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# 349 reasons to smile: Kids Coats warms 131 Westfield families

**Submitted by Eric Lohe**
*Lead Pastor, CrossRoads Church at Westfield*

There was a lot of warmth in the air last Saturday as Hamilton County Kids Coats partnered with CrossRoads Church at Westfield to help make sure Westfield children are ready for the cold winter months ahead.

In an impressive demonstration of community generosity, Kids Coats distributed 349 winter coats to 131 local families, making a meaningful difference for children who might otherwise face the winter without adequate protection from the cold. In addition to the coats, families also received gloves and hats to help keep their children warm from head to toe.

This was about more than simply handing out winter clothing. KidsCoats created a welcoming shopping experience at CrossRoads Church at Westfield where families could come inside, browse the selections, and choose just the right coat for each child. With a variety of sizes, colors, and styles available, parents and children had the opportunity to find something that fit comfortably and that each child would be excited to wear.

For many families, the opportunity to select a new winter coat for their children is something that can easily be taken for granted. But for others, the rising cost of everyday necessities can make purchasing winter clothing for growing children a real financial challenge.

That's what makes the work of Hamilton County Kids Coats so important.

Beyond the coats distributed, families experienced something equally valuable: the knowledge that their Westfield community cares about them.

Every coat represented a child who will be a little warmer this winter. Every pair of gloves and every hat represented another small act of kindness. Every family who walked through the doors of CrossRoads Church was reminded that neighbors helping neighbors is what makes a community special.



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349 coats. 131 families. Countless smiles. And a whole lot of warmth!

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# Why do we wait 364 days to be neighbors?




There is something magical about Halloween that has very little to do with candy.

This year, as I watched the hustle and bustle in my neighborhood, I found myself appreciating something beyond the costumes, decorated porches, and buckets of candy. It was the people. The conversations. The laughter. The unexpected connections happening right outside our front doors.

The weather certainly played its part this year. A pleasant evening brought families out in abundance. Children dressed as superheroes, princesses, ghosts, and characters from their favorite stories went from one doorstep to another. Parents walked alongside them, neighbors opened their doors, and people who might otherwise

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# Meet Sheridan High School Band's new photographer

**Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools**

A freshman at Sheridan High School is taking pictures of the marching band, even though he has no experience with that kind of photography.



**Hoffman**

Waylon Hoffman is a freshman at Sheridan High School who participates in concert band, playing the French horn. Despite not receiving any lessons on using a camera, he takes pictures for the marching band. The idea of being the honorary photographer was given to him by Morgan Ciambella. The band needed pictures, and Hoffman was the only one not in the marching band. At first, his photography skills weren't the greatest, but he's slowly figuring out how to shoot good photos.

Hoffman started band back in middle school, and he is currently the only horn player in Sheridan High School. As the only French horn player, he quickly grew a love for all things band.

When marching band became required, Mr. Cronin, the band director, gave him permission to take pictures of the marching band practicing. He's also lucky that he has previously used his grandmother's camera to take pictures of birds and squirrels. This little bit of experience has allowed him to start with some knowledge of photography, as well as grow his love for it. He's still in band because of this.

Right now, the marching band isn't doing very much other than pre-game shows. However, there is a plan to go to marching competitions in the future. Hoffman will probably still be taking pictures of their practices. The middle school bands have also grown. This means there might be more students in high school band in the near future. Overall, the band is doing well and will continue to do well.

Sheridan has given Hoffman a unique opportunity in the form of being the band's honorary photographer. How much he has grown is impressive. He thoroughly enjoys band and taking photos of the band.

Sheridan is a place where students can follow their dreams, and Waylon Hoffman is a good example of that.

# Community First Bank & Big Hoffa's BBQ will thank Veterans with free meal

**The REPORTER**

Since 2015, Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) has marked Veterans Day not just with words, but with action. What began as a grassroots effort of raking leaves, cleaning gutters, and performing minor yard work for local Veterans has grown into a cherished tradition that brings employees together in service to those who served.

In 2020, when COVID-19 restrictions made free Veterans Day lunches scarce, the CFB team launched a free meal program to ensure local Veterans still felt remembered and appreciated. Since then, the tradition has continued to grow.

This Veterans Day, CFB proudly continues the tradition by offering Veterans a complimentary meal from Big Hoffa's BBQ. The lunch is funded by CFB employees through the Bank's Casual for a Cause program, with Big Hoffa's BBQ generously providing a discount.

On Nov. 11, Veterans are invited to stop by Big Hoffa's BBQ, 800 E. Main St., Westfield, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CFB employees will be onsite handing out vouchers for a free quarter-pound pork, chicken, or brisket sandwich meal. Meals are available to the first 200 Veterans.

CFB's Veterans Day tradition reflects its deep commitment to community and gratitude for those who served. CFB looks forward to honoring local Veterans again this year. Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions or visit **CFBindiana.com/veterans**.

# Fishers will honor heroes on Veterans Day

**Submitted by City of Fishers**

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Fishers city officials and the Fishers Armed Services Commission invite residents to honoring local heroes and their families at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. in the Theater at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. A live stream will be provided on the City of Fishers' **YouTube Channel**.

This year's guest speaker is Timothy Winslow, U.S. Army Major General, Ret., Executive Director of Indiana War Memorials and the Assistant Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. His broad experience in these career positions aggregate to over 40 years of sustained superior service to State and Nation.

The White River Brass Troupe will also perform and veterans can participate in a pinning ceremony during the event.




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*Letter to the Editor*

## Noblesville reader's "hopes aren't very high" about Democratic control

Dear Editor:

Democratic Party fortune took a surprising upturn last Tuesday (even here in Hamilton County) as voters decided they had had enough of the GOP's and the President's lack of success with cost of living issues and the war. The overwhelming turnaround in Congress, governorships, and in statehouses was unexpected in its magnitude and its diversity.

I only hope that the mainstream establishment Dems will get past the newer out-of-touch socialist members' ambitions to change America – as well as some long-time Trump-haters' hopes to promote a ream of investigations ad nauseam. If that is all they accomplish, it will be a short victory celebration. I do not think that is the change most Americans are seeking.

We have aches in our pocketbooks. The war has caused many prices to soar based on the higher fuel costs that resulted from the conflict. Will forcing an end to the war make that better? Not quickly, I would guess. This war is difficult for most Americans to justify – especially since Mr. Trump is the Commander in Chief. But, if the resolution leaves Iran with nuclear capabilities in the future … the future isn't what it oughta be.

Many in the media, even on the left, are wondering if the next two years will feature the typical Democratic "overreaches" that get the country nowhere and add to U.S. citizens' unhappiness.

The reins of power haven't been handled well by either party of late. Let's hope the Dems take the opportunity to do something different this time.

For some reason, my hopes aren't very high.

**Morris Bedlam**
*Noblesville*

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## Coats

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Photo provided by CrossRoads Church at Westfield

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

• Saturday, Nov. 7: Green Valley Church, 19005 Cumberland Road, Noblesville

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

Families seeking ongoing coat assistance can also contact the Merciful HELP Center at Our Lady of Carmel Catholic Church.

To learn more about Hamilton County Kids Coats, its programs, or ways to help, visit **kidscoats.org**.

To learn more about CrossRoads Church at Westfield's many local community ministries including free pet food, Pizza and Punchlines Comedy night, Celebrate Recovery, and free home repairs, visit **CRChurch.org**.

## Neighbors

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Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

pass each other without a word suddenly had a reason to stop, smile, and say hello.

I noticed something interesting.

On Halloween, children seem to have a special kind of permission. They can walk up to almost anyone's front door, ring the doorbell, introduce themselves through a costume, and ask for something sweet. There is an unspoken invitation to connect. Homes that might feel unfamiliar on any other evening become welcoming stops along the neighborhood route.

In fact, children often become the community connectors for their parents. They encourage adults to walk together, meet neighbors, exchange greetings, and sometimes reconnect with people they haven't spoken to in months.

Think about that. It takes a child in a dinosaur costume or a superhero cape to get two adults talking!

For one evening, we seem to set aside our usual hesitation. We become more approachable. We make room for conversations with people whose names we may not even know. We celebrate togetherness without needing a special introduction or a scheduled gathering.

But why only Halloween?

Why do we spend the other 364 days treating our neighbors like strangers? Why do we wait for a decorated porch, a costume, or a bowl of candy to give ourselves permission to connect?

I am not suggesting that we abandon healthy boundaries or forget personal safety. But perhaps we can borrow a little of Halloween's openness and carry it into our everyday lives.

Imagine what could happen if we knocked on a neighbor's door just to say hello, invited someone for a cup of tea, checked on an elderly neighbor, or stopped for a few extra minutes to ask how someone's day was going.

What if we didn't need a costume to start a conversation? What if we didn't need candy to create a reason to visit? What if a simple smile, a shared meal, or a genuine question became our everyday trick-or-treat?

Community isn't built in one evening. It grows through the small, ordinary moments when we make ourselves available to one another.

As I watched children leading the way this Halloween, I was reminded that sometimes the youngest members of our community teach us the biggest lessons. They don't wait to be invited into belonging. They simply show up, reach out, and create an opportunity.

Perhaps that is the sweetest treat Halloween leaves behind.

So, as we put away the costumes and empty the candy buckets, let's not pack away the spirit of connection.

Let's be the neighbor someone feels comfortable knocking on. Let's be the familiar face someone looks forward to seeing. Let's make room for conversations that turn acquaintances into friends and neighbors into a community.

After all, belonging shouldn't be a once-a-year celebration. It should be something we practice every day.

Why wait 364 days to be neighbors?

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

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# Noblesville now accepting applications for Neighborhood Match & Tree Planting grants

**Submitted by City of Noblesville**

Applications for the City of Noblesville's Neighborhood Match Grant and Tree Planting Grant are open, providing funding for neighborhood improvements and to expand Noblesville's tree canopy. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 4, 2027, and grants will be awarded in February.

The Neighborhood Match Grant, launched in 2025, provides matching funds to Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and neighborhood groups for projects that enhance, improve, and beautify communities. Eligible projects include recreation improvements, safety enhancements, and landscape sustainability initiatives.

The Tree Planting Grant is a partnership between the city, SMC Corporation of America, and the Noblesville Tree Board. The program supports tree planting projects that expand the city's tree canopy and promote long-term environmental sustainability. SMC provides funding for the program, which the city matches.

The Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Noblesville as a Tree City USA for 35 consecutive years. For the upcoming grant cycle, SMC is increasing its contribution from $2,500 to $5,000, and the city will match the donation to provide additional funding for tree planting.

"I'm proud to see these grant programs bring neighborhood projects to life and improve quality of life for our residents," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "These investments reflect our commitment to building stronger neighborhoods, improving accessibility, and creating spaces that will benefit our community for years to come. I'm grateful to the Noblesville Common Council for its continued support of the Neighborhood Match Grant and to SMC for being a valued partner in investing in the long-term growth and sustainability of our city."

**Tree Planting Grant**

The **Tree Planting Grant** prioritizes trees most likely to survive and reach maturity. Recipients are encouraged to plant awarded trees on or near Arbor Day, April 30, 2027. This year, the city and SMC partnered to plant 100 trees in Forest Park around Earth Day and Arbor Day to celebrate the park's 100th anniversary.

"Our partnership with the City of Noblesville through the Tree Grant Program has become one of SMC's flagship commitments to sustainability and community investment, and we're proud to see its impact continue to grow," SMC President and CEO Kelley Stacy said. "As we celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2027, we're excited to increase our donation to this community fund to $5,000, helping bring more trees to our neighborhoods, beautify shared spaces and create a greener Noblesville for generations to come."

The Noblesville Tree Board develops and oversees plans for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, and removal of city street trees. The board also coordinates with other city entities, including the Park Board, Plan Commission, and Street Department.

"The Noblesville Tree Board is excited to once again partner with SMC, the City of Noblesville, and our Noblesville neighbors to plant trees for our community," said Ashley Mullis, representing the Noblesville Tree Board. "This valuable partnership seeks to increase the tree canopy in Noblesville; which provides countless ecological and human health benefits. From flood mitigation, to increased property values, to mental health benefits; trees just help communities function better. Beautiful tree-lined streets are a hallmark of great Indiana hometowns and we want that tradition to continue, so get your neighbors together and plant some trees for the future of Noblesville."

**Neighborhood Match Grant**

The **Neighborhood Match Grant** provides a one-to-one match, with the city contributing 50 percent of eligible project costs, up to $10,000 per project. The Noblesville Common Council first appropriated funding for the program in the 2025 budget and continued its support in the 2026 and 2027 budgets.

All completed applications will be reviewed by the Neighborhood Match Grant Committee before funding decisions are made. The committee may recommend a higher matching ratio for projects supplemented by corporate funding. Eligible applicants include HOAs and neighborhood groups located within Noblesville city limits.

Funding will focus on projects involving design, construction, or installation, with priority given to those offering the greatest visibility and positive community impact. Projects within the public right-of-way are subject to additional review and approval.

Examples of eligible projects include new trail connections, accessible playground enhancements, and community gardens. Previously funded projects have included native plant installations, playground improvements, lighting, and benches. Since the program began in 2025, a total of 25 Noblesville neighborhoods have received grant awards since the inception of the program.

**How to apply**

Applications for both grants are available online and will be accepted through Jan. 4, 2027. Grants will be awarded in February 2027.

For more information about acceptable and prioritized projects and to apply, visit **noblesville.in.gov/TheNeighborhood-MatchGrant** or **noblesville.in.gov/233/Noblesville-Tree-Planting-Grant**.




# Kebe congratulates Elliott in Indiana Treasurer's race

**Submitted**

*On Wednesday, Nov. 4, Democratic candidate for Indiana Treasurer of State Coumba Kebe conceded to incumbent Daniel Elliott and released the following statement.*


Kebe

A few moments ago, I called Daniel Elliott to congratulate him on his victory, and I wished him well as he continues to serve as our State Treasurer. I asked him to promise that he will put partisan politics aside and put Hoosiers first. Because this campaign was never about me. It was always about you.

I am proud of the historic turnout across this state, and across the country, but I am most proud of the voters who put people over party – the independents and lifelong Republicans who decided that good leadership, accountability, and their families' futures mattered more than any political label.

Four years ago, this seat was decided by more than 20 points. People told us there was no way we could cut that margin. But, together, we flipped the script. Together, we brought attention to an overlooked office. Together, we earned the respect and kind words of leaders on both sides of the aisle. And together, we battled a heavily favored incumbent into one of the tightest Treasurer's races our state has seen in decades.

So while the final numbers didn't end up in our favor, don't let anyone tell you that your vote doesn't count. You sent an unmistakable message that transparency and honest leadership are not partisan issues.

And I want to be completely clear about one thing: I stand by every single thing we did on this journey. We didn't compromise our values. We didn't play political games. I ran this race as my authentic self – unapologetically – and that is exactly how I am coming to you now: with my head high, proud of every word we spoke, every hand we shook, and every dollar we raised with integrity.

Indiana, Election Day may be over, but our work is far from finished. This is not the end of our fight – it is only the beginning of my journey to serve the people of this state. And to every voter and every child watching at home across Indiana: do not let these results discourage you.

It does not matter what you look like. It does not matter where you come from. And it certainly does not matter what people say about your name. You belong in the rooms where decisions are made. You can be a leader in this great state.

Thank you for your faith, thank you for your trust, and God bless the great state of Indiana.

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# Atlanta Halloween was a whole-town event

*The Town of Atlanta welcomed families to its Trunk or Treat at Dolles Park on Halloween. The Christian and Wesleyan churches also sponsored the event, and a meal was served. Kids enjoyed crafts and pumpkin decorating. Candy was donated by Indiana Marine, along with several residents. Pumpkins were donated by Gatewood Vegetable Farm, and Jackson Township was there to hand out treats. Thank you to everyone who came! (Photos provided by Town of Atlanta)*









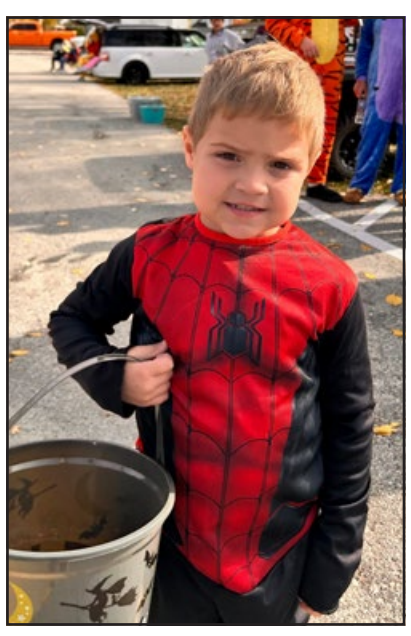

































# Heights Alumni Reunion helps grow scholarship fund



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**According to the Hamilton Heights Alumni Association (HHAA), September's All-School Reunion welcomed more than 200 people and raised enough money to increase the scholarship fund for 2027. This year, two $1,000 scholarships were given to Hamilton Heights seniors; next year, two $1,500 scholarships, plus a $1,000 scholarship from the Jackson Central Class of 1955 and a $1,000 scholarship from the Jackson Central Class of 1961. This was made possible by attendees earmarking their reservations with "Scholarship Fund" as well as all the silent auction items, baskets, painting, and yearbooks that were sold at the reunion itself. Looking forward to next year's reunion, the HHAA has already set the date for another luncheon reunion on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2027. The 50-year Honor Class next year will be the Hamilton Heights Class of 1977.**

# Rep. Spartz demands sweeping investigation into utility surcharges, no-bid contracts, corporate subsidies, grid reliability & eminent domain uses

**Submitted by Office of U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz**

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) is calling for sweeping federal and state investigations into utility surcharges, corporate subsidies, energy infrastructure costs, threats to grid reliability, and the use of eminent domain for projects benefiting private corporations.

In three letters to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Department of Energy (DOE), and Indiana's new legislative leadership, Spartz is demanding independent audits, stronger property rights, greater transparency, and meaningful regulatory reforms.

"Americans are being forced to bankroll a system where powerful utilities collect guaranteed returns, wealthy corporations receive massive subsidies, and hardworking families and small businesses get stuck with higher bills," Rep. Spartz said. "It is time to follow the money and expose who approved these sweetheart deals, who profited, and who got stuck with the bill."

Spartz is demanding action on:

• **Utility surcharges, no-bid contracts, and corporate subsidies:** Audit previously approved federal and state utility surcharges, special rate riders, guaranteed returns, no-bid contracts and preferential transmission development rights, tax breaks, and corporate incentives to determine whether costs were justified or improperly passed on to consumers.



Spartz

• **Eminent domain and property rights:** Reform laws allowing private property to be taken for transmission projects primarily benefiting corporate interests. Require proof of genuine public necessity, independent review of alternatives, and fair treatment of affected landowners.

• **Cost shifting:** Require data centers and other major electricity users to pay their full generation, transmission, and infrastructure costs rather than shifting them onto families and small businesses.

• **Grid reliability and blackouts:** Examine whether rapidly expanding electricity demand, premature power plant retirements, and delays in new generation and transmission threaten reliable electricity supplies. Develop a concrete plan for dependable natural gas and nuclear generation.

• **Energy costs and environmental risks:** Investigate the full costs and potential pollution risks of solar, wind, and battery storage projects, including their effects on utility bills and grid reliability.

• **Regulatory failures:** Investigate PJM and MISO governance, utility conflicts of interest, regulatory compliance failures, and national security concerns. Reform the structure, transparency, and accountability of Indiana's Utility Regulatory Commission.

• **Farmland, water, and public safety:** Protect productive farmland and water resources, investigate publicly subsidized infrastructure, and examine the safety of battery storage facilities proposed in flood-prone areas.

• **Transparency and accountability:** Require independent verification of electricity demand, competitive transmission development, disclosure of financial beneficiaries, and enforceable protections against abandoned projects and stranded costs.

"We are shutting down reliable power plants while rushing to approve massive new electricity loads without adequate generation," Spartz said. "Who is planning for the blackouts? Who is paying for the infrastructure? And who is holding these regulators accountable? Eminent domain must serve genuine public necessity – not become a tool for wealthy corporations to seize farmland and force families to subsidize their private developments."

Spartz is requesting a comprehensive GAO investigation of historical utility charges and corporate incentives, federal regulatory action on large-load projects and grid reliability, and legislative reforms by Indiana's General Assembly when it reconvenes in January.

"Indiana families should not be subsidizing billionaires' data centers through hidden utility charges and government handouts," Spartz said. "We need a full accounting of every dollar, independent audits, and recovery of any improper payments. This is corporate welfare on the backs of American taxpayers and ratepayers. Enough is enough. Government must stop protecting powerful special interests and start protecting the people who pay the bills."

The three letters address:

• **GAO:** Independent investigation and audits of utility surcharges, subsidies, infrastructure costs, regulatory failures, and potential improper cost recovery. Read the letter here.

• **FERC and DOE:** Federal action on large-load developments, grid reliability, transmission competition, generation planning, and regional grid governance. Read the letter here.

• **Indiana legislative leadership:** Eminent domain reform, utility commission accountability, corporate subsidy reform, property rights, and stronger protections for Indiana taxpayers and ratepayers. Read the letter here.

# Abdou Gafarou Mouansie of Fishers graduates from University of Maryland

**The REPORTER**

Abdou Gafarou Mouansie of Fishers earned a Master of Science in Digital Forensics and Cyber Investigation from University of Maryland Global Campus in Summer 2026.

Mouansie was one of more than 4,300 students worldwide who earned degrees from UMGC in the Summer 2026 term.


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# Westfield Mayor Scott Willis highlights three years of progress & outlines what's next State of the City address

**Submitted by City of Westfield**

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis highlighted three years of progress, significant investments in public safety and infrastructure, and a bold vision for Westfield's future during his annual State of the City address, presented as a luncheon sponsored by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Framed around the theme of promises made, promises delivered and what comes next, the address looked beyond the accomplishments of a single year to demonstrate how decisions made since Willis took office in January 2024 are shaping one of Indiana's fastest-growing communities.

"When I took office, Westfield was already experiencing extraordinary growth. The question wasn't whether our community would continue to grow, but how we would lead through that growth," Mayor Willis said. "We made a commitment to prioritize public safety, plan for the future, invest in infrastructure, revitalize our downtown and protect the quality of life that makes Westfield special. Three years later, we're seeing those commitments turn into meaningful progress for our residents."

The address focused on four pillars guiding the city's priorities: Public Safety Excellence, Transparency and Accountability, Quality Growth and Livability, and Empowerment and Improvement.

### Investing in public safety

Mayor Willis reaffirmed public safety as the city's highest priority, noting that more than half of the recommended 2027 municipal budget is dedicated to police and fire services.

To keep pace with increasing demand, the Westfield Fire Department has expanded its personnel and facilities, with investments supporting 36 positions and two fire stations. These improvements position the department to respond to a projected 23.5 percent increase in emergency run volume as the community continues to grow while continuing to decrease response times.

The Westfield Police Department has also expanded its capacity through investments in staffing, specialized training, technology, and equipment. Construction continues on the city's new $35 million police headquarters, which will provide the space and resources necessary to support future staffing, training, and emergency operations.

The mayor also highlighted the city's commitment to community-based policing, including school resource officers, neighborhood engagement, and the department's K-9 program.

"Public safety isn't simply about responding when something goes wrong. It's about building the people, facilities, partnerships and infrastructure needed to keep our community safe as we grow," Willis said.



Photo provided by City of Westfield

### Strengthening transparency & fiscal responsibility

As Westfield grows, the city continues to expand opportunities for residents to stay informed, engage with local government and access municipal services.

Mayor Willis highlighted initiatives such as Westfield 311, which provides residents with a direct way to submit and track service requests, along with town halls, community conversations and the City's expanding communications efforts.

The mayor also emphasized the city's commitment to responsible financial management, including zero-based budgeting, fiscal transparency, and a declining municipal property tax rate despite significant investments in public safety and infrastructure.

A key component of that approach is ensuring new development contributes to the infrastructure necessary to support growth, helping limit the financial burden on existing residents.

"Growth brings opportunities, but it also comes with responsibilities," Mayor Willis said. "We're focused on making smart, financially responsible decisions that protect taxpayers while ensuring Westfield has the services and infrastructure our residents expect."

### Planning for growth & investing in quality of life

With more than 64,000 residents, Westfield's long-term success depends on thoughtful planning and strategic infrastructure investments.

Since 2024, the city has invested more than $90 million in infrastructure improvements, supporting roads, roundabouts, trails, stormwater systems, and other essential projects.

Mayor Willis highlighted major transportation improvements, including the State Road 32 corridor, the Monon Trail tunnel at 161st Street, 191st Street improvements, and continued investments in downtown connectivity.

The city's first-ever Capital Improvement Plan provides a multiyear roadmap for prioritizing infrastructure investments. Additionally, the "Advancing Westfield: Looking to the Horizon" Comprehensive Plan establishes a long-term framework for land use, transportation, development, and preservation of community character.

Downtown Westfield remains one of the most visible examples of the community's transformation. With approximately $365 million in active downtown construction and more than 1,800 parking spaces included in projects underway, investments are reshaping the city's historic core into a more connected, walkable destination.

Projects such as the Park Street improvements, Jersey Street improvements in 2027, Park & Poplar and Grand on Main are helping create new opportunities for residents, businesses, and visitors while preserving the character that makes downtown Westfield unique.

"For years, we've talked about what downtown Westfield could become. Today, we're building it," Mayor Willis said. "The construction and temporary disruptions residents are experiencing represent investments that will benefit our community for generations."

### Grand Park District

Beyond downtown, the mayor outlined the next chapter for Grand Park Sports Campus, including continued development of the surrounding district and plans to expand the proposed ice hockey facility from three sheets of ice to four. The expansion is being considered in anticipation of a potential United States Hockey League (USHL) franchise coming to Westfield, which would further establish Grand Park as a premier destination for competitive sports and entertainment.

Discussions regarding a potential USHL expansion franchise are ongoing, with the city hopeful that a formal vote could take place in early 2027. While no final decisions have been made, the potential addition of a USHL team represents an opportunity to attract new visitors, generate economic activity and expand year-round entertainment offerings in Westfield.

Mayor Willis also announced plans for a new corporate headquarters at Grand Park South for Thieneman, a longtime Westfield-based company that continues to expand its presence in the community.

CIP Development, the master developer of Grand Park South, will construct a five-story building featuring 87,500 square feet of office space and 17,400 square feet of ground-floor retail and dining space. The development will serve as the new headquarters for CIP Development and other Thieneman companies, reinforcing their long-term commitment to Westfield.

The project is expected to establish an early hub of activity within Grand Park South, serving as a catalyst for additional commercial development and supporting the city's vision of creating a vibrant, mixed-use destination surrounding Grand Park Sports Campus.

Major sporting events, including NFL Flag Championships and USA Archery competitions, continue to elevate Westfield's national profile and generate economic activity for the community.

### Empowering employees & improving city services

The mayor recognized city employees as the driving force behind Westfield's progress, emphasizing investments in professional development, modern technology, leadership and organizational efficiency.

Westfield's workplace culture recently earned three Top Workplaces Culture Excellence awards in Professional Development, Compensation and Benefits, and Purpose and Values, reflecting employee feedback about the organization.

City officials continue to pursue improvements in internal systems, technology infrastructure, training and succession planning to ensure municipal government can meet the needs of a growing population.

"Behind every completed project, every emergency response and every service we provide is a team of dedicated public servants," Mayor Willis said. "Our employees are what make this progress possible, and investing in them is an investment in the residents we serve."

### Preparing Westfield for its next chapter

Looking ahead, Willis outlined how the city is preparing for continued population growth and the increasing responsibilities associated with Westfield's transition to a second-class city.

That transition will require changes to municipal operations, including financial systems, government structure and other administrative functions.

The mayor also reinforced the city's commitment to advancing ongoing infrastructure projects, completing major downtown investments, expanding recreational opportunities and supporting responsible economic development.

"We've accomplished a great deal over the past three years, but our work is far from finished," Mayor Willis said. "Our responsibility is to make sure the Westfield we're building today is ready for the families, businesses and generations who will call this community home tomorrow. The best of Westfield is still ahead."

Residents will have another opportunity to hear directly from Mayor Willis during a free, public State of the City presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd. The evening event will provide community members with an opportunity to learn more about the city's accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, and priorities for the future. All residents are welcome to attend.






# Ex-postal worker receives six-and-a-half-year sentence for stealing checks in massive $34 million fraud scheme

**Submitted by U.S. Attorney's Office**

A former United States Postal Service letter carrier, Destinee Ruffin, 29, Indianapolis, has been sentenced to six and a half years in federal prison, followed by two years of supervised release, after pleading guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud and Theft of Mail. This case was brought as part of the Trump Administration's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud.

According to court documents, Ruffin was employed as a letter carrier at the Bacon Station Post Office, 2727 E. 55th St., Indianapolis. Between April 2020 and May 2022, Ruffin used access to both incoming and outgoing mail to steal checks, which she then sold to co-conspirators.

In Spring 2020, as the federal government issued Economic Impact Payment (EIP) checks to taxpayers, the USPS OIG received a complaint from a Bacon Station customer who never received theirs. Additional complaints soon followed. When agents reviewed the affected addresses and matched them to delivery routes, they discovered all missing checks were assigned to the same mail carrier, Destinee Ruffin.

In one example, Ruffin and McMullen exchanged 38 Cash App transactions totaling over $10,000 in payments from McMullen to Ruffin for stolen checks. Using the stolen checks, McMullen sought individuals on social media who were willing to deposit altered checks into their bank accounts. These individuals provided debit cards, PINs, or online banking credentials. McMullen altered the payee information on the stolen checks, deposited them, and later withdrew funds or demanded payment through Cash App or Zelle. In total, McMullen fraudulently negotiated 36 checks stolen from Bacon Station, worth approximately $235,632.

Ruffin sold even more stolen checks to John Young. Young established trusted mid-level conspirators, primarily Eric Hollis and Kendall Thompson, who deposited stolen checks into various accounts and recruited/acquired account holders. Young would also list many of the stolen checks for sale on the internet-based application titled "Telegram."

Investigators uncovered the scheme by mailing controlled Treasury checks with recorded serial numbers and tracing them back to Ruffin's delivery route.

In April 2024, officers executed a search warrant on Ruffin's vehicle, residence, person, and electronic devices. They discovered thousands of stolen checks valued at over $20 million that Ruffin had stolen but not yet sold. Stolen mail was found in her vehicle, on shelves, in closets, on the floor, stacked in corners, and even in the bathroom.

In total, Ruffin supplied Young with more than $12 million in stolen checks and provided McMullen with stolen checks worth more than $235,000.

For the intended recipients, the impact was severe. One victim explained that after mailing a $1,618 check to Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 20 Welfare and Benefit Fund – needed to maintain her retired husband's health insurance – she learned the payment never arrived. She discovered the theft when she appeared for a scheduled surgery and was told her insurance had been terminated, forcing the procedure to be canceled. The United States Attorney's Office estimates that approximately 6,500 victims were affected by this widespread fraud scheme.

Three of Ruffin's co-conspirators have already been sentenced for their roles in the scheme. The final co-conspirator, John Young, is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 3.

"Destinee Ruffin's crimes were not isolated acts of theft; they represented a sweeping scheme that touched thousands of households and eroded a fundamental public trust," said Tom Wheeler, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "By stealing millions of dollars' worth of checks from the mail, Ruffin and her co-conspirators disrupted critical benefits, jeopardized family finances, and caused real harm to individuals who depended on timely delivery for essential needs. Today's sentence reflects our commitment to protecting the integrity of the U.S. Postal Service and all government institutions, and to ensuring that those who exploit them for personal gain are held fully accountable."

TIGTA Special Agent in Charge Kelly Moening said, "The Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) aggressively investigates individuals who attempt to exploit U.S Treasury refund checks meant for hard working taxpayers for their own private gain. TIGTA's mission is to protect the integrity of our nation's tax administration system. We are committed to working with our law enforcement partners to ensure that those who violate federal laws are prosecuted to the fullest extent possible.

The U.S. Postal Service – Office of Inspector General, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration investigated this case. The sentences were imposed by U.S. District Court Judge Sarah Evans Barker.

U.S. Attorney Wheeler thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Eakman, who prosecuted this case.

On April 7, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the National Fraud Enforcement Division. The Fraud Division is investigating and prosecuting those who commit fraud against the American people. The Department's work to combat fraud supports President Trump's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, a whole-of-government effort chaired by Vice President J.D. Vance to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse within Federal benefit programs.

## *Defendants & their charges, sentences, and restitution*

- **Tony McMullen, 36, Calumet Park, Ill.**; conspiracy to commit bank fraud; two years, nine months, with three years of supervised release; $121,270.30
- **Eric Hollis, 23, Indianapolis**; conspiracy to commit bank fraud; one year and one day, with three years of supervised release; $117,275.30
- **Kendall Thompson, 24, Indianapolis**; conspiracy to commit bank fraud; four months, with three years of supervised release; $9,320.05
- **Destinee Ruffin, 29, Indianapolis**; conspiracy to commit bank fraud and theft of mail; six and a half years, with two years of supervised release; $121,270.30
- **John Young, 24, Indianapolis**; attempt and conspiracy to commit mail fraud, and three counts of bank fraud; sentencing scheduled for Dec. 3, 2026; restitution to be decided











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# Temporary closures scheduled along Range Line Road in Carmel

**The REPORTER**

Motorists traveling along Range Line Road in Carmel should expect northbound lane restrictions and temporary closures during the week of Nov. 9 to 13 as construction crews install new raised pedestrian crosswalks.

The project aims to enhance pedestrian safety across four specific locations along the corridor. Construction will be restricted to the northbound lanes at each site. The southbound lane on Range Line Road will remain open and access to businesses will be open as well.

**Affected locations**

Crews will be working at the following four intersections and crossings:

- Range Line Road and Executive Drive
- Range Line Road and just south of Nappanee Drive
- Range Line Road and just north of Winona Drive
- Range Line Road and just south of City Center Drive




# ‘All In Noblesville’ invites community to Fall Open House

*Family-friendly event offers residents a first look at what neighbors have shared so far and new ways to help shape Noblesville’s next 20 years*

**Submitted by City of Noblesville**

Noblesville city officials invite residents to the All In Noblesville Fall Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Overlook Room at Forest Park Inn, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville. The free, family-friendly event will feature music, sweet treats, and hands-on activities.

**What to expect**

Attendees can hear what the All In Noblesville team has learned from the online survey, interactive map, and summer pop-up events held throughout the city. The event will also offer interactive activities where residents can review community feedback, add their own ideas, and share their hopes for Noblesville’s future. There will also be an opportunity to enter a giveaway for a chance to win a gift card to local businesses.

**Building on a summer of community input**

Since March, All In Noblesville has gathered input from residents and stakeholders through online tools and pop-up events at community gatherings across the city. The Fall Open House marks the next step in the process, sharing early themes and inviting residents to help refine the community’s vision for growth, preservation, and quality of life.



Jensen

“This summer, we heard from so many people who care deeply about Noblesville’s future,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “This workshop is a chance to share what we’ve learned and keep that conversation going. I encourage everyone to come out, bring their families, and help us shape what comes next for America’s Hometown.”

**About All In Noblesville**

All In Noblesville represents a unified approach to updating Noblesville’s long-term vision and the rules that implement that vision. The process is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months, with community input shaping every phase from initial visioning through final adoption.

The updated Comprehensive Plan and Unified Development Ordinance will guide decisions about where we live, work, and play in Noblesville for the next two decades, ensuring the community grows thoughtfully while preserving what residents value most.

For more information about All In Noblesville and to get involved, visit **AllNoblesville.com**.

# CCHA Law welcomes two new associate attorneys as firm continues to grow

**Submitted**

Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) welcomes **Christopher “Chris” Cannatella** and **Noah Douthit** as associate attorneys, further strengthening the firm’s growing legal team.

Both previously worked with CCHA Law as summer associates before joining the firm as full-time associates through CCHA Law’s associate program. As part of the program, both will gain experience across multiple practice areas while developing areas of concentration. Cannatella’s initial emphasis will include business and litigation matters, while Douthit will have an emphasis in Family Law.

“We are delighted to welcome Chris and Noah back to CCHA Law as associate attorneys,” CCHA Law Managing Partner Jennifer “Jenni” Hughes said. “Through their previous work with CCHA during law school, both have become part of our firm, worked alongside our attorneys and contributed to serving our clients. We look forward to this next chapter with them. As our firm continues to grow, we are proud to support attorneys who share our commitment to our clients and communities.”



Cannatella



Douthit

Cannatella’s experience and interests include business law and commercial litigation, including contract and employment disputes, business transactions, entity formation, and corporate governance matters.

He earned his Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he served as a Managing Editor of the Indiana Law Journal, worked as a teaching assistant for legal writing and contract law, and was named to the Order of the Barristers. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Indiana University.

Douthit will work with attorneys across the firm, gaining experience in Family Law and other practice areas.

Douthit earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law, where he served as a senator in Student Government and as a class representative for the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Prior to law school, he graduated cum laude from Xavier University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and a minor in History. While at Xavier, Douthit was a member of the NCAA Division I Cross Country and Track team.

Both attorneys recently passed the Indiana bar exam and are admitted to practice in Indiana. Cannatella is also admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.







**Thanks for reading!**










Photos provided by Tipton Community School Corporation

**One of the highlights of each school board meeting is to recognize the remarkable students and staff who are making a difference in our schools and community. Through the Blue Future Awards, TCSC celebrates students/staff whose hard work, positive influence, success, and dedication to growth reflect the promise of a bright blue future. (ABOVE LEFT, from left) TES Assistant Principal Sara Wiggington, THS student Caroline Pittman, and TES Principal Brian Johnson. (ABOVE CENTER) The Tipton Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Tipton High School Student Council.**

# Tipton School Board Briefs: Oct. 13, 2026

**Submitted by Tipton Community School Corp.**

Tipton Community School Corporation Board Briefs is designed to share highlights from the most recent School Board of Trustees monthly meeting. Official minutes of each Board meeting are posted on the district website and are available for public viewing.

The next meeting scheduled for the Board of School Trustees is Nov. 10, 2026. School board meetings are conducted from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the TCSC Board Room at the Administrative Offices and are open to the public.

### Blue Future Awards

TES Principal Brian Johnson and Assistant Principal Sara Wiggington recognized THS student Caroline Pittman for demonstrating leadership, sound judgment, and timely communication with trusted adults to help ensure student safety.

TMS Principal John Ayars recognized the middle school Cross Country Team: Coach Sam Phillips, Alina Aguilera, George Atkisson, Brody Fakes, Landon Gillam, Adam Leeson, Sophia Leyva, August Short, and Carlee Short for being a small but mighty team whose season reflected both team and individual successes. Ayars also recognized the middle school's 7th Grade Volleyball Coach/Team: Coach Nikki Morgan/Coach Rob Hawkins, Makinley Coonce, Arden Dunn, PJ Flint, Trionna Henry, Harley Huff, Layla Maus, Addy Pearce, Genevieve Pearson, Jordynn Penly, Hallee Whitehead, and Lilah Tragesser. Their strong team culture netted a great season of success including capturing the MIC championship.

THS Principal Craig Leach recognized all members of the Student Council and the organization's sponsor Nicole Clifford: Kennedy Lancaster, Hadlee Napier, Francie Condict, Quinn Smith, and Braxton Carpenter. *Senior Class Representatives:* RJ Katter, Isla Woelfert, Emilie Mumbower, Mylee Granson, Ava Higgenbotham, Darci Dunn, and Olivia Henderson. *Junior Class Representatives:* Parker Capshaw, Sophia Tebbe, Claire Cloud, Lucy Roach, Logan Lightfoot, Jacoby DeFoe, Kendall Coe, and Oliver Stewart. *Sophomore Class Representatives:* Lincoln Rodibaugh, Milly Wall, Jameson Butler, Rylee Maddox, Raleigh Conaway. *Freshmen Class Representatives:* Bryleigh Bales, Cami Condict, Kortney Fernung, Wyatt Gates, Clare Meyncke, Olivia Ogden, Caroline Rodibaugh, and Monroe Stewart.

Leach also recognized students who attended the Herff Jones Leadership Summit in Indianapolis for their creative energy, competitiveness, and representing Tipton well: Francie Condict, Logan Lightfoot, Lincoln Rodibaugh, Dean Biedermann, Clare Meyncke, Monroe Stewart, Caroline Rodibaugh, Cami Condict, Oliver Stewart, and Parker Capshaw.

### Superintendent Report

Scott Jaworski reported that he, along with three Board members and Dr. Glaze attended this year's ISBA/IASP conference and gained a lot from being able to attend. He also gave another shout out to Kim Fague for receiving the ISBA District V Outstanding Board Member Award. He also spoke about the upcoming operating referendum, encouraging community members to seek factual information, ask questions, and participate in the voting process. Jaworski emphasized that the referendum was never intended to create division, but rather to address the district's financial challenges through an open community conversation. He thanked residents for their continued support and reiterated the district's commitment to transparency, accessibility, and serving students regardless of the referendum outcome.

### New Business

***2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan Approve***

Following a budget work session and public hearing held in September, the Board formally approved the district's 2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan. The adopted documents will be submitted to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance as required.

***School Resource Officer Agreement Approved***

The Board approved the 2026-27 School Resource Officer (SRO) Memorandum of Understanding between Tipton Community School Corporation, the City of Tipton, and the Tipton Police Department. The updated agreement includes revisions related to SRO selection, billing and reimbursement, training requirements, scheduling flexibility, and professional development expenses, while maintaining TCSC's commitment to fund 71 percent of the assigned SRO's compensation.

***Key Holder/Operations Leader Position Approved***

The Board approved the creation of a Key Holder/Operations Leader position for the elementary and middle school cafeteria. The new role replaces the Assistant Kitchen Manager position, providing operational support and leadership coverage at a lower cost while maintaining efficient food service operations.

***First Reading of Fall Policy Updates***

The Board conducted a first reading of proposed policy updates addressing wireless device use in work-based learning, state assessment security, commercial driver reporting requirements, debt management, and school wellness guidelines. No action was taken; the policies will return next month for a second reading and consideration of approval.

### Important Dates

• Nov. 10: Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.






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# Saturn is the star of the show at IU Kokomo Observatory open house

**The REPORTER**

Learn more about the sixth planet from the sun at Indiana University Kokomo Observatory's free monthly open house.

Patrick Motl, professor of physics, will begin the open house at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, with discussion of Saturn, the second-largest planet in the solar system next to Jupiter.

"It will include an overview of our current understanding of the magnificently ringed world, and potential future missions," Motl said.

After the presentation, stargazers may be able to see Saturn, as well as the great globular cluster, the Andromeda galaxy, and the double cluster through the Observatory's telescopes. They include a six-inch Takahashi refracting telescope and a 16-inch Meade reflecting telescope mounted together. The Takahashi provides exceptionally sharp images of planets, while the Meade allows viewers to see fainter objects in the sky, due to its larger light-collecting area.

Observation will continue through 9 p.m., weather permitting.

The Observatory is at 2660 S. Washington St., Kokomo. Free parking is available on campus.




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# Carmel Education Foundation celebrates 60 years of support with historical museum exhibit

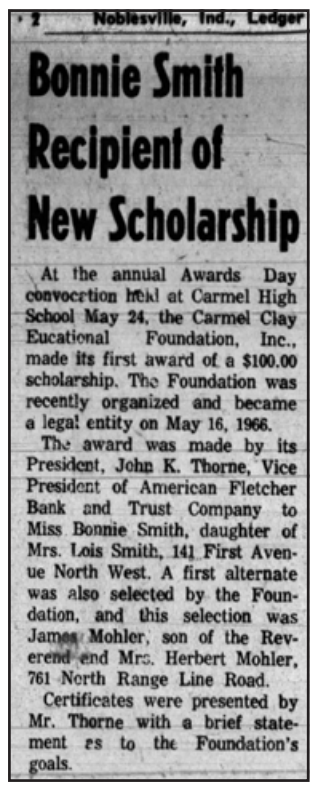
**The REPORTER**

Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) is celebrating six decades of educational impact with a special exhibit at the Carmel Clay History Museum, 211 1st St. SW. Open now through Dec. 31, the exhibit invites the public to explore the people, partnerships, and stories that have shaped CEF and Carmel Clay Schools since 1966.



Photos courtesy of the Carmel Education Foundation

**In May 1966, Bonnie Smith was the first scholarship for $100 from the then-Carmel Clay Education Foundation.**



Noblesville, Ind., Ledger

**Bonnie Smith Recipient of New Scholarship**

At the annual Awards Day convocation held at Carmel High School May 24, the Carmel Clay Eucational Foundation, Inc., made its first award of a $100.00 scholarship. The Foundation was recently organized and became a legal entity on May 16, 1966.

The award was made by its President, John K. Thorne, Vice President of American Fletcher Bank and Trust Company to Miss Bonnie Smith, daughter of Mrs. Lois Smith, 141 First Avenue North West. A first alternate was also selected by the Foundation, and this selection was James Mohler, son of the Reverend and Mrs. Herbert Mohler, 761 North Range Line Road.

Certificates were presented by Mr. Thorne with a brief statement as to the Foundation's goals.

Located on the museum's second floor, the exhibit was developed in collaboration with museum staff and features historical photographs, documents, artifacts, and stories tracing CEF's evolution from a $100 scholarship to one of Indiana's oldest public education foundations.

The Foundation's story began in 1966 when a group of Carmel citizens sought to recognize Carmel High School student Bonnie Smith for her outstanding leadership and character. When the school was unable to provide the proposed $100 scholarship, community members came together to establish what became the Carmel Clay Educational Foundation. The first scholarship was awarded to Smith in May 1966, beginning a tradition of community investment that continues today.

Over the past 60 years, CEF has awarded more than $2.5 million in scholarships and nearly $2 million in grants supporting innovative classroom experiences. Today, the Foundation awards more than 100 scholarships annually, recognizing students with diverse interests, experiences, achievements, and aspirations.

Preparing the exhibit also became a journey of discovery for CEF staff, who explored decades of archived records, photographs, and newspaper clippings. Along the way, they uncovered past fundraising traditions, community partnerships and familiar names woven throughout the history of Carmel and its schools.

"We knew our origin story, but discovering the people, events and connections that helped build this Foundation has been incredibly meaningful," CEF CEO Jennifer Penix said. "What struck me most is that 60 years later, the needs are remarkably familiar. Our schools still benefit from community investment, commitment, and engagement. The scale of our impact has grown, but the power of people coming together to make something possible for students hasn't changed."

The exhibit was developed with guidance from the Carmel Clay History Museum team, particularly Historian and Collections Manager Andy Wright, whose expertise helped bring the Foundation's archival materials and stories together. During the process, the team also discovered a special connection: Wright is himself a former CEF scholarship recipient.

"One of the most rewarding parts of this project has been seeing how the Foundation's history connects to the larger story of Carmel," Wright said. "The photographs, documents and personal stories reveal generations of residents who believed in supporting education. This exhibit gives us an opportunity to recognize those contributions and share them with the community."

The exhibit is part of CEF's yearlong 60th anniversary celebration, which will include a special invitation-only gathering in November for lead donors, community partners and friends of the Foundation. The celebration, themed "From One Little Red Chair," has also inspired additional community collaboration, including support from the Carmel Clay Public Library's 3D printing team in creating special elements for the event.

The public is invited to visit the exhibit through Dec. 31 during regular museum hours. The Carmel Clay History Museum is located at 211 1st St. SW. For museum hours and visitor information, visit **carmelclayhistory.org**.

# AG Rokita secures $48.5M settlement from major landlord over deceptive rental practices

**Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Thursday, Nov. 5, a landmark settlement with Progress Residential, LLC and Pretium Partners, LLC, one of the nation's largest owners and operators of single-family rental homes, resolving allegations that the companies engaged in deceptive and unfair practices affecting renters, including Hoosiers.

The settlement provides $48.5 million in monetary relief for consumers nationwide and requires sweeping reforms to the companies' business practices.

According to AG Rokita, his office joined the bipartisan enforcement action alongside the Federal Trade Commission, the Arizona Attorney General, the Colorado Attorney General, and the Utah Division of Consumer Protection. He said his team played a pivotal role in investigating the matter and developing claims under Indiana consumer protection laws.

"We will always welcome investment in housing and recognize the important role private capital can play in increasing opportunities for Hoosier families," AG Rokita said. "But no company, regardless of size or financial backing, gets a free pass to mislead consumers, impose hidden charges or treat tenants unfairly. This settlement sends a clear message: If you do business in Indiana, you must deal honestly and comply with the law."

The complaint, filed in the United States District Court in the Northern District of Georgia, alleged that the defendants advertised rental prices that did not reflect the actual cost tenants were required to pay, imposed hidden and improperly disclosed fees, mishandled security deposits, misrepresented the condition of rental properties, restricted consumer reviews, and failed to adequately address tenant complaints and maintenance issues.



Rokita

Under the settlement, the companies must make significant changes to their business practices that will benefit tenants in Indiana and across the country. Among other requirements, the companies must:

**Increase pricing transparency**

• Clearly disclose the total monthly rental price in advertisements and listings.

• Prominently disclose mandatory fees and charges before consumers commit to renting a property.

• Stop misrepresenting the nature, purpose, amount, or timing of rental-related fees.

**Protect security deposits**

• Stop withholding security deposits for ordinary wear and tear.

• Provide detailed, itemized explanations of deductions from security deposits.

• Maintain records and photographs supporting deposit deductions.

• Ensure charges are consistent with state law and actual tenant responsibility.

**Improve property conditions & maintenance practices**

• Stop making misleading claims regarding property condition, safety, cleanliness, and readiness for move-in.

• Improve customer-service practices relating to maintenance requests and tenant complaints.

• Provide clearer communication and escalation pathways for tenant concerns.

**Ensure fair treatment of tenants**

• Stop enforcing contractual provisions that unlawfully restrict consumers from sharing reviews and experiences.

• Prohibit improper charges that could lead to late fees, eviction threats, or other penalties.

• Ensure tenants can dispute fees without losing the ability to pay rent.

Through the Attorney Generals Rokita's Consumer Protection Division and Homeowner Protection Unit, Indiana has focused on ensuring that large institutional actors operating in the housing market follow the same rules that apply to every landlord doing business in the state.

The settlement's consumer redress funds will be used for relief as directed by the Stipulated Order.

**Click here** to read the Complaint, **click here** to read the Stipulated Order.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General about any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers can file a complaint by visiting **indianaconsumer.com** or calling 1-800-382-5516.

# Phase 1 of Merchants Square sewer & water upgrades starts Monday

**Submitted by City of Carmel**

Phase 1 of construction of the Merchants Square sewer and water project will officially begin on Monday, Nov. 9. You can see a high-quality map of the entire project plan at this link.

As part of this initial phase, pump-around operations are expected to commence during that first week. Drivers should review the Sanitary Sewer Pump-Around Road Closure Exhibit graphic shown here for access impacts to Merchants Square near BASH.

All local businesses in the Merchants Square area will remain open and accessible during construction. Drivers are encouraged to exercise caution and allow extra time when traveling near the work zone.

**More information**

The project will replace aging infrastructure, strengthen utility reliability, and accommodate future growth in one of Carmel's key commercial hubs. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of October and continue in rolling phases through the summer of 2027.

The project spans segments of Keystone Way, AAA Way, Merchants Square Drive, Medical Drive, and Range Line Road. Work will be carried out in 13 total phases to maintain traffic flow and limit disruption to the community.

Work will launch with Phases 1, 2, and 3 focusing on Keystone Way:

- **Phase 1:** Keystone Way, west of Keystone Parkway
- **Phases 2 and 3:** Continuing west along Keystone Way toward the AAA Way and 116th Street roundabout

To protect public safety and minimize traffic disruption, construction will move in localized, segmented steps rather than widespread closures. Clear detour signs will be posted in advance of each phase.

All businesses in the Merchants Square area will remain open and accessible throughout construction. Clear directional signage will guide customers, employees, deliveries, and emergency services safely to local destinations.

For project updates, phasing maps and detour routes, visit the **Carmel Utilities Projects page** or call Carmel Utilities Customer Service at (317) 571-2442.




Graphic provided by City of Carmel

## — HAMILTON COUNTY —

**HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT**
**MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE**

The Board of Trustees for the Hamilton County Regional Utility District have canceled the following meeting date: Monday, November 09, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

*R8954* *11/6/26, 11/9/26*

## — FISHERS —

**CITY OF FISHERS**
**NOTICE OF APPROVED MINOR SUBDIVISION**
**CASE PP-26-9**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Fishers Plat Committee on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 held a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with UDO Sec. 8.1.3. approved case # PP-26-9: Request to approve a Primary Plat of 3 lots on 10.28 acres, known as the Tempus Crosspoint LLC property. Subject site has a common address of 10475 Crosspoint Blvd. (Parcel ID: 15-14-12-00-03-001.012).

**LOCATION**: 10475 CROSSPOINT BLVD, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46256

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of Community and Economic Development located at

Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. If you have specific questions, please contact:

City of Fishers Community and Economic Development Department
planning@fishersin.gov

*R8958* *11/6/26, 11/9/26*

## — CICERO —

**LEGAL NOTICE**
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on November 19th, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

**Docket No. BZA-1126-39-R2**

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 23119 Sonoma Lane, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 3.6 "R2" District Standards of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow an accessory structure to have a one (1) foot setback. Whereas Article 3.6 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the minimum side yard setback shall be thirty (30) feet

**Docket No. BZA-1126-40-R2**

A Development Standards Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 23119 Sonoma Lane, Cicero, IN 46034 seeking relief from Article 3.6 "R2" District Standards of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow an accessory structure to have a fourteen (14) foot setback. Whereas Article 3.6 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance states that the minimum side yard setback shall be thirty (30) feet

Project Address: 23119 Sonoma Lane, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage 1.71 Section 3, Township 19, Range 4
Parcel number: 03-06-03-00-02-003.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St, Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments or letters may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission at PO Box 650, Cicero IN, 46034. Comments may also be emailed to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov.

Comments must be received by 10:00am on the Monday prior to a scheduled meeting day.

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

Petitioner's Name: Jimmie/Holly Nichols Date: October 20th, 2026

*R8939* *11/6/26, 11/9/26*

**LEGAL NOTICE**
**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on November 19th, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall located at 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

**Docket No. BZA-1126-37-R5**

A Land Use Variance application has been submitted regarding the property located at 230 N Peru Street, Cicero IN, 46034 to allow a hair salon in the "R5" (Old Town Residential) district. Whereas Article 3.11 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance does not list hair salon as a Permitted Use or a Special Exception Use in the "R5" (Old Town Residential) district.

Project Address: 230 N Peru Street, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage 0.35 Section 36, Township 20, Range 4
Parcel number: 05-02-36-04-03-019.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments or letters may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission at PO Box 650, Cicero IN, 46034. Comments may also be emailed to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov.

Comments must be received by 10:00am on the Monday prior to a scheduled meeting day.

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

Petitioner's Name: Adam/Sarah Pulley Date: October 27th, 2026

*R8951* *11/6/26, 11/9/26*

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

Notice of Adoption of an Ordinance annexing certain real estate to the Town of Cicero, Indiana. Ordinance 09-15-2026-01, "An Ordinance Annexing Territory by Voluntary Petition" to the Town of Cicero, Hamilton County, Indiana, was adopted by the Cicero Town Council on November 4, 2026. The annexation area consists of approximately 187.6 acres +/- generally located along the north side of 216th Street between Stringtown Pike and State Road 19 to the South of Cicero. The ordinance shall be effective in accordance with Indiana law, upon its passage by the Council, its publication in accordance with law, and upon the passage of any applicable waiting period, all as provided by the laws of the State of Indiana. Ordinance 09-15-2026-01 in its entirety is available for inspection during regular business hours at the Cicero Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 331 East Jackson Street; Cicero, IN 46034. Dated this 5th day of November 2026.

*R8959* *11/6/26, 11/9/26*

**NOTICE**

On November 17, 2026, the Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN. The Executive Session is being held to discuss the following: A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties per Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D). This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

*R8960* *11/6/26, 11/9/26*

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**The One Place of Worship**

*You are not to do as we do here today, everyone doing as they see fit, since you have not yet reached the resting place and the inheritance the Lord your God is giving you. But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety.*

*Deuteronomy 12:8-10 (NIV)*

## Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, to discuss: 1. Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C); 2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); 3. Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and 4. Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road.

The Carmel Fire Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19) To have communications with an attorney that are subject to the attorney client privilege.

A regular meeting will follow at 6:05 p.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) on the second floor of the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026, in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026, in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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

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**Submit obituaries under 500 words online at**
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# Noblesville Boom announces 2026-27 opening night roster

*Westfield's own Braden Smith set to debut with his first professional team*

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, announced on Thursday, Nov. 5, the team's opening night roster for the 2026-27 season.

The Boom's 13-player roster features Pacers two-way players Braden Smith, Jalen Slawson, and Kobe Brown. Smith, the No. 38 overall pick in the 2026 NBA Draft, enters his first professional season, while Slawson and Brown bring NBA and G League experience to Noblesville.

The roster also includes returning players Keion Brooks Jr., RJ Felton, Cameron Hildreth, and M.J. Iraldi. Pacers training camp participants Keba Keita and Rienk Mast are set to make their G League debuts, as are Jalen Warley and Kowacie Reeves Jr., who appeared on the Pacers' 2026 NBA Summer League roster.

| No. | Player | Pos. | HT | WT | DOB | College |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jalen Warley | G | 6'7" | 204 | 2/9/2003 | Gonzaga |
| 2 | M.J. Iraldi | F | 6'6" | 190 | 8/31/2001 | Nova Southeastern |
| **3** | **Braden Smith*** | **G** | **5'11"** | **170** | **7/25/2003** | **Purdue** |
| 4 | Wade Taylor IV | G | 6'0" | 180 | 6/5/2003 | Texas A&M |
| 6 | Cameron Hildreth | G | 6'4" | 195 | 9/18/2002 | Wake Forest |
| 8 | Keion Brooks Jr. | F | 6'7" | 210 | 8/7/2000 | Washington |
| 11 | RJ Felton | G | 6'3" | 200 | 5/28/2002 | East Carolina |
| 13 | Keba Keita | C | 6'8" | 235 | 8/20/2003 | Brigham Young |
| 18 | Jalen Slawson* | F | 6'7" | 215 | 10/22/1999 | Furman |
| 23 | Maleeck Harden-Hayes | F | 6'7" | 200 | 2/23/2001 | UNC Wilmington |
| 24 | Kobe Brown* | F | 6'7" | 250 | 1/1/2000 | Missouri |
| 33 | Kowacie Reeves Jr. | G | 6'7" | 204 | 1/31/2003 | Georgia Tech |
| 51 | Rienk Mast | C | 6'9" | 248 | 7/19/2001 | Nebraska |

**Denotes two-way contract*

The Boom opens the 2026-27 season on the road with a two-game series against the Windy City Bulls at NOW Arena at 8 p.m. Eastern tonight, Nov. 6, before tipping off its home slate against the Iowa Wolves at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile in Noblesville. Season tickets and single-game tickets are available at **noblesvilleboom.com/tickets**.





Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

# Sheridan Middle School's Cooking & Wilderness clubs join forces

**Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools**

Sheridan Middle School's Cooking Club and Wilderness Club recently teamed up for a hands-on lesson that brought together cooking and outdoor adventure.

The clubs joined forces to learn about fire safety and responsibility while preparing their own dinners over an open fire. Students learned how to prepare and work together safely to create a fun outdoor meal.

One of the sponsors, Sarina Marquis said, "It was a really cool opportunity for the two clubs to come together, with each group having a unique skill to show off and share with their fellow students."

Of course, no outdoor cooking adventure would be complete without dessert. The students topped off their tasty lesson with a campfire favorite, s'mores! The learning didn't stop when the food was gone. Students also practiced the principle of Leave No Trace before wrapping up the activity. Everyone worked together to clean up the area, making sure the fire was properly extinguished and all trash and materials were picked up.




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