My writing has become a sanctuary for processing these big emotions with nowhere to go. I can share some of my grief in the hopes that someone out there can relate or feel understood. I don't have to face the painful process of reading someone's face, and knowing they do not understand just how hard it is.

My creative energy has, in many ways, saved me from feeling imprisoned by my own thoughts.

The anticipation of the loss is just as painful as the actual loss. Thoughts like, *how many days do I have left to walk*, take up residence in my already crowded mind.

Can you imagine this being a real and present danger in your own life, and not having someone who understands completely? Working through these types of uncertainties was not easy as a child. It is not easy as an adult either.

It is as terrifying as it is lonely. The thing that makes it the most terrifying is knowing that I will arrive at each of these losses by myself. Meeting the new version of me alone.

It is my life. My cross to bear. We all have something to carry.

Most of us deal with feelings of misunderstanding in our lifetime. Our hardships are different, but our humanness the same.

There are a lot of losses that I grieve before they happen, as if I can protect myself from the real time grief I will feel. It gives me somewhat of a sense of control, even though it really is not.

Sometimes, we must hold onto the idea that something is real to survive and get through our days.

My husband and I recently were on a podcast together talking about our running life. I had been on this podcast by myself a couple of years ago. It was at the same place, just two years later. I was struck by the reality that the last time, I walked in and out by myself, with my cane. This time, my husband pushed me in my wheelchair.

These are the types of things that are very tough to lose. In one breath, I am grateful I ever did it, and in the next I am breathless, thinking about the loss.

I hesitate to share such a bold truth. I would never want my family and friends to feel like they do not support me well enough. They support me to the best of their ability, and try to meet me where I am.

I have had many people reach out to commend me for sharing my vulnerabilities week after week. I do not do it because it comes easy for me. It doesn't. I do it because it is important and because it matters.

Until next time …

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