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One county, two parties

Democrats flip several countywide seats, Sheridan Community Schools referendum fails

The REPORTER

Tuesday made one thing clear: anything can happen on Election Night.

Voters have said both that school referendums are not a sure thing and that Democrats are here to stay in Hamilton County.

Four of the five local school referendums passed: Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, and Westfield. Hamilton Heights did not request a referendum, and only Sheridan's referendum was not approved by voters.

Across the county line, both Tipton Community School Corporation and Tri-Central Community Schools referendums failed in Tipton County.

Across Hamilton County, Democrats flipped 15 local seats this election, in addition to two Indiana House races that only pull from Hamilton County voters. Other flips are likely to be confirmed as final results are released from the rest of the state in the coming days.

In January 2027, Charles Hollowell will be the new Hamilton County Sheriff, Alexandra Wilson will be the new Clerk of Courts, and the new Superior Court 8 will seat Judge Emily Angel Shaw.

The upsets didn't stop there.

Three of the four Republican incumbent County Councilmembers lost their seats, with only Mark Hall maintaining his elected position.

Commissioner Christine Altman will remain in office after a narrow 323-vote victory over challenger Ti'Gre McNear.

Democrats swept three township boards: Clay, Delaware, and Fall Creek. In addition, Fall Creek Township Trustee Doug Allman lost his re-election bid to Democrat Stephanie Hunt.

Democrat victories were not limited to Hamilton County, or even to Indiana.

See *Flip* . . . Page 2

The lengths voters are willing to go







Reporter photos

Lines at many polling locations across Hamilton County were well over an hour long on Election Day. At others, there were only brief parts of the day when voters had to wait more than a few minutes. Not only did many people wait long to be heard, but Harold Collins of Arcadia loaded up his walker on the front of his Craftsman lawn mower to ride in from the edge of town to cast his vote. In all cases, that is serious dedication to the process of democracy!

Trends in Hamilton County's early voting

The REPORTER

There's no doubt that, across the United States, more voters choose to cast their ballot early in each election cycle. Hamilton County is no exception.

We thought it would be useful to compare this year's numbers with those from past elections. Three charts with early voting data appear here:

1. General elections
2. Primary elections
3. Municipal elections;

while those election years do not include every voter across the county, the data are still interesting.

Note that the vote totals for midterm years appear in red to highlight the trend, since this is a midterm election year. Data are courtesy of the Hamilton County Election Office.

General Elections	
2026 General	79,849
2024 General	98,093
2022 General	53,184
2020 General	114,384
2018 General	42,691

Primary Elections	
2026 Primary	14,477
2024 Primary	15,260
2022 Primary	6,762
2020 Primary	22,932
2018 Primary	6,177

Municipal Elections	
2023 General	26,372
2023 Primary	8,878
2019 General	5,934
2019 Primary	7,834

However you voted this cycle, thank you for taking part in preserving our republic.

Early Voting Totals

Below are the final number of early voters in the 2026 General Election, listed by polling location.

Judicial Center	12,719
4-H Fairgrounds	18,828
Carmel Clay Public Library	5,270
Jill Perelman Pavilion, Carmel	5,262
Wilfong Pavilion, Carmel	4,243
Billericay Park Bldg., Fishers	5,676
Roy G. Holland Bldg., Fishers	4,893
Cool Creek Nature Center	5,087
Westfield City Hall	3,100
Westfield Washington Twp. Bldg.	3,302
Cicero Library	1,172
Sheridan Library	638
Mail-in Ballots	9,690
GRAND TOTAL	**79,849**

Key Races

See a full list of *in-county* results on Page 3.

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS REFERENDUM

Yes	No
✓ 24,669 votes	17,812 votes

HSE SCHOOLS REFERENDUM

Yes	No
✓ 25,624 votes	18,309 votes

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS REFERENDUM

Yes	No
✓ 15,211 votes	11,393 votes

SHERIDAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS REFERENDUM

Yes	No
931 votes	✓ 1,022 votes

WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOLS REFERENDUM

Yes	No
✓ 14,542 votes	11,423 votes

HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF

Dustin Dixon (R)	Charles Hollowell (D)
71,723 votes	✓ 74,466 votes

HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

Beth Sheller (R)	Alexandra Wilson (D)
70,648 votes	✓ 74,325 votes

SUPERIOR COURT NO. 8 JUDGE

Danica Eyler (R)	Emily Angel Shaw (D)
68,664 votes	✓ 75,801 votes

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Christine Altman (R)	Ti'Gre McNear (D)
✓ 72,549 votes	72,226 votes

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17,164 votes	✓ 19,487 votes

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19,384 votes	✓ 20,443 votes

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12,301 votes	✓ 15,191 votes

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Danny Lopez (R)	Lindsay Gramlich (D)
13,884 votes	✓ 16,369 votes

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J.D. Ford headed to Congress

Submitted

Democrat J.D. Ford declared victory Tuesday night in Indiana's 5th Congressional District, defeating incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz.

Ford's victory marks a major political shift in a district held by Republicans for 30 years and makes him the first openly LGBTQ person elected to Congress from Indiana.

"Tonight, Hoosiers made history, and they sent a message that will be heard far beyond Indiana's 5th District," Ford said. "This victory belongs to every person who has felt ignored by Washington, every family struggling to make ends meet and every voter who refused to believe that change was impossible. Hoosiers are demanding leaders who put people ahead of powerful interests and deliver results that make their lives better. I'm truly honored that Hoosiers have trusted me to be the person who fights for that change, and that's exactly what I intend to do."


Ford

Ford centered his campaign on lowering everyday costs, protecting access to affordable healthcare, and restoring accountability in Washington.

"Hoosiers are working harder, paying more and getting less in return," Ford said. "Families are struggling to afford groceries, utilities and healthcare while powerful corporations and wealthy interests continue to get ahead in Washington. That's not the government Hoosiers deserve. I'm going to Congress to fight corruption, stand up to corporate interests and make sure the decisions being made in Washington put people and their families first."

Ford says he aims to work for all his constituents regardless of who they supported.

"Tonight, voters proved that no seat belongs to a political party. It belongs to the people," Ford said. "Whether you voted for me or not, I will fight for you. I will listen, show up and never forget who sent me to Washington. To every voter, volunteer and supporter who made this historic victory possible, thank you. Tonight, we celebrate what Hoosiers made possible. Tomorrow, we begin the work of delivering the change they voted for."

Spartz says election is a "wake-up call"

Submitted

This election is a wake-up call for Indiana. An influx of liberal voters has turned Hamilton County, once one of the top 20 most conservative counties in the country, blue - with not enough rural Indiana voters to offset those numbers.


Spartz

Democrats significantly outspent us and ran a very dishonest campaign, but I urge my support-ers not to get discouraged. We may not win every battle, but WE WILL WIN THE WAR!

Shonkwiler wins re-election

Submitted

State Representative Alaina Shonkwiler (R-Noblesville) released the following statement after securing re-election to represent House District 29 in Hamilton County:

"Serving the community where I was raised and where Jason and I are raising our children is the absolute honor of a lifetime. I am deeply grateful to the voters of Noblesville and District 29 for their continued trust and support.

"Over the past two years, we focused on delivering results that make a real difference—lowering costs for taxpayers, backing our law enforcement and first responders, holding utility companies accountable, and supporting our local schools. Tonight's victory proves that when we lead with common-sense solutions, our community moves forward together.


Shonkwiler

"Our work is just getting started. I remain committed to bringing accessible, results-driven leadership to the Statehouse and fighting every day for the families, neighborhoods, and small businesses that make Hamilton County such an incredible place to live. Thank you, District 29!"

First elected in 2024, Shonkwiler serves on the House Government & Regulatory Reform, Public Policy, and Utilities, Energy & Telecommunications committees. Recognized as Legislator of the Year by the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, she has championed tax relief, public safety enhancements, and local economic development.

Shonkwiler lives in Noblesville with her husband, Jason, and their two children, Hannah and Kyle.

Hollowell is "honored and humbled" to serve as next county Sheriff

Submitted

Democrat Charles Hollowell, who will become Hamilton County's new sheriff in January, sent the following statement to The Reporter early Wednesday morning:

I am truly honored and humbled that the residents of Hamilton County have placed their trust in me to lead the Sheriff's Office. I want to thank everyone who supported me and participated in this election.


Hollowell

I look forward to serving our community with integrity and a commitment to transparency, accountability, and protecting and serving everyone in Hamilton County. This is a responsibility I take seriously, and I am committed to earning that trust every day.

Hile thanks Noblesville voters for approving school referendum

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The following message was issued by Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile on Tuesday night. You can watch the video message at ***this link****.*

Hello, I'm Superintendent Dan Hile. On behalf of the entire Noblesville Schools family I want to thank voters for supporting funding for our students. This ongoing funding will allow us to continue our excellence in academics, care for students, and strength in the community.

We take the role of managing taxpayer dollars seriously and are committed to making responsible and transparent financial decisions with your dollars. We encourage the community to hold us accountable to the commitments we've made. You can find current information about our finances on the **Dollars + $ense area of our website** and we also make information about our board meetings, livestreams and board minutes available on our website.


Hile

I want to thank those who attended my informational meetings, reached out to me with questions, read our communications, used the tax calculator, and researched factual information. There was a lot of misleading information in the community and I appreciate residents who took the time to make an informed decision on the referendum, whichever way they ultimately voted.

Thank you also to our volunteers and community supporters. They were critical in helping us get factual information out to others and their support of Noblesville Schools has been truly inspiring.

We appreciate the community's trust, support, and confidence in the work we do every day to serve the children of Noblesville. We look forward to providing the best experience for our students and continuing to serve as the heart of this amazing community for many years to come!

Greg Ballard delivers Election Night speech

Submitted

Independent Indiana Secretary of State Candidate Greg Ballard gave the following speech at his Election Night Watch Party on Tuesday evening.


Ballard

Welcome to the beginning.

The start of a new day in Indiana politics.

This campaign will leave a mark, not just on Indiana, but on the entire country.

Today, Hoosiers sent a message. Loud and clear. They deserve more and better candidates. And the way to get them is more competition at the ballot box in November.

Tonight's results mean that the Lincoln Party is officially here.

Because of you, Hoosiers have a stronger, healthier political future.

Indiana's closed, restrictive voting system is not what our founders intended. It does not let Hoosiers fairly choose their leaders. It's far more restrictive than other states, on voter choice and on voter-led referendums.

When people can run outside the Republican and Democratic parties, citizens can start to trust their government again.

So tonight, we open the door. More choices in the voting booth. An easier path for anyone who wants to serve. Not two options with frequently only one real option in November. Now we can have several good ones, for every office. We'll start small – but the goal is large.

Hoosier voters will be better served. Starting now.

And don't let anyone tell you this campaign didn't matter. It changed the Secretary of State's race.

The incumbent would have been renominated if we had not acted. Our campaign was the reason this was the most talked about campaign for Secretary of State's office ever.

Without this campaign, no one would have had the lengthy and substantive conversation about the partisanship that exists in that office.

We made an impact. And now we have the ultimate result: a new political party, one that will make it easier for independents to run without gathering the mountain of signatures that I had to get.

As most of you know, I've been blessed with the good fortune to serve the public, from my 23 years in the Marines to being a two-term mayor of our state's capital city to this moment today - all with the help and support of so many Hoosiers like those in this room tonight.

However, what happened today, may have the most impactful and long-lasting effect.

This really is the beginning.

Thank you.

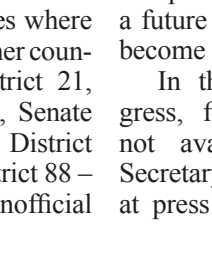
Voters choose to renew Hamilton Southeastern Schools referendum

Submitted by HSE Schools

Voters approved Hamilton Southeastern Schools' replacement operating referendum on Tuesday, Nov. 3, with more than 58 percent voting in favor, according to unofficial election results. The funding will help support teacher salaries and benefits, school safety, and student behavioral health services.

"I want to thank the community for their continued support for this referendum and the people who make our schools what they are," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "This funding helps us keep experienced teachers in our classrooms and provide the services our students need. We appreciate the trust our community has placed in us."

The measure replaces the operating referendum approved in 2023. HSE sought the replacement referendum to help offset projected revenue losses from changes to Indiana property tax law, estimated at more than $45 million over the remaining six years of the existing referendum. The district has also identified more than $7 million in ongoing cost reductions through staffing adjustments, operational efficiencies, and contract reviews.


Kegley

The replacement referendum authorizes a maximum tax rate of $0.36 per $100 of assessed property value over eight years. The Board of School Trustees will set the actual rate and approve a spending plan each year through the public budget process.

"Our voters are owed a democratic vote in how their tax dollars support HSE Schools, and we are grateful for their trust," School Board President Tiffany Pascoe said. "That trust comes with great responsibility for this board, future boards, and our administration to use these dollars carefully and as promised. It also means keeping our staff and stakeholders proactively informed along the way. This is an opportunity to strengthen trust and show it through our actions."

HSE Schools is grateful for the countless volunteers who gave their time and resources to the effort, including Advance HSE, the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association, staff, families, and community members from across the district.

"People spent evenings and weekends talking with neighbors, answering questions and explaining why this mattered to our schools," Kegley said. "We are thankful for the work they put into helping voters understand the proposal."

Referendum information and financial reports are available at **hseschools.org/finances**.

Election Night Statements

"I am grateful to the people of Hamilton County for the faith they have placed in me. I look forward to serving alongside the new councilors as we do the people's business for Hamilton County."
– Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall, District 3

"I am so proud of all of our candidates. This was the best slate of candidates you will ever see in one county. And I am glad the voters agreed."
– Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Josh Lowry

"We wish Charles well."
– Dustin Dixon, Republican candidate for Sheriff

Flip

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Regarding Indiana House races, State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler won re-election, but Speaker Todd Huston and State Rep. Danny Lopez lost to their Democratic challengers. As of press time, it appears that Hamilton County will now be represented by only one Republican in the Indiana House of Representatives.

Some state races where districts include other counties – Senate District 21, Senate District 29, Senate District 31, House District 32, and House District 88 – did not have final unofficial results reported in time for this edition. The Reporter will publish those results in a future edition when they become available.

In the race for Congress, final results were not available from the Secretary of State's office at press time, but several news outlets called it for Democrat J.D. Ford over incumbent Republican Victoria Spartz. The latest results, according to the Associated Press, were 51.7 percent for Ford and 48.3 percent for Spartz, with 99 percent of votes tallied.



GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

*Please note that some of these results are **UNOFFICIAL**. These are current Hamilton County totals as of Tuesday night. While Hamilton County vote totals are final, they still must be certified by the County Election Board. These results include only Hamilton County votes, and thus may not represent the actual results of some races. Winners of contested races solely within Hamilton County appear in red, and * denotes an incumbent.* ***Click here*** *to see full results of all races.*

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

*VICTORIA SPARTZ (R)	44.54%	65,570 votes
J.D. FORD (D)	55.36%	81,500 votes
Write-in	0.10%	147 votes

SECRETARY OF STATE

MAX ENGLING (R)	39.20%	58,277 votes
BEAU BAYH (D)	53.90%	80,141 votes
LAURI A. SHILLINGS (L)	1.55%	2,306 votes
GREG BALLARD (Lincoln Party)	5.33%	7,924 votes
Write-in	0.02%	36 votes

STATE COMPTROLLER

*ELISE NIESHALLA (R)	45.95%	67,186 votes
JESSICA BAILEY (D)	51.42%	75,183 votes
JOHN SCHICK (L)	2.64%	3,856 votes

TREASURER OF STATE

DANIEL ELLIOTT (R)	49.04%	71,493 votes
COUMBA KEBE (D)	50.96%	74,281 votes

STATE SENATOR

District 21

TRACEY POWELL (R)	49.77%	13,926 votes
KIRSTEN ROOT (D)	50.23%	14,052 votes

District 25

*MIKE GASKILL (R)	73.36%	1,396 votes
TAMIE DIXON-TATUM (D)	26.64%	507 votes

District 29

JOHN RUCKELSHAUS (R)	43.05%	8,175 votes
KRISTINA MOORHEAD (D)	56.95%	10,816 votes

District 31

JUANITA ALBRIGHT (R)	42.66%	17,517 votes
KERRY J. FORESTAL (D)	57.34%	23,549 votes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

District 24

*HUNTER SMITH (R)	46.23%	14,414 votes
RACHEAL BLEICHER (D)	53.77%	16,766 votes

District 29

*ALAINA SHONKWILER (R)	52.39%	14,623 votes
DEVON WELLINGTON (D)	47.61%	13,289 votes

District 32

PAUL G. NIX (R)	38.89%	9,337 votes
*VICTORIA GARCIA WILBURN (D)	61.11%	14,672 votes

District 37

*TODD HUSTON (R)	48.48%	12,532 votes
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District 39

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LINDSAY GRAMLICH (D)	54.11%	16,369 votes

District 88

*CHRIS JETER (R)	46.93%	3,854 votes
STEPHANIE JO YOCUM (D)	53.07%	4,359 votes

ARCADIA TOWN COUNCIL

District 2

*AMANDA ENGLE (R)	100%	353 votes

District 3

*DOUG GRISHAW (R)	100%	356 votes

ATLANTA TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large *(vote for 2)*

*FRED A. FARLEY (R)	49.06%	157 votes
JOHN PHIFER (R)	50.94%	163 votes

CICERO TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large *(vote for 2)*

*CLAYTON BELL (R)	49.32%	1,227 votes
*JOE COX (R)	50.68%	1,261 votes

SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

At-Large

*DANIEL A. BRAGG (R)	100%	1,553 votes

District 1

GARRETT GOSSARD (R)	100%	408 votes

District 2

HEIDI KIENHOLZ (R)	100%	205 votes

District 4

ANDREW R. PORTERFIELD (R)	100%	374 votes

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Clay Township

*PAUL D. HENSEL (R)	100%	24,938 votes

Delaware Township

*DEBORAH DEBBIE DRISKELL (R)	100%	7,333 votes

Fall Creek Township

*DOUG ALLMAN (R)	44.74%	12,301 votes
STEPHANIE HUNT (D)	55.26%	15,191 votes

Jackson Township

*ROBYN COOK (R)	68.38%	2,801 votes
CODY PERRY (IND)	31.62%	1,295 votes

Noblesville Township

*THERESA CALDWELL (R)	100%	18,077 votes

Washington Township

*JAMIE GOETZ MILLS (R)	50.83%	13,081 votes
JEFFERY BLEDSOE, JR. (D)	49.17%	12,656 votes

Wayne Township

*LAURA McNAMARA (R)	100%	2,301 votes

White River Township

LISA SUZANNE FLANDERS (R)	79.01%	764 votes
KAT WILSON (D)	20.99%	203 votes

JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT

Superior Court No. 3

*CHRIS EVANS (R)	100%	89,371 votes

Superior Court No. 4

ANGELA BROWN SWENSON (R)	100%	89,843 votes

Superior Court No. 5

*DAVID K. NAJJAR (R)	100%	88,659 votes

Superior Court No. 8

DANICA L. EYLER (R)	47.53%	68,664 votes
EMILY L. ANGEL SHAW (D)	52.47%	75,801 votes

Superior Court No. 9

PAUL C. SWEENEY (R)	100%	89,165 votes

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

*JOSH KOCHER (R)	100%	89,007 votes

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BETH SHELLER (R)	48.73%	70,648 votes
ALEXANDRA E. WILSON (D)	51.27%	74,325 votes

COUNTY ASSESSOR

*KEVIN W. POORE (R)	100%	88,942 votes

COUNTY CORONER

*JEFF D. JELLISON (R)	100%	90,435 votes

COUNTY RECORDER

*TRINI BEAVER (R)	100%	87,957 votes

COUNTY SHERIFF

DUSTIN K. DIXON (R)	49.06%	71,723 votes
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LYNNE GOODIN (R)	14.89%	9,850 votes
ALEX J. HUNT (D)	18.90%	12,500 votes
MULALO RIKHOTSO (D)	16.75%	11,080 votes
JOE WEINGARTEN (D)	17.42%	11,517 votes

Jackson Township *(vote for 3)*

*JIM HUNTER (R)	37.37%	2,468 votes
*JEFFERY S. ROBERTS (R)	29.49%	1,948 votes
ERIC SCHERER (R)	33.14%	2,189 votes

Noblesville Township *(vote for 3)*

*JOE ARROWOOD (R)	21.67%	11,428 votes
*PEGGY R. PFISTER (R)	19.77%	10,428 votes
*MARY SUE ROWLAND (R)	21.23%	11,200 votes
PAULA JO GILLIAM (D)	17.14%	9,041 votes
JENNA STEWART (D)	20.19%	10,647 votes

Washington Township *(vote for 3)*

*JIM AKE (R)	17.53%	10,937 votes
*DANYELE EASTERHAUS (R)	17.23%	10,748 votes
*ERICA STRAHM (R)	17.73%	11,064 votes
BENNIE BRITT (D)	15.73%	9,816 votes
MICHAEL CARDWELL (D)	16.17%	10,087 votes
TRADARA McLAURINE (D)	15.61%	9,736 votes

Wayne Township *(vote for 3)*

ERIC CUNNINGHAM (R)	38.09%	1,466 votes
*MAEGAN R. FLECK (R)	34.24%	1,318 votes
*ROBERT DUSTIN HIDAY (R)	27.67%	1,065 votes

White River Township *(vote for 3)*

*JOHN DEAN (R)	31.44%	615 votes
*EDWARD TRENT GORDON (R)	25.10%	491 votes
JAMIE RULON (R)	27.25%	533 votes
ROBBIE PING (IND)	16.21%	317 votes

SCHOOL REFERENDUMS

Carmel Clay Schools

YES	58.07%	24,669 votes
NO	41.93%	17,812 votes

Hamilton Southeastern Schools

YES	58.33%	25,624 votes
NO	41.67%	18,309 votes

Noblesville Schools

YES	57.18%	15,211 votes
NO	42.82%	11,393 votes

Sheridan Community Schools

YES	47.67%	931 votes
NO	52.33%	1,022 votes

Westfield Washington Schools

YES	56.01%	14,542 votes
NO	43.99%	11,423 votes

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Carmel Clay, District 1

STEPHANIE FLITTNER (R)	100%	24,352 votes

Carmel Clay, District 2

*JENNIFER CASHIN (R)	100%	24,730 votes

Carmel Clay, District 3

MICHELE L. KIRBY (D)	100%	27,800 votes

Hamilton Heights, Jackson Township

*JULIE A. DAVIS (NP)	100%	3,869 votes

Hamilton Heights, White River Township

*BENJAMIN G. LEHMAN (NP)	100%	3,805 votes

Hamilton Heights, At Large

RICHARD (JACK) RUSSELL (NP)	100%	3,689 votes

Hamilton Southeastern, District 1

GREG WRIGHT (R)	43.98%	3,653 votes
ANTHONY JASON WREN (L)	16.43%	1,365 votes
FAIZA MAQSOOD (NP)	39.59%	3,288 votes

Hamilton Southeastern, District 2

FERRAS B. ABDALLA (NP)	17.38%	1,693 votes
CYRUS KECK (NP)	31.48%	3,066 votes
JOSH PERRY (NP)	51.14%	4,981 votes

Hamilton Southeastern, District 3

DAVID TURK (R)	46.97%	5,101 votes
MICHELLE FULLHART (NP)	53.03%	5,760 votes

Hamilton Southeastern, District 4

STEPHANIE BRADEN (IND)	100%	8,952 votes

Noblesville, At Large *(vote for 2)*

DENISE M. DYE (R)	29.60%	10,456 votes
*JOE FORGEY (R)	40.26%	14,223 votes
*MISTI RAY (R)	30.14%	10,649 votes

Sheridan, Adams Township *(vote for 2)*

*TYLER HENNING (IND)	51.81%	973 votes
*KIM ZACHERY (NP)	48.19%	905 votes

Sheridan, At Large

*NANCY BOONE (NP)	100%	1,379 votes

Westfield Washington, District 2

WILLIAM WAYNE ANDERSON (R)	100%	16,324 votes

Westfield Washington, District 4

*REBECCA L. OGLE (R)	63.12%	13,373 votes
STEVEN CASTLE (NP)	36.88%	7,814 votes

Westfield Washington, At Large

*AMBER HUFF WILLIS (R)	51.87%	12,835 votes
GABRIEL CRAWFORD-PAREE (D)	48.13%	11,910 votes

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Denial of bail

YES	57.90%	82,243 votes
NO	42.10%	59,798 votes

Judge residence

YES	61.83%	88,184 votes
NO	38.17%	54,448 votes

JUDGE RETAINMENTS

Judge Dana J. Kenworthy (Indiana Court of Appeals, District 2)

YES	78.84%	88,330 votes
NO	21.16%	23,709 votes

Judge Mary A. DeBoer (Indiana Court of Appeals, District 4)

YES	78.44%	88,681 votes
NO	21.56%	24,373 votes

Judge Paul A. Felix (Indiana Court of Appeals, District 5)

YES	76.77%	86,707 votes
NO	23.23%	26,231 votes

Judge Justin L. McAdam (Indiana Tax Court)

YES	77.04%	86,226 votes
NO	22.96%	25,700 votes

Voter Statistics

Election Day voters: 70,925
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Walk-in absentee voters: 70,189

Total ballots cast: 150,804
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Voter Turnout: 51.86%

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Democratic Party: 29,868
Libertarian Party: 26
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Westfield Library Foundation's Jingle & Mingle will kick off annual Christmas Tree Raffle

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The Westfield Library Foundation is getting into the holiday spirit with the return of its popular Christmas Tree Raffle.

The Foundation will officially kick off its eighth annual fundraiser with a festive tree unveiling and family-friendly celebration from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

The event, called Jingle & Mingle, will give the community its first look at this year's collection of beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each sponsored by a local business. First Bank Midwest is serving as the presenting sponsor, with additional tree sponsorships provided by IPEP, Medallion Partners, APEX Benefits, and Dean Ballenger Agency.

Each tree is custom-designed and decorated by Erin Downey, Executive Director of the Westfield Library Foundation and an interior designer.

"This is one of my favorite events of the year because it brings together so many things I love," Downey said. "Plus, every raffle ticket purchased helps us provide programs and experiences that make our library such a special place."



Photo provided

The halls are in the process of getting decked in anticipation of the Christmas Tree Raffle.

In addition to unveiling the trees, Saturday's celebration will feature Santa's Workshop, letter writing to Santa, photos with Santa's elves, and a Christmas tree scavenger hunt. Visitors can also purchase raffle tickets and select which trees they'd like a chance to win.

The Jingle & Mingle celebration is free and open to the public. For more information about the raffle or to purchase tickets, visit **westfieldlibraryfoundation.com** or stop by the Westfield Washington Public Library.







Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Middle School students explore virtual reality in STEM

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Middle School (SMS) students are getting a hands-on look at their future through the Tenstar VR Trainer, a virtual reality simulator. This hands-on activity is being incorporated into STEM classes led by Kathryn Dunphy with assistance from Brett Beckner.

The Tenstar VR Trainer provides students with realistic, interactive simulations that allow them to practice work-related tasks in a controlled environment. Students can experience operating equipment such as cranes, excavators, forklifts, and semi-trucks. They are able to develop practical skills and learn about workplace safety before potentially operating actual machinery.

At SMS, students have been able to drive a car through a virtual city. Many students expected the experience to be easy, but quickly discovered how challenging it is to drive in a city with different driving situations. One student, Griffin Long, said, "It was very realistic, high-tech, and hands-on."

A benefit of using a simulator is that students can practice as many times as they need. They can repeat tasks, correct mistakes, and eventually improve their performance. Another student, Harper Macy, said, "It taught me a lot of things and was really fun."

Beckner said, "[The VR Trainer] encourages independent learning, builds confidence, and helps students understand the importance of safety, accuracy, and responsibility on the job. We are currently working on partnering with public and private sectors to offer certificates in operating equipment, ranging anywhere from forklift operator to CDL."

Giving students the opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world skills without the real-world consequences gives them more opportunity for future career paths.





The Eleventh Kilometer: a Carmel author's story of loss, resilience & hope

How J.R. Sandadi's journey from India to Indiana offers lessons for a divided world



At a time when our world seems increasingly divided by differences of religion, culture, and identity, a Carmel author's remarkable life story offers a powerful reminder of what connects us as human beings.

In his newly released memoir, *The Eleventh Kilometer*, Carmel resident J.R. Sandadi takes readers on a deeply personal journey from his childhood in India to his life in Indiana. Along the way, he shares experiences of immigration, family, profound loss, faith, and the resilience required to keep moving forward when life takes unexpected turns.

The title comes from the extraordinary determination of Sandadi's father, who, as a young boy growing up in rural India, walked 11 kilometers each way to attend school. That daily journey became a symbol of perseverance, sacrifice, and the belief that education could open doors to a better future.

For Sandadi, his father's footsteps became the foundation of his own journey, one that would eventually take him from India to the United States, where he built a career, raised a family, and became an active leader in the Carmel community.

But *The Eleventh Kilometer* is much more than an immigrant success story.

With remarkable honesty, Sandadi shares the challenges of adapting to a new culture, wrestling with questions of identity and belonging, and experiencing profound personal loss.

One of the most moving dimensions of the memoir is his reflection on the loss of his son, Rishab, and the deaths of his parents. He does not offer easy answers to suffering or suggest that grief simply disappears with time. Instead, he shares the difficult journey of learning to live with loss while continuing to embrace life, family, and community.

Running becomes an important metaphor throughout the book. Having completed all six World Marathon Majors, Sandadi understands that endurance is not simply about reaching the finish line. Sometimes it is about finding the strength to take one more step when the road ahead seems impossible.

A guiding theme of the memoir is the Sanskrit expression *Charaiveti, Charaiveti*, meaning "Keep moving. Keep moving." Yet the book also explores an important question: What are we moving toward, and when do we learn to simply be present?

Beyond his personal accomplishments, Sandadi has become a respected voice in Central Indiana's interfaith community. As Board Chairman of the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, he has helped build relationships among people of different religious and cultural traditions.

I have had the privilege of knowing J.R. since 2018 through our shared commitment to interfaith understanding. What has always impressed me is his genuine curiosity about others, his willingness to listen, and his commitment to building friendships across religious and cultural boundaries.

Those same qualities are reflected throughout his memoir. His Hindu faith and Indian heritage provide a foundation for his understanding of life, but the lessons he shares transcend any single religious tradition.

Having spent decades working to build relationships among people of different faiths, I believe stories like J.R.'s are especially important today. They remind us that beneath our differences are shared experiences of love, loss, struggle, and hope.

Perhaps the greatest gift of *The Eleventh Kilometer* is its reminder that resilience does not mean avoiding suffering or pretending that life is always good. It means finding the courage to continue, carrying both our joys and our sorrows, and discovering that even our most difficult experiences can deepen our compassion for others.

The 11 kilometers his father walked so many years ago became far more than a journey to school. They became the beginning of a story that now reaches across continents, generations, and communities.

The Eleventh Kilometer invites readers to reflect on their own journeys, the challenges they have overcome, and the footsteps they will leave for those who follow.

The Eleventh Kilometer by J.R. Sandadi is available on Amazon. To learn more about the author and his journey, visit **jrsandadi.com**.

Jerry Zehr is a retired Carmel minister, author of "The Peacemaker's Path and Sacred Rebel: Fierce Love in a Fearful World," and a longtime advocate for interfaith understanding in Central Indiana.

TODAY: Creekside Chiropractic's Holiday Gift Open House

The REPORTER

This evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Creekside Chiropractic of Sheridan will play host to the 15th annual Holiday Gift Open House at Sheridan Elementary School in the cafeteria.

Come shop from 30 vendors. Find delicious food products, jewelry, pottery, homemade soaps, beautiful quilts, 3D printed trinkets, custom clothing, candles and so much more.

Please come and support the many local artisans and pick up some great Christmas gifts.

Gov. Braun appoints eight local residents to various state boards

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun announced on Friday, Oct. 30, several new appointments to various state boards and commissions. The following people are from Hamilton County.

• Tera Klutz was appointed to the Indiana Bond Bank; term expires Oct. 31, 2029.

• Kara Riggle was appointed to the Indiana Finance Authority Board; term expires June 30, 2028.

• Karen Sauer was appointed to the Home Inspectors Licensing Board; term expires June 30, 2030.

• Jessica Minor was appointed to the Interagency Coordinating Council; term expires Dec. 31, 2029.

• Ty Sloffer was appointed to the Statewide 911 Board; term expires Sept. 30, 2028.

• Dr. Sarah Standish was appointed to the Board of Pediatric Medicine; term expires Oct. 31, 2030.

• John Clark was appointed to the State Workforce Development Board; term expires March 31, 2030.

• Susan Carlock was appointed the Vincennes University Board of Trustees; term expires Oct. 2, 2028.

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You're smart vs. you've worked hard

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KEN KLINGENMEIER
Another Opination

I was recently reminded that it was 60 years ago that I started college. I had graduated high school holding a full-tuition scholarship to any college in New York State's network due to a high test score on what was called the Regents Exam, which every high school senior in NY was given a chance to take.

I was considered to be very smart. I had been told that I was ever since elementary school days.

Back then my class were annually given a series of IQ tests. Only the highest scorers took the test the following year, and so on and so on. By the eighth grade, only about six of us were being tested. I was deemed "gifted" and my parents were asked if they wanted me to be sent to a special school for that. They said no.

High school classes were a breeze. I listened in class, took good notes, and never studied, but frequently made the honor roll without much effort. And no one was surprised when I received the scholarship – hey, I was smart!

College was NOT a breeze. I had no study habits. I regrettably entered the math curriculum and was confounded by basic calculus. I was much more interested in girls and being on the track team than I was about any of my school work. I had become used to being able to pass everything without opening a book. College work was a task I wasn't up for.

I wound up flunking out and joining the Navy, where once again I did well on their aptitude and intelligence tests. I was asked if I would like to go to the Naval Academy in Annapolis. I turned it down, figuring college was not for me.

The point of all this historical info is that being smart, and constantly being told that I was, seemed to work against me. I make that claim bolstered by study results I recently read about and which I feel I align with.

In this study, two groups of gifted children were the subjects. One group would do well and be told that they were so smart. The other group did well and was told that their hard work had really paid off. These different conveyances were carried on through years of testing and development.

You might guess which group wound up being more successful in their later endeavors. Having the idea that it was the hard work that made the difference was a mighty motivator.

I can see how important that kind of encouragement can be. I think it applies in schooling, sports development, family life and even the workplace.

Being told I was especially smart made me think I had the only tool I needed to succeed. It's akin to telling a little girl only that she is so pretty or a boy that he is so handsome. If that is all that they think is valuable about themselves, it can skew their approach to life.

I find myself choosing a different method to encourage children. It's their hard work that is important.

I certainly think my path might have been very different had my aptitudes been handled in a more encouraging way. I don't lament that they weren't. I like how my life has turned out – but I sometimes wonder what I might have accomplished with a different attitude about myself.

Ken Klingenmeier, a longtime reviewer of local theatre productions, occasionally opines on other topics.

Arcadia Brethren Church gearing up for Christmastime at Holiday Bazaar





Photos provided by Bev Poindexter

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St., will welcome the community to its annual Holiday Bazaar and Chicken Noodle Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 7. In addition to a delicious meal of chicken & noodles with all the fixings, attendees can browse from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the collection of homemade crafts, art, and knick-knacks in search of the perfect Christmas gift. The cost of the meal is $12 for a full meal and $6 for a half-meal. Dine-in, carry-out, and drive-thru will be available.



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LibraryCon! returns to Fishers Nov. 14

Family-friendly event features cosplay, gaming, live music, creative workshops & manga artist Misako Rocks

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Get ready for a day of fandom, creativity, and geeky goodness!

Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) will play host to its third annual LibraryCon! from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Fishers Library. The all-ages event invites fans of comics, gaming, anime, science fiction, and more to celebrate their favorite fandoms through hands-on activities, live entertainment, and opportunities to connect with fellow fans.

"HEPL is excited to welcome back gaming and comic fans to our third annual LibraryCon!," HEPL Systemwide Program Coordinator Allison Kartman said. "This all-ages, family-friendly event is the library's biggest program of the year, and this year we're stepping it up a notch. In addition to the familiar sights of open board gaming, our vendor marketplace, and workshops, we're ending the day with a featured keynote speaker. We hope patrons will bring the whole family to enjoy this special day at their local library."

This year's event will conclude with a special presentation by Misako Rocks, a Japanese manga artist and online educator whose work has been published worldwide. From 2 to 3 p.m., attendees can learn about the creative process behind her *Bounce Back* book series, discover what it takes to be a manga artist, and follow along with an interactive manga drawing activity. A book signing will follow the presentation.

Throughout the day, visitors can explore a wide range of activities and entertainment, including:

• **Cosplay and character encounters:** Costumes are encouraged but not required. Guests can dress as their favorite characters, take photos at the event photobooth, and encounter roaming *Star Wars* characters from Star Wars Indiana. Transformers meet-and-greets will also take place throughout the day.



Photos provided by Hamilton East Public Library

Though not required, these photos make it clear that LibraryCon! is even more fun in costume!



• **Creative workshops:** Learn cosplay techniques during an interactive EVA foam bracers workshop led by cosplay duo Molly Silver and Isabella of FruitGoblin Cosplay. Comic fans can explore the art of storytelling and illustration with artist Ray Brown, while additional hands-on activities will give attendees opportunities to make their own fandom-inspired creations.

• **Live music:** Enjoy performances by il Troubadore, a musical group featuring music from anime, video games, television, and movies, as well as Forward Motion musicians Eric Salazar and Ashton Vickery performing music from the *Legend of Zelda* series for clarinet and piano.

• **Gaming for every kind of player:** Try a new tabletop game, playtest a game design or revisit an old favorite in the open gaming room with Who's Yer Gamers and Indy Tabletop Game Creators. Attendees can also enjoy the GameStar Mobile video game truck, learn to play Dungeons & Dragons, and participate in scheduled trivia and video game tournaments.

• **Artist Alley and Marketplace:** Browse and purchase fandom-inspired art and other unique creations from local artists and vendors and connect with community organizations in the LibraryCon! Community Corner.

• **Family-friendly activities:** Families can enjoy crafts, a scavenger hunt, storytime with the Circle City Ghostbusters, and more. Guests who complete the scavenger hunt will be entered into a prize drawing, with a special holographic sticker available for participants who complete the activity.

LibraryCon! will also feature a Versiti blood drive, giving attendees an opportunity to help save lives while enjoying the event. Blood donors will receive HEPL-branded swag and a free book. Food trucks and a mobile coffee cart will be available with options for purchase for guests who want to grab a bite or a drink during their visit.

Select activities require advance registration, and registration is recommended for others. For the full schedule of activities, workshop details, registration information and a complete list of artists, vendors, and participating organizations, visit **hamiltoneastpl.org**.

Brad Johnson hired as Zionsville planning director

Submitted by Town of Zionsville

Zionsville Mayor John Stehr has announced the hiring of Brad Johnson as the town's new Director of Planning and Building. Johnson will begin his new role on Nov. 30, 2026.

Johnson brings more than 30 years of experience in urban planning, zoning, and development regulations. He founded Zionsville-based planning firm Ground Rules, Inc. in 2001, which specializes in zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations. The firm has worked with more than 60 cities, towns, and counties, primarily in Indiana.

"We received applications from across the country, but finding someone who understands Zionsville's unique character was important to us," Mayor Stehr said. "It turns out the best person for the job lives just a few blocks from Town Hall."

A Zionsville resident since 2005, Johnson currently serves as president of the Zionsville Plan Commission. He previously served three years on both the Zionsville Redevelopment Commission, during the development of Creekside Corporate Park, and the Zionsville Architectural Review Committee.



Johnson



Stehr

Before founding Ground Rules, Johnson helped establish the urban planning division at Ratio Architects and co-founded The Community Partnership, a planning firm specializing in downtown revitalization, economic development, and community planning. He also contributed to Indiana Planning Law Annotated, commonly known as the "Blue Book," and holds degrees in Urban Planning and Environmental Design from Ball State University.

"I've spent my career helping communities across Indiana write rules that are fair, clear and built for the places they're meant to shape," Johnson said. "It's a privilege to bring that work home. My priorities are a planning and permitting process that residents can understand, that treats applicants fairly and that protects what makes Zionsville special as we evolve."

As director, Johnson will oversee the town's planning, zoning, permitting, and building inspection functions. The department also provides staff support to the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Johnson and his wife, Janet, raised three daughters in Zionsville, all graduates of Zionsville schools. He has also volunteered with Zionsville High School theater productions, show choir, and youth robotics.

Johnson will step down as president of the Zionsville Plan Commission before beginning his new role with the town.

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Community First Bank of Indiana breaks ground on first Zionsville branch

Submitted

Community First Bank (CFB) of Indiana has officially broken ground on its first Zionsville branch, marking the locally owned bank's continued investment in Central Indiana.

For CFB, entering Zionsville is about more than opening a new branch. It is an opportunity to build meaningful relationships with the people, businesses, and organizations that make the community unique.

"We want banking to feel like a partnership," CFB President and CEO Robb Blume said. "That starts with getting to know our customers, listening to their stories and understanding what they're trying to accomplish. We look for ways to problem-solve together and ask, 'How can we make this work?' That's the kind of relationship-focused banking we're excited to bring to Zionsville."

Zionsville's strong sense of community is one of the qualities that drew the Bank to the area. While this will be CFB's first location in Boone County, Zionsville is just a short drive from the Bank's Westfield locations and its established presence in Hamilton County. Last year, the Bank's 153 employees contributed more than 3,000 hours in neighboring communities.

The new Zionsville branch, located at 11055 Ambrose Lane, will provide everyday personal and business banking services, along with dedicated space for commercial lending, private banking, and mortgage services. The location will serve as the Bank's Boone County hub and include a conference room for community use. Construction partners include Wurster Construction, MSKTD & Associates, and JPS Consulting Engineers.

CFB anticipates opening the Zionsville branch in late spring 2027.



Photo provided by Community First Bank

The questions that come after you've built your wealth

COLUMNIST



COREY SYLVESTER
Cicero Edward Jones

Preserving wealth requires asking different questions from the ones that built it. Once you've accumulated meaningful assets, the focus shifts from growth alone toward stewardship – keeping what you've built, directing it purposefully, and making sure it continues to serve the people and causes that matter most to you.

The most important conversations often have little to do with investments. How wealth moves through a family, and what it carries with it, can matter just as much as asset allocation. How do you want future generations to steward family wealth? What values do you hope to pass on alongside financial assets? These are deeply personal questions, and the answers shape more than a balance sheet. They shape a family's story for generations to come.

Your needs at this stage run the gamut, spanning family and legacy, taxes and trusts, and access to specialized investments and services. Few of these decisions exist in isolation. A charitable gift may shape your tax strategy. A trust review may influence your estate plan. The sale of a business or a concentrated stock position may create new opportunities and new risks. One choice ripples into the next, and the connections between them create complexities that often require professional expertise to manage appropriately.

You may need guidance that spans multiple disciplines. Executive compensation rules, business succession structures and charitable trust strategies each carry their own complexities.

Then there is the element of change. The sale of a business, an inheritance or retirement often brings a rush of decisions, and the options can feel overwhelming. Choices multiply, and the window to make a decision can be narrow.

Family dynamics can add another layer of complexity, particularly when wealth is tied to a farm, ranch, family business, or other shared asset that not all heirs will manage in the same way.

Whether your goal is early retirement or a more traditional path, a financial advisor can help you with a plan for your goals and the path ahead.

The opportunities that come with wealth are often accompanied by new risks. A concentrated stock position, an unexpected health event, a business transition, or even family disagreements can have lasting financial consequences. Protecting what you've built requires thoughtful attention to risk, liquidity, and long-term planning.

A financial advisor can help bring perspective to complex financial decisions. This may include understanding not only your investments but also the family dynamics, tax considerations, estate plans, and legacy goals that surround them. By taking the time to understand what matters most to you, they can help you evaluate important decisions and coordinate the appropriate team of professionals when you need them. They also can help bring perspective during moments of significant change, when the stakes are highest, and the options feel overwhelming. If your circumstances or priorities change, they evolve alongside you, adapting your plan as your needs and expectations shift over time.

Finding a financial advisor who's the right fit for your unique situation is what turns complexity into coordinated action and helps ensure that your wealth keeps working for the life you envision.

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Fishers High School students display their artwork at Community Center

Inaugural exhibition now on display through November, with plans to expand to other schools

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Students from Fishers High School (FHS) have a new way to showcase their art through a partnership with the Fishers Community Center (FCC) Strengthened by IU Health, and the City of Fishers.

The inaugural exhibition, now on display at the FCC, features approximately two dozen pieces of original artwork created by FHS Advanced Placement Art students, and student-sculpted ceramics displayed near the entrance. The two-dimensional works, drawings, and mixed-media pieces created on flat surfaces, includes pieces from an assignment in which students revisited and reimagined their previous artwork, experimenting with composition, color, and design.

The collaborative initiative began when FHS Visual Arts Department Chair Jasmine Osborne approached the FCC about providing a dedicated space for student artwork. The new partnership provides students with an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents beyond the classroom and school hallways. The exhibition is on display in public hallways of the center that are free and open for all to visit, regardless of membership.

"Our students pour their heart into their art. It takes weeks and weeks of development, planning and refining," Osborne said. "I hope they can feel pride in seeing it here, and I hope they feel like they deserve to have others view their art."

For FHS senior Wil Lewandowski, who helped install the exhibition, seeing student art displayed in a public space brings a new sense of accomplishment.

"It's such a different feeling to have art that you make in school to have graded by a teacher versus having that in a real place where other people are coming and seeing it," Lewandowski said. "It makes you feel kind of professional."

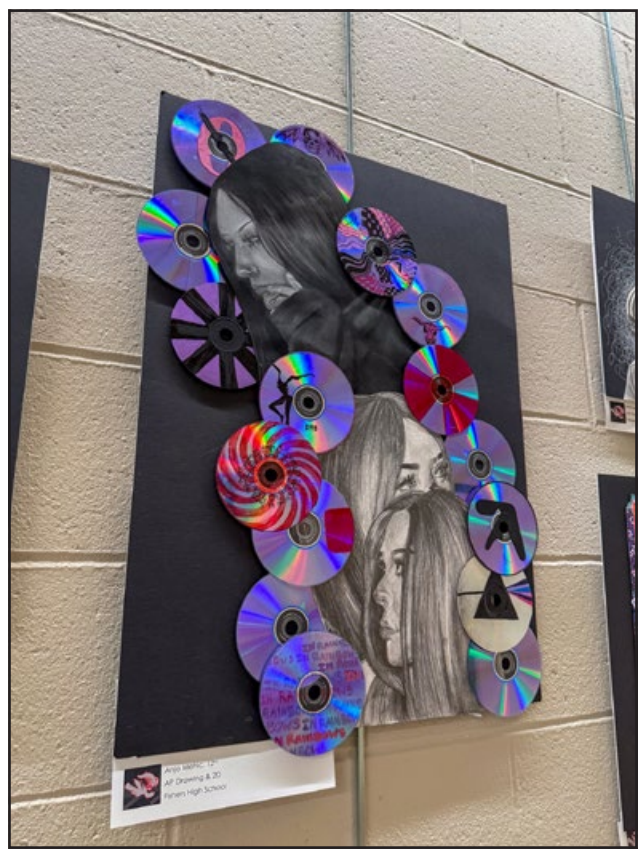
The first exhibition is intended to be one of many. Osborne, in collaboration with her fellow art instructors throughout HSE Schools, is exploring opportunities to rotate and feature artwork from additional grade levels and schools throughout the district.

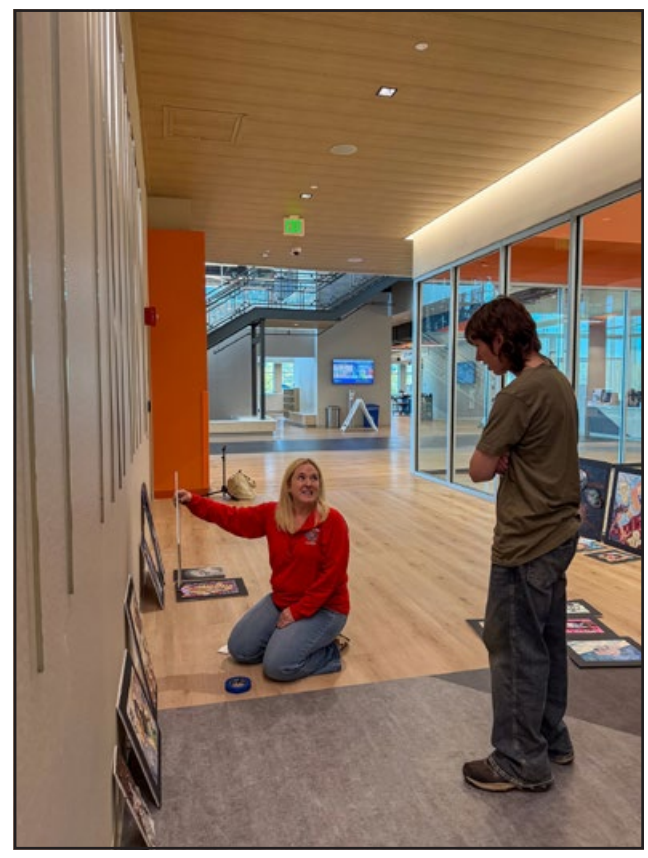
"We're fortunate to live in a community that finds ways to showcase our students and their talents beyond the classroom. It's something that makes Fishers special," HSE Schools Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said.

Plans are also underway to expand the partnership to the Fishers Health Department, where student-created artwork would be displayed in clinic rooms.

"The Fishers Community Center was built to bring our community together and this partnership is another way we're making it happen," FCC Director Mike Lindbloom said. "We're excited to give local students a place to showcase their creativity and add something special for our visitors to enjoy."

You can see the students' artwork during their next visit to the FCC, located at 11400 Johnson Farm Way.







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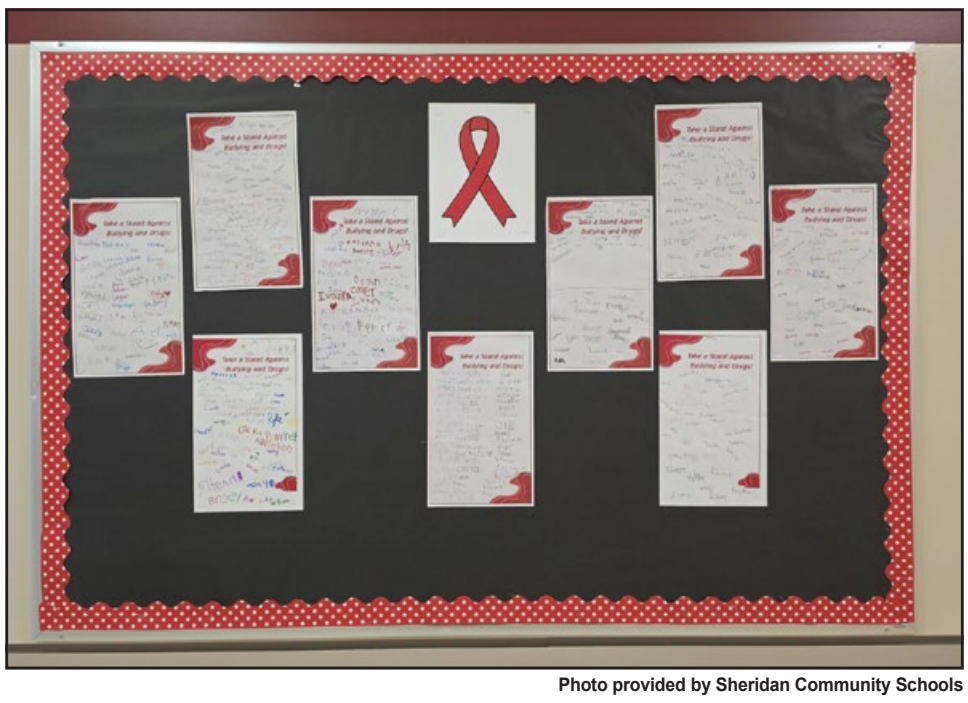


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Sheridan Elementary School celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary celebrated Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 23 to 31. The week promotes drug prevention and encourages students to make healthy, positive choices.

All week long, students were taught the importance of staying drug-free, making smart decisions, and serving as role models for others. At SES, students were able to participate in a variety of activities that reinforced that message.

Students and staff showed their school spirit through dress-up days, including Superhero Day, Hat Day, Wear Red Day, Crazy Sock Day, and Team Day. Students were also able to wear Red Ribbon Week bracelets, sign a banner committing to stay drug-free, and participate in classroom activities that focused on healthy choices.

Through the activities and the week, SES emphasized this message: make healthy choices, say no to drugs, and be a positive role model. By making this commitment, the students can build positive habits that will benefit them now and in the future.



Mayor Willis addresses Westfield National Honor Society inductees



Photo provided by City of Westfield

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, Westfield Mayor Scott Willis had the honor of addressing the newest National Honor Society inductees at Westfield High School. Nearly 250 students and their families attended the ceremony, celebrating the students' academic achievements and commitment to scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Congratulations to all of this year's inductees. Your hard work and dedication are a reflection of the bright future of the community.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana received a $1,000 donation.

Slick City Action Park opens in Geist Center

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Slick City Action Park, 11621 Fox Road, Indianapolis, celebrated the grand opening of its largest Indiana location with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 29, bringing together local leaders and community partners at its 55,000 square-foot indoor entertainment park in Geist.

Dignitaries in attendance included Slick City Geist co-owner Eddie Wilson, Slick City corporate representatives, the Mayor of Lawrence and his staff, representatives from the Indianapolis and Lawrence Chambers of Commerce, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, which will serve as a community partner for the park.

Slick City Geist features 16 giant dry slides, the most of any Slick City location in Indiana, along with a 100-seat arcade and the Hyper Grid Interactive Arena, the only attraction of its kind in the state.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Love and Obey the Lord

Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

If you carefully observe all these commands I am giving you to follow—to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him and to hold fast to him—then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations larger and stronger than you. Every place where you set your foot will be yours: Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the Euphrates River to the Mediterranean Sea. No one will be able to stand against you. The Lord your God, as he promised you, will put the terror and fear of you on the whole land, wherever you go.

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known. When the Lord your God has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you are to proclaim on Mount Gerizim the blessings, and on Mount Ebal the curses. As you know, these mountains are across the Jordan, westward, toward the setting sun, near the great trees of Moreh, in the territory of those Canaanites living in the Arabah in the vicinity of Gilgal. You are about to cross the Jordan to enter and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you. When you have taken it over and are living there, be sure that you obey all the decrees and laws I am setting before you today.

Deuteronomy 11:20-32 (NIV)

Noblesville Boom to celebrate Braden Smith at Westfield Rocks Night



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Join the Noblesville Boom for Westfield Rocks Night, celebrating Westfield native Braden Smith at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. Every ticket purchased through this offer includes an exclusive Westfield x Boom co-branded hat and a contribution to the Westfield Education Foundation. For more information or to purchase your tickets, click here.

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Meeting Notices

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, has been canceled due to no business items for consideration.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

Pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-19(a), the Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet to discuss the terms of the tentative agreement of the teacher collective bargaining agreement at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 2026, at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

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Janice G. Bastin

January 1, 1929 – October 30, 2026



Janice G. Bastin, 97, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, October 30, 2026, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on January 1, 1929, to Virgil and Mary (Wilson) Henderson in Indianapolis.

Janice grew up in Indianapolis and graduated from Washington High School. She married Charles on June 10, 1949, and worked at his accounting business, Charles W. Bastin and Company, doing office administration tasks. Janice was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church and Delta Theta Tau Sorority. She enjoyed reading, being in the sunshine, playing Bridge, and knitting. Janice was a sports fan, especially of the Tampa Bay Rays and the Indianapolis Colts.

She is survived by her son, David (Deborah) Bastin; daughter, Deborah (Roland) Feliciana; son, Ronald (Lucinda) Bastin; seven grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles William Bastin; son, Larry Bastin; one sister; and four brothers

Services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060; or the charity of the donor's choosing.

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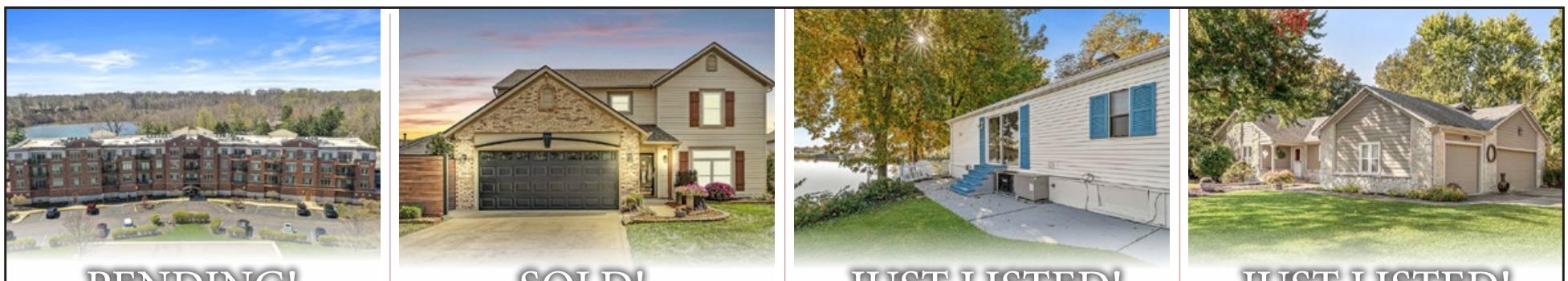
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