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A race to remember

An inspiration for mothers and daughters

By WYNNE BRUBAKER
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It took 21 years and 39 seasons for a mother-daughter duo to win a leg of *The Amazing Race*, and of course they could only hail from Hamilton County.

Can you imagine your mom jumping off of a 300-foot platform for the chance to win one million dollars? For Carmel natives Riley and AnnMarie Tejcek, this scenario became a reality. On CBS's 39th season of its reality competition series *The Amazing Race*, Riley and her mother AnnMarie made history as the first mother-daughter duo to win a leg of the race.

The Reporter spoke with Riley and AnnMarie about how they wound up on the show.

"We've been watching *The Amazing Race* since the very beginning," Riley said. "It's a show that we were able to watch as a family to learn about other places around the world and other cultures and ethnicities. [The show] revolves around teams of two traveling and circumnavigating the world. We do a variety of competitions as you go from leg to leg and country to country. There's always a start city and there is an end city. Where that is, you are completely blind."

The race begins in an unknown location the teams must locate together. Once they arrive at the location, the teams complete a challenge to receive a clue about the following location, or "Pit Stop," to which they must travel. For each location and set of challenges, or "leg" of the race, the slowest team to reach the next Pit Stop could be eliminated. The winning team earns a prize of one million dollars.

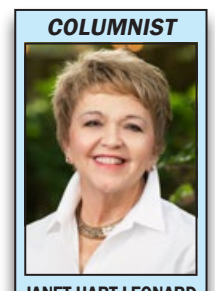
After the long process of interviewing to be on the show, AnnMarie said it was an ecstatic moment to realize they had made the cut.

"It was not an easy process; CBS does not take this lightly," AnnMarie said. "We spent more than six months in different types of interviews, and even did a live visit to L.A. to be screened. It was an amazing process that tens of thousands applied to, and we were just so lucky to be chosen."

Riley told The Reporter, "When we found out, we

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Seven days of laughter



COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Time is of the essence.

If there is one thing I've come to understand in the last few years, it is that we each face a deadline. Our expiration date is unknown, yet it looms over us as we add another birthday candle to our cake.

Before you think this is going to be a morose column, let me reassure you that it is anything but.

I just spent seven days with the Golden Girls: Patrice Lyttle, Joan Gamble, and Linda Butler. Four women in their 70s having the time of their lives.

People seemed fascinated by our laughter and joy. Restaurant servers joined in on our rich conversations. Okay, some conversations had them wiping away tears … from laughter. We don't hold back when it comes to what we're brave enough to talk about. Just ask Josh at the Shepard's Beach Resort in Clearwater, Fla. He loved us. He said we are unforgettable.

The four of us took on challenges we never thought we would face. We rented a Kia Niro. You would think turning the radio volume down would be easy-peasy. There was no volume knob. Nothing appeared on the gigantic screen. The manual didn't tell Patrice and Linda, who were in the front seat, how to turn it down, so they spent 15 minutes trying to figure it out and keep the radio from blaring songs that made our ears hurt. I finally told them the control was a secret lever on the steering wheel. I'm not familiar with Kias, but I am familiar with Google.

Next came the issue with our Roku at the Tampa house not working. We needed to watch a Netflix movie. Linda suggested we order a Firestick from Amazon. The instructions said it would set up in five minutes. That is, if you are young and tech-savvy. Five HOURS later, we got it to work … well, kind of. I had to use my phone's hotspot because it wouldn't connect to our internet. I called Frontier, and they are sending a technician to install all new internet equipment. The customer service rep said they no longer offer our speed or equipment. Our equipment is a relic.

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Music Matters ignites interest for local students

The REPORTER

Excitement of a class field trip for Music Matters is elevated when students experience the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

These educational concerts are geared to fifth-grade students because they will have the opportunity to join a band or orchestra in their next school year. This year, students from Carmel Clay Schools, Westfield Washington Schools, Heritage Christian School, and home school students joined the fun.

During Music Matters, CSO Music Director/Conductor David Commanday welcomes the students and begins the program with some musical pieces that show the range of emotion that can be achieved through orchestral music. Narrator Don Farrell then explains each section of the orchestra as Commanday conducts excerpts to highlight these instruments.



Photo provided by Carmel Symphony Orchestra

David Commanday, Music Director/Conductor of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, recently welcomed area fifth graders to Music Matters at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Thanks for coordinating this year's Music Matters goes to the CSO education committee and education coordinator Katherine Peters, who also plays clarinet in the orchestra. The education committee is chaired by Jamia Jacobsen, Ph.D. and includes Board member Chuiyuan Meng, Ph.D., and CSO League members Sandra Pirkle and Samuel Sarpong and former music educator June Claire.

True American spirit lives here



Photo provided by Bev Poindexter

Viola Hunter Koker Jones is 98 years old, and once again this year she worked the polls in Kempton. Jones has lived on a farm in Tipton County for more than 60 years, but she grew up on a farm west of Atlanta and graduated from Jackson Central in 1946. She is the oldest graduate from what is now the Hamilton Heights area who is still living! She stays very active and will soon go on her fourth trip to Branson, Mo., on a bus. Keep on truckin', Viola!

Jim Ake leads Westfield Rotary Club to top donation status within the district

The REPORTER

Jim Ake, president of the Rotary Club of Westfield, has earned major recognition within the organization.



Ake

As the Westfield club's Foundation Chair, Ake is recognized not only as a major donor but also for leading the club to the highest per-capita contribution to The Rotary Foundation in the district.

Rotary Club members are encouraged to support The Rotary Foundation, and each club's Foundation Chair helps inspire those contributions.

Ake's favorite quotation captures the spirit behind that commitment: "To the world you are one person, but to that one person you are the world." Congratulations, sir!

About Rotary International

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Noblesville Fire needs your help to make Christmas brighter for local kids

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) is once again asking the community to help make the Christmas season brighter for local families through its annual Food and Toy Drive. Now celebrating its 49th year, the program will provide holiday assistance to approximately 100 families in Noblesville.

The program has a long-standing tradition of bringing the community together to help neighbors in need. The fire department has partnered with Meijer and Costco to help provide food and toys for participating families.

Donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items, and new, unwrapped toys are being accepted through Friday, Dec. 4. Donations can be dropped off at any Noblesville Fire Station or at Noblesville City Hall, located at 16 S. 10th St.

The Noblesville Mayor's Youth Council will collect canned goods and non-perishable food items in support of the NFD drive during The Michael Treinen Foundation's Turkey Trot at race packet pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and race day on Thursday, Nov. 26.

The department also welcomes monetary donations, with checks preferred. Checks should be made payable to NFD Hamilton County Community Foundation.

Secure online donations can be made through the Central Indiana Community Foundation donor portal at **cicf.org/giving/give-now/existing-fund**.



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

You can bring canned goods, non-perishable food, and new, unwrapped toys to any Noblesville Fire Station or to City Hall now through Dec. 4.



Mitchell

When making an online donation, please enter "Noblesville Firefighters Fund" in the Fund Name section.

Deliveries to participating families are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12.

For nearly five decades, this program has depended on the generosity of Noblesville residents, businesses, and community organizations. Every donation, whether it is a toy, a bag of groceries, or a monetary contribution, helps make the holidays a little brighter for a local family.

"We are grateful for the continued generosity of our community and the many people who help make this program possible each year," NFD Fire Chief Matt Mitchell said. "It is a great example of what makes Noblesville such a special place to live."

For more information about the Food and Toy Drive, call the Noblesville Fire Department at (317) 776-6336, extension 0.

Drop-off Locations

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Station 5 – 10170 E. 191st St. (The Meadows)
Station 6 – 16800 Hazel Dell Road (Hazel Dell)
Station 7 – 15251 Olio Road (Behind Ruoff Music Center)
Noblesville City Hall – 16 S. 10th St. (Downtown at 10th and Conner streets)

Four-way stop coming to Omega

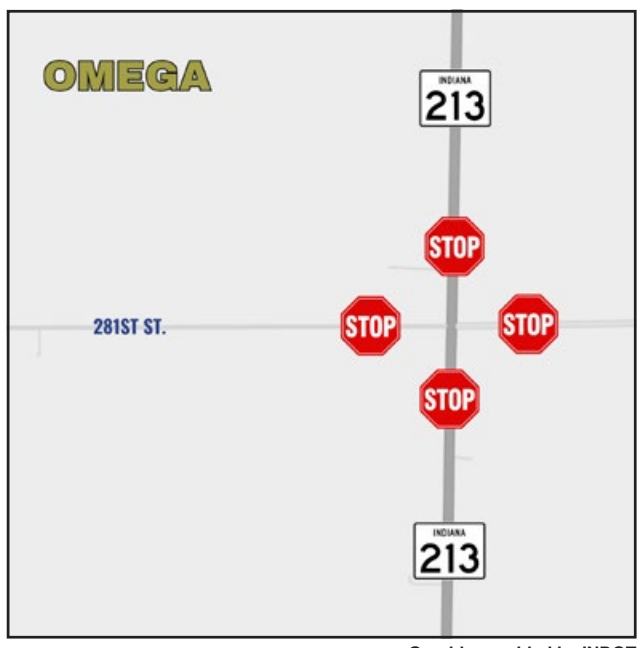
The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced that the intersection of State Road 213 and 281st Street in Omega will be converted to an all-way stop on or after Friday, Nov. 20.

The all-way stop will replace the existing two-way stop due to a history of severe right-angle crashes at the intersection. All-way stops are a proven and effective tool in reducing right-angle crashes at lower traffic volume intersections.

Flashing LED stop signs will be installed on SR 213, along with stop ahead signs and portable message boards marking the new traffic pattern.

All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.



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LAUGHTER

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This Fab Four has a blast wherever they go. (From left) Patrice Lyttle, Janet Hart Leonard, Joan Gamble, and Linda Butler.

Watching the new Netflix movie, *A Dog's Perfect Christmas,* was worth the aggravation. It is a must-see! Trust me, you will love it. It will hug your heart.

They say laughter is good for the soul. I didn't realize how badly my soul needed to laugh. You know that belly laugh that makes you hope you don't wet your pants? Thankfully, we weren't laughing when the medium Diet Coke hit my bladder during Tampa rush hour, and we were stuck far longer than my bladder wanted. I almost had to fill my cup, which I had emptied earlier. It had been years since I had used a cup while kneeling in the floor of a vehicle but I felt I could do it again. I had mistakenly packed the clothes I planned to change into when we left the beach, so I was wearing my bathing suit as I dashed into a McDonald's we finally found. I didn't care. As we said several times over the seven days, "These people will never see us again."

We hold secrets that will never be revealed. When you have friends who know your heart, you feel safe sharing exactly how you feel. The value of a golden friendship is priceless. Feelings need a soft place to land. Mine have three soft landings.

This trip with the Golden Girls made me realize even more that they are true blessings in my life. They reassure me when my heart hurts, even when I don't say so. We can read each other's hearts and minds. That's what years of being close friends does.

As Jess Scott says, "Friends are the family you choose." That is so true.

When the world grows loud and chaotic, I know that time with the Golden Girls will quiet my thoughts and calm my heart.

So, Patrice, Joan, and Linda, as the Golden Girls theme song says, *thank you for being my friends.*

Yes, time is of the essence, and we are not wasting it worrying about what we can't control. We are too busy making the most of the time we have left, enjoying and celebrating every day.

I think Sophia, Blanche, Dorothy, and Rose would be proud of us.

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Tabitha Newton named Husky Hero for being a champion for students

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights School Corporation recognizes Tabitha Newton, sixth-grade science teacher at Hamilton Heights Middle School, as the newest Husky Hero. For her students, Newton is much more than a science teacher. She is a mentor, role model, cheerleader, and one of their biggest supporters.

For Newton, the recognition is especially meaningful because it comes from the families she serves. Just into her first year at Hamilton Heights, Newton has already made a lasting impression on students and families alike. Again and again, parents described a teacher who goes above and beyond, generously investing her time, energy, and heart into helping students succeed.

Here's what families shared:

Jessica Grandson: "Miss Newton has been a phenomenal teacher to my son but also to every sixth grader. She is apparently a huge football fan, and it showed this football season. She had just met all her new incoming 6th graders at the start of the year but yet she showed up to their very first game to support them. She made it to every single 6th grade game. The kids were pumped knowing she was there watching them. She even purchased a ticket to Lucas Oil and came to support them there! At the end of the season she had all of the football players wrote thank you notes to every one of their coaches. She is not only teaching them science but also how to be respectful young adults. She most definitely deserves to be named husky hero!"

Megan Bishop: "Miss Newton is an amazing addition to the HHMS family. Since day one, she has unwaveringly supported her sixth-grade students, both in and outside of class. She makes it clear that she is an available resource in times of need and has spent much of her free time supporting outside activities of her students. It is clear that she was born to be a teacher!"

Mike Cameron: "Amazing role model to the sixth-grade football boys. Showed up to every game including paying to go down to Lucas Oil Stadium. Even the end of year team party. Way outside of her obligated hours. Engaged with all of the parents and just a joy to have around."

Irlene Hanson: "Ms. Newton showed up for her youth football league kids. She came to all of the games, supports the boys in and out of the classroom and cares about her job so much! She is a phenomenal teacher!"

Chelsea Smith: "She shows up for these kids! She came to all the boys' football games no matter how big or small! She helps support them in and out of class and they respect and love her so much!!"

Lisa Bailey: "She's extremely supportive of our kids and is dedicated to their success."

Jessica Clingler: "Miss Newton has been a great teacher and supporter for the 6th grade student. She has taken time out of her day to come to the 6th grade football games to support the players and cheerleaders. She made sure to have the players make cards for their coaches. She has also been a great help with getting assignments turned in and making sure they all understand how important it is to turn in your assignments on time."

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"Being named Husky Hero means so much to me, especially because the nomination came from my students' parents," Newton said. "It's a reminder that the little things I do each day can make a real difference for my students. Knowing that their families see and appreciate those moments makes this award even more special."

Her motivation stems from a powerful influence in her own life. Newton credits her high school guidance counselor with helping her believe in herself and making a lasting impact that continues today.

"I want to be that kind of person for my students," she said. "Someone they can talk to, trust, and count on to be in their corner."

Whether it's greeting students with a high-five, sharing a special handshake, supporting extracurricular activities, or helping them navigate challenges, Newton embraces the opportunity to connect with students and help them grow.

Receiving the Husky Hero Award only strengthens Newton's commitment.

"I want them to leave my classroom more curious about science and more confident in themselves," she noted. "Years from now, I hope they remember that Miss Newton was in their corner."

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



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(From left) Melissa Martin (Technology Integration/HHEF President), Chelsea Pacheco (HHMS Counselor), Sabrina Duncan (HHMS Counselor), Tabitha Newton, Craig Bowen (F.C. Tucker), and Dr. Bret Bailey (HHMS Principal).

Westfield Library Foundation announces 2027 Art Wall artists

The REPORTER

The Westfield Library Foundation (WLF), in partnership with the Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL), has announced the artists selected to exhibit their work on the Michael and Karen Heaton Art Gallery Wall in 2027. The rotating exhibits will feature a variety of artistic styles and mediums, including photography, painting, mixed media, and colored pencil drawings.



Downey

Located in high-traffic areas throughout the library – near the Rivet Café, along the Atrium staircase, and beside the elevator – the gallery wall provides local artists with an opportunity to share their creativity with thousands of library visitors.

"The library has always been a place for discovery, and that extends well beyond books," WLF Executive Director Erin Downey said. "The Art Gallery Wall gives talented artists a platform to share their work while bringing color, creativity, and inspiration into our library."

The 2027 Michael and Karen Heaton Art Gallery Wall schedule includes:

• January: Britt Ritchie (Oil)

• February: Westfield High School Student Art Show (Artists to be announced)

• March: Westfield Washington Schools Student Art Show (Artists to be announced)

• April: Kathleen Lattimer (Photography)

• May: Xun Wang (Watercolor) and Linda Havel (Mixed Media, Watercolor, Acrylic, Pastel)

• June: Jenell Fairman (Acrylic) and Carla Allgeier (Watercolor)

• July: Chris Winberg (Acrylic) and Dan Kokinda (Astrophotography)

• August: Linda Jordan (Colored Pencil) and Emily Beck (Watercolor, Acrylic)

• September: Hispanic Heritage Month (Artists to be announced)

• October: John Gaebler (Oil), John Harley Jr. (Watercolor)

• November: Judy Ann Evans (Acrylic, Watercolor, Oil, Mixed Media) and Jenna Hogberg (Graphite)

• December: Emily Dorlack (Watercolor, Acrylic, Oil, Pastel)

Residents are invited to enjoy the exhibits during regular library hours at WWPL. Some artwork may also be available for purchase directly from participating artists.

The Ice Ribbon returns to Westfield's Grand Junction Plaza Nov. 21

Submitted by City of Westfield

The Ice Ribbon will return to Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., from Nov. 21 through Jan. 2, 2027, offering residents and visitors another season of winter fun in downtown Westfield. The rink features Glice, a synthetic skating surface that allows skating in any weather.

"The Ice Ribbon gives families another reason to spend time together in downtown Westfield during the holiday season," Mayor Scott Willis said. "Whether you're trying skating for the first time or returning for another season, we hope you'll make a visit to Grand Junction Plaza part of your winter plans."

Tickets are on sale now at **TheIceAtGrandJunction.com** and must be reserved online in advance. Skating sessions cost $10 per person, plus processing fees, and includes the cost of skate rental. Each session lasts 90 minutes.

ADA-accessible sleds and skate aids for beginners are also available at no additional cost on a first-come, first-served basis. All skaters must check in at the Grand Junction Café Pavilion building before their session.

Extended skating hours will be available during the Westfield Washington School District's winter break. Extended hours:

• Saturday, Dec. 19: noon to 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 21 to Wednesday, Dec. 23: 2 to 7:30 p.m.

• Friday, Dec. 26: noon to 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Dec. 28 to Wednesday, Dec. 30: 2 to 7:30 p.m.

• Saturday, Jan. 2: noon to 7:30 p.m.

The Ice Ribbon will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

Free parking is available in designated on-street spaces along Union and Mill streets and in the public lots at Park and Poplar streets. Parking in The Union garage is free for the first three hours, with a fee for each additional hour.

Reserve your tickets now at **TheIceAtGrandJunction.com**.

Westfield to launch civics academy for residents

Submitted by City of Westfield

Westfield city officials will soon launch Westfield 101, an interactive eight-week civics academy for residents looking to connect more deeply with the community. The program will provide a behind-the-scenes look at city operations, including budgeting, public safety, planning, parks, economic development, and more.

Each week's session focuses on a major area of city operations and will be taught by city leadership and department experts. Participants will also have opportunities to apply their newfound knowledge with hands-on activities at most sessions.

Participation in Westfield 101 is free but an application is required as space is limited. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and either a city resident or a resident of Westfield Washington Township. Applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. Dec. 1. *Please note: Submitting an application before the deadline does not guarantee admission.*

To learn more about Westfield 101 or apply for the program, please visit **westfieldin.gov/101**.

Race

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screamed, we cried, I think we were in disbelief. This was something that we wanted so bad. We knew so many people applied for the show because it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. So the fact that we knew we were going to be able to start this competition together incentivized us to train super hard."

As a woman in her mid-50s, AnnMarie focused heavily on her fitness preparation to become as strong as possible for the race.

"I'm the oldest woman on the show for season 39 at 56 years old," AnnMarie said. "I had to up my cardio through running, increasing my weights, and doing different types of puzzles to train my brain to problem solve."

During the race, the duo was constantly forced to think on their feet. Riley told The Reporter what was going through her head during each leg of the race.

"City to city, we are just taking it one leg at a time," Riley said. "It is a marathon, not a sprint, but you just cannot finish last because if you're the last team, you get eliminated. What was going through our mind was to be strategically as competitive as possible. We knew what our strengths were: I would take on the strength and endurance tests, and my mom would take more of the memory, mental puzzles. We also knew that we wanted to build alliances and teams, so we decided to build a boss-lady alliance with the other all-female teams."

AnnMarie said the consuming competition of the race gave her the bravery to do things she would have once never thought possible.

"You are tired because you sleep on planes," AnnMarie said. "You're hungry. You're full of energy and adrenaline flowing through your body to try to win or not finish last, and hopefully win a leg. In doing that, you have what we call 'race brain.' You need to get out of your race brain to overcome hunger, overcome sleep deprivation, and solve problems, puzzles, and challenges. It's absolutely an incredible experience and one that cannot be replicated in anything else I've done in my 56 years of experience."

Riley said, "When it came to these competitions that are intimidating and scary and full of fear, I saw my mom jump off that plank and not even break a sweat. That's because she just entered this competitive mindset that nothing else mattered besides the fact that she would do it. She's a hunter and she's a killer. You almost don't allow yourself the time to have your natural human reactions to freak out or panic or get nervous because you're so focused on the competition."

Riley said her experiences growing up in Carmel were what produced her competitive mindset.

"I went to Carmel High School where I was a Division I athlete, but I was one of many," Riley said. "The normal is to go and play Division I athletics. The normal is to be a high achiever in academics and have a 4.0-plus GPA. That's the area that I grew up in, and Carmel as a whole elevated me into being a very competitive individual, demanding both academic and athletic excellence. Having to constantly compete around Hamilton County set me up for success."

The combination of the duo's extensive preparation and competitive mindset allowed them to make history in episode three. By strategically using their "Express Pass" to skip a challenge at the end of leg three, Riley said the team was able to win the leg.

"You're running to the mat, and you are thrilled with so many different emotions," Riley said. "It's not just about Mom and I winning, it's about demonstrating to mothers and daughters all over the world the ability that they have. Thirty-nine seasons have been way too long for it to happen, so I am blessed and honored that we were able to etch our name in the history books of The Amazing Race. I look forward to that being a more common trend for future mother and daughter teams to be able to execute and know they have a seat at the table."

Along with inspiring mothers and daughters across the world, AnnMarie said she hoped their win would inspire older women as well.

"At 56 years old, people expect certain things from you," AnnMarie said. "Even as highly competitive as I am, you may limit yourself. The race gave me a sense of confidence in myself that, somewhere along the way, I lost. Coming back from the race, my mindset is 'I can do anything.' If it's put together furniture, if it's how to fix my washing machine, I can do it. Maybe I'm a little stronger and a little more capable than I gave myself credit for. And I've had multiple messages on social platforms that other people can look at us and think, 'if they could do these challenges and do this competition, maybe we can too.'"

Over the course of the show, Riley and AnnMarie said their relationship grew and changed.

"The biggest thing I learned is how important it is to spend time with your mom," Riley said. "I have been away since I was 18 years old, when I went off to college to play Division I softball, and I never really got to spend quality time with my mom. So being able to put my phone away to the side and just have an experience with my mom meant the world to me now that I'm a new mother. I don't think I understood how special the bonding and the time that you spend together is. My biggest message to everyone is to call your mom, tell her you love her, take a trip with her, and spend some time with her."

AnnMarie said, "There's a point in time when your relationship turns from 'parent-child' to friendship. Riley and I were working down that path as a grown woman who was about to get married, and was thinking about a family. But we spent time together when I had no one else to talk to but her, and every day doing hard things and knowing I had to rely on her and she had to rely on me. That switch then fully clicked over from parent-child, to best of friends. I'm so lucky to have done this with my grown daughter, and I'm even more lucky that she chose me to be her partner. She could have chosen a whole lot of stronger people, smarter people, younger people. But she chose me, and for that, I'm eternally grateful."

J.D. Ford announces his transition team

Submitted

Following his election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Representative-elect J.D. Ford announced on Friday, Nov. 6, the initial members of his transition team.



Ford

Over the next eight weeks, the team will hire staff, open district offices across Indiana's 5th Congressional District, and put everything in place so Ford can hit the ground running on Jan. 3 and begin his work for the people of the 5th District.

Cynthia Johnson will serve as Transition Chair. A former corporate attorney, she spent the past two decades serving Indiana as a trusted community leader and in various leadership roles including Indiana Democratic Party 5th District Chair, and current Chair of Hoosier Women Forward.

Judy Okenfuss will serve as Transition Co-Chair. An attorney and chemical engineer, she served as a managing partner at Ice Miller LLP where she led the firm's work on innovation and risk management. She is a longtime mentor and community leader, serving on the board of several nonprofit organizations.

Hamilton County sheriff-elect plans to end voluntary ICE partnership

By MARGUERITE INCARDONE
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Hamilton County sheriff-elect Charles Hollowell said Thursday that he plans to end the county's voluntary partnership with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, wanting to focus resources at the local level.

"If we start looking at the bed space, the high percentage of that bed space currently is being filled," Hollowell said Thursday in an interview in Westfield. "We don't really want to put ourselves in the position that we don't have the capacity to be able to meet the needs of Hamilton County and what Hamilton County is going to need."

Section 287(g) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act allows local police and sheriff's deputies to carry out certain immigration enforcement duties. Current Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, a Republican, in February 2025 agreed to cooperate with ICE enforcement. Cooperation in the program is voluntary.

Quakenbush could not run for the position again due to the state's rules on term limits.

Hollowell, the first Democratic Party sheriff in Hamilton County in decades and the county's first black sheriff, defeated Republican Dustin Dixon in the November general election.

"The Sheriff's Department is not, you know, immigration," Hollowell said Thursday. "It's local law enforcement, and we have to make sure that those resources are here for the people in Hamilton County and be used for that."

Hollowell made it clear that the county will not end all cooperation with federal law enforcement and will continue to follow the law.

"We're going to abide by all the laws that we have to abide by," he said. "All lawful orders, we'll abide by those orders, but we have to make sure that the resources that we have are going to be geared toward Hamilton County and Hamilton County residents."

Hollowell, who has lived in Hamilton County for more nearly 25 years and spent the last 24 years with the Westfield Police Department, said his top priority is the people of Hamilton County.

"I want to make sure that we are serving and protecting all people. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and Hamilton County has done that," he said.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said on social media that his office will keep a close eye on Hollowell's pledge to keep ICE out.

"We will be watching closely to ensure the Sheriff-elect, once he's sworn into office, upholds the law by honoring ICE detainers as required by the FAIRNESS Act and fully protects the people of Hamilton County," Rokita said.



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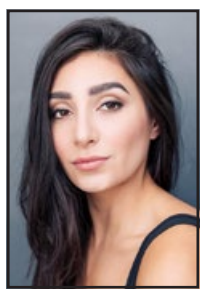
Sheriff-elect Charles Hollowell granted an interview to WISH-TV on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Hollowell will be sworn in as the Hamilton County sheriff in January.

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Sajewich



Del Valle



Hassel

Holiday Inn taking reservations now at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

The REPORTER

It's a year-round romance when Irving Berlin's *Holiday Inn* makes its Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre debut this holiday season. Opening Nov. 27, the musical is a recent adaptation of the Oscar-winning 1942 movie musical starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire.

Looking to make a change, Jim Hardy (David Sajewich) decides to leave his career in show business to settle down on a farm he bought in Connecticut. But he soon realizes his talents were better suited for the stage. When he meets Linda (Joy Del Valle), a local schoolteacher who had once dreamed of being a performer herself, Jim sees a way to salvage his failing farm. Together, Jim and Linda turn the farmhouse into an inn that presents dazzling performances on holidays.

Their new "Holiday Inn" celebrates each holiday from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July, with a parade of hit songs including "Blue Skies," Easter Parade," "Steppin' Out With My Baby," "Heat Wave," "Be Careful, It's My Heart," "Cheek to Cheek," and Irving Berlin's famous "White Christmas."

But when Jim's best friend Ted (Corey Hassel) tries to lure Linda to Hollywood to be his new dance partner, his dreams could be shattered once again.

Sajewich, Del Valle, and Hassel are making their Beef & Boards debuts in *Holiday Inn,* along with Sarah Mae Banning in the role of Lila Dixon. Returning to the Beef & Boards stage are Lanene Charters as Louise Badger, Brett Mutter as Danny, and ensemble members Jacob Butler, Joey Boos, Sarah Daniels, Logan Hill, Deb Wims, Selena Robinson, Joseph Rafael Davila, and Sally Scharbrough. Parker Joh is making his debut in the ensemble.

Holiday Inn is on stage for 42 performances through Jan. 3, 2027. Beef & Boards' holiday buffet is included, along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

A special New Year's Eve celebration takes place on Dec. 31, including dancing to live music after the show and a champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight followed by a breakfast buffet.

Tickets are available exclusively through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at **BeefAndBoards.com** or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Patrons are advised that tickets purchased from third-party sellers may not be valid for performances and may include additional fees.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

Plans underway to turn portion of historic Tipton County Jail into 17 rental homes

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) and the Tipton County Foundation have announced plans to redevelop the historic Tipton County Jail and Sheriff's Residence, creating 17 rental homes, most of which will be affordable.

Completed in 1895, the jail and Sheriff's Residence was designed by architect Adolph Scherrer, who also designed the Tipton County Courthouse and Indiana Statehouse. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the property was named one of Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered historic places in 2020 and 2021.

The redevelopment offers an opportunity to preserve an important piece of Tipton County's history while expanding housing options for local residents.

The Tipton County Foundation has helped advance the project by bringing local partners together around the redevelopment opportunity. HAND will serve as the affordable housing developer and plans to own and manage the completed homes, helping ensure they remain affordable for years to come.

"The Tipton County Foundation is very excited to partner with HAND on this project," said Chad Huff, president and CEO of the Tipton County Foundation. "The need for housing in Tipton County cannot be overstated, and creative approaches like this one make a meaningful difference in the effort to bring more families to this wonderful place. The Foundation is grateful to HAND and County leadership for coming alongside this vision and for the contributions of resources and expertise they've leant to the project so far. This project is a milestone for our community."



Photo provided

Built in 1895, Tipton County jail and Sheriff's Residence is currently under planning to become affordable housing, an ongoing need in the community.

The project is currently in predevelopment, with additional details to be shared as plans progress. HAND currently owns and manages five affordable senior rental homes at Southwood Villas in Tipton. Completion of the jail renovation would bring HAND's Tipton County portfolio to 22 homes.

About HAND

Founded in 2003, Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) is a nonprofit organization that develops, owns, and manages affordable rental housing in Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties. HAND provides quality affordable housing and advocates for housing options where everyone can thrive. For more information, visit **handincorporated.org**.

About the Tipton County Foundation

Founded in 1986, the Tipton County Foundation is a community foundation dedicated to strengthening Tipton County through philanthropy, strategic grantmaking and community leadership. By connecting donors, resources and local organizations, the Foundation supports the causes that matter to the community, now and for generations to come. Learn more at **tiptoncf.org**.

Noblesville awarded $9.9M federal grant for Greenfield Avenue safety improvements

Submitted by City of Noblesville

Noblesville officials have announced that the city has been selected to receive $9.9 million in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program to improve safety and connectivity along Greenfield Avenue between South 10th and South 16th streets. Noblesville received one of the two SS4A Implementation grants awarded in Indiana.

The $9.9 million federal grant will support the $15.1 million Safer Greenfield Avenue Project, which will transform approximately half a mile of roadway with a new roundabout at Greenfield Avenue and 16th Street, new bridge construction over the Elwood Wilson Drain,10-foot-wide multi-use trails on both sides of the corridor, upgraded street lighting, signage, pavement markings, and drainage improvements.

"This is a significant investment in the safety of our residents and the future of Noblesville's infrastructure," Mayor Chris Jensen. "Greenfield Avenue is an important corridor for our community, particularly for families traveling to and from Stony Creek Elementary School. These improvements will make it safer for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists while continuing to enhance east to west connectivity. We're grateful to the U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Senators Todd Young and Jim Banks for supporting this project and helping us continue to invest in Noblesville's future."

Greenfield Avenue carries approximately 14,800 vehicles daily and serves Noblesville Schools' Stony Creek Elementary School. The proposed roundabout is identified as a top-tier priority in the city's Safety Action Plan and is projected to significantly reduce crash rates. Combined with new trails and roadway enhancements, the project will improve traffic flow, encourage safer speeds, and provide more accessibility for pedestrian safety and connectivity.

"We're excited that when completed this project will provide a safer and easier experience for our students, families and staff," Stony Creek Elementary Principal Heidi Karst said. "Thank you to the City of Noblesville for their leadership on this."

The Safe Streets and Roads for All program supports local efforts to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries through strategic infrastructure investments and safety improvements.

The city will work with the U.S. Department of Transportation to finalize the grant agreement before federal funds are obligated and project implementation begins.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Congratulations to Hamilton Heights FFA members Emery Brown, Quentin Derrer, and Maddie Shively, who earned a Silver Team finish in the National FFA Marketing Plan Contest. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Hamilton Heights FFA Meats Evaluation Team proved they belong among the nation's best, earning a Silver Team rating and an impressive 18th-place national finish. Individual recognitions included (from left): Annie Sheller (Silver Rating), Joani Swinford (Silver Rating), Lauren Happel (Gold Rating), and Lily Schuler (Silver Rating). Their hard work, preparation, and dedication paid off on the national stage.

Heights FFA students earn top honors at National Convention

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Students from the Hamilton Heights FFA Chapter represented their school, community, and state with distinction at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, earning top honors in highly competitive national career development events.

For the first time during Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor Emilie Carson's tenure at Hamilton Heights, the chapter qualified teams to compete at the National FFA Convention, a significant milestone for the program.

The National FFA Marketing Plan Team, consisting of Quentin Derrer, Maddie Shively, and Emery Brown, earned a Silver Team rating. Advancing to the national competition is an achievement in itself, and the team's silver finish placed them among the nation's best. Their project was developed in partnership with Northbrook Brewing Company, which provided students with real-world business marketing experience.

Hamilton Heights also saw outstanding success in the National FFA Meats Evaluation and Technology Contest, where the team earned a Silver Team rating and finished 18th nationally, placing them among the top 20 teams in the country. Individual honors included Lauren Happel earned the Gold Individual Rating and Joani Swinford, Lily Schuler, and Annie Sheller earned the Silver Individual Rating.

The team's performance reflected months of preparation, dedication, and technical skill while competing against some of the strongest agricultural education programs in the nation.

In addition to the national contest accomplishments, the Hamilton Heights FFA Chapter was recently recognized with the prestigious 2-Star National Chapter Award. The honor recognizes chapters that excel in developing student leaders, strengthening agricultural literacy, and serving their communities.

Carson praised the students for their commitment and perseverance throughout the year.

"Competing at the national level means going up against the very best in the country," Carson said. "These students rose to the challenge and proved they belong among the best. I couldn't be more proud of what they have accomplished."

Hamilton County Parks & Rec receives two awards from IRPA

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) received two awards from the Indiana Park & Recreation Association (IPRA), earning the Outstanding Agency Award and the Innovative Program Award for the Strawberry Moon Market.

The Outstanding Agency Award recognizes HCPR's leadership, innovation, and service in one of Indiana's fastest-growing counties. The department manages 21 park properties totaling more than 1,800 acres and offers more than 500 free or low-cost programs. Through conservation, trail expansion, historic preservation, natural area restoration, and community partnerships, HCPR provides recreational opportunities while protecting the county's natural and historic resources.





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(ABOVE LEFT, from left) HCPR Deputy Director Bruce Oldham, Park Board member Dr. Judith Campbell, and HCPR Director Chris Stice hold the awards. (ABOVE RIGHT) Events Coordinator Christopher Gullion and Historical Resource Manager Christy Brocken.

The Innovative Program Award recognizes the Strawberry Moon Market, which debuted in 2025 at Strawtown Koteewi Park. With a budget of approximately $2,300, the inaugural event welcomed more than 1,400 visitors, nearly three times the anticipated attendance, and supported 22 local artisans.

Inspired by the June full moon, the market brought together art, history, and nature within the park's recreated Native American village. Visitors enjoyed live music, food vendors, and interactive experiences, explored the Taylor Center of Natural History, and participated in telescope viewing and astronomy programming led by local astronomer Doug Balogh.

"These awards reflect the work our team does every day to serve Hamilton County residents," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "We're committed to caring for our parks and natural resources while creating programs that bring people together and give them new ways to experience the places that make Hamilton County special."

Zionsville Parks & Recreation earns statewide leadership award

Submitted by Town of Zionsville

Zionsville Parks and Recreation received the 2026 Outstanding Medium Agency award from the Indiana Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The department accepted the award Friday, Nov. 6, at the association's Awards of Excellence luncheon in Fort Wayne.

"Zionsville's parks and trails are a big part of what makes this community special, and our staff never take that responsibility lightly," said Jarod Logsdon, superintendent of Parks and Recreation. "This honor from IPRA belongs to them, and to the residents, partners, and Town leaders who support our work. We're grateful, and we're more motivated than ever to keep raising the bar."

This year, Zionsville Parks and Recreation opened the first phase of Carpenter Nature Preserve, giving visitors access to new trails, a nature playground, and an outdoor classroom. In September, the Town received the Community Green Project of the Year Award from Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (Aim) for the preserve. On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Town will reopen Lincoln Park in downtown Zionsville with accessible walkways, a new gazebo, and a fountain.



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Zionsville Parks & Rec Superintendent Jarod Logsdon accepts the award.

"The award from IPRA confirms what we already knew," Mayor John Stehr said. "Our team works hard, both behind the scenes and in public, to provide great public spaces and programming for our people. Congratulations to every member of our Parks Department on this well-deserved honor."



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Le Prix brings French fine dining to Westfield

Submitted

Le Prix, a new contemporary French fine-dining restaurant from chef and proprietor Daniel Stackpoole, is now open at 1560 W. Tournament Trail in Westfield's Motor District.

Bringing together classical French culinary traditions, an extensive wine and spirits collection, and an elegant yet welcoming atmosphere, Le Prix introduces a distinctive new dining experience to Hamilton County and the greater Indianapolis region.

Created as a destination for exceptional food, wine, and hospitality, Le Prix reflects Stackpoole's more than three decades of experience in the restaurant industry. The restaurant celebrates the enduring traditions of French gastronomy while embracing a contemporary approach to presentation, service, and the overall guest experience.

"Le Prix represents everything I have come to appreciate about exceptional dining over more than 30 years in this industry," Stackpoole said. "Our vision was to create something truly special: a restaurant where the quality of the cuisine, the depth of the wine program, the beauty of the surroundings, and the warmth of the hospitality all come together. We want our guests to feel that every visit is an occasion worth remembering."

Classical French foundations, contemporary expression

Under the culinary direction of Stackpoole and Executive Chef Tommy Thompson, the kitchen celebrates the precision, depth, and elegance of classical French cooking while incorporating seasonal ingredients and contemporary influences.

The menu features traditional French preparations alongside distinctive interpretations, including vol-au-vent with a Hoosier influence, richly developed cassoulet, and the restaurant's signature fromage brûlée.

Guests may explore the kitchen's offerings through an à la carte menu or experience a multi-course chef's tasting menu designed to showcase the progression of flavors, techniques, and seasonal ingredients.

"Great French cuisine begins with a respect for tradition, but it should never stop evolving," Thompson said. "We focus on the fundamentals: exceptional ingredients, carefully developed sauces, precise execution, and balanced flavors. Whether someone joins us for a single course or an entire tasting experience, our goal is to make every plate memorable."

An exceptional wine & spirits experience

Wine plays a central role in the Le Prix experience. A striking wine display housing an extensive collection of more than 1,000 bottles reflects the restaurant's commitment to the great wine regions of France and distinguished selections from around the world.

Sommelier Tanner Hays guides guests through the collection, with an emphasis on thoughtful pairings, discovery, and accessibility for both seasoned collectors and guests beginning to explore fine wines.

The beverage program, led by Beverage Director Kyle Fromke, complements the cellar with premium spirits, expertly prepared classic cocktails, and seasonal creations that balance tradition with modern craftsmanship.

Designed for dining, gathering & celebration

Located within Westfield's distinctive Motor District, Le Prix draws inspiration from the craftsmanship, design, and attention to detail that define its surroundings.

The restaurant features an elegant main dining room, a sophisticated cocktail lounge, intimate dining experiences, and dedicated spaces for private gatherings and celebrations.

From an evening at the bar to a chef's tasting experience, an important business dinner, or a milestone celebration, Le Prix is designed to accommodate a variety of occasions without compromising its commitment to thoughtful service.

Assistant General Manager Summer Hellis and Service Director Summer McGuire help lead the hospitality team, emphasizing attentive, personalized service that balances the traditions of fine dining with a relaxed sense of welcome.

"Fine dining should be exceptional without feeling unapproachable," Stackpoole said. "We want our guests to enjoy the experience, discover something

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Photos provided by Fishers Arts Council

(From left) Board Members Greg Dierfeldt, Erica Foreman, and Molly Hammer took part in the March 2026 Second Friday reception.

Fishers Arts Council seeks board members

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) is looking for community members passionate about the creative arts. FAC seeks applications from individuals who want to help promote visual and performing arts in the city of Fishers.

FAC's mission is: *To support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate, enhance, and/or enrich the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers.*

People who apply should be:

• Willing to give two to three hours each month to promote and grow public and private art in the city through participation at meetings, on juries, or by volunteering at art events and activities; and be

• Willing to participate in making events happen.

If you are one of these individuals, you are needed to help FAC continue promoting the visual and performing arts in Fishers. Don't leave the decision to others. Board members play active roles in all that FAC does; this is a working board who helps support the part-time Executive Director. Your time, talent, and treasure truly make a difference.

Obtain an application at **fishersartscouncil.org/how-to-help** and scroll down to the Board Application button. Both a printable PDF and online application are available.

All are invited to come meet current board members and tour the galleries during the Second Friday Gallery Hop reception on Friday, Nov. 13. From 6 to 8 p.m., meet Board President Chris Hayes in the Ball State Gallery-Fishers at Ball State Fishers Center, 8626 E. 116th St., Suite 300, accessible from the Switch Plaza. Meet more board members from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Art Gallery at City Hall at 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers. You can also meet board members at the final Second Friday of the year from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Art Gallery at City Hall. Ask questions and decide if you will be a part of shaping the future of art in Fishers. Applications are due by Dec. 14.

FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt joined the board in 2018 and served as board Treasurer.

"Over the past eight and a half years, I've witnessed an incredible variety of projects, events, and exhibits, thanks to the talented and creative people we have on our team," she said. "The ideas that come forward and blossom into opportunities for creatives, the connections we make with artists of all disciplines, the strong partnerships and relationships in our city and county – it is truly rewarding in so many ways. My passion for supporting the visual and performing artists grows every year, aided by the strong support of our board of directors. If you have a passion for the arts and are willing to lend a hand to make it happen, I strongly encourage you to apply for the board of directors."

Questions regarding board membership can be directed to **info@fishersartscouncil.org** or by calling or texting (317) 537-1670. Applications can be filled out online, mailed, or emailed to the addresses on the form. If you wish to have a form emailed or mailed to you, please contact FAC.

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive. FAC also maintains the Build BW Gallery at 11 Municipal Drive and the Ball State Gallery-Fishers at 8626 E. 116th St., Suite 300. For more information, visit **FishersArtsCouncil.org** or call or text (317) 537-1670.

T1L1 students from Heights & Sheridan help the hungry

Submitted by Kevin Yaney

On Thursday, Nov. 5, a total of 213 Teach One to Lead One (T1L1) students from Hamilton Heights Middle School and Sheridan Middle School combined forces to pack food for hungry people in Liberia, Haiti, and Guatemala. The food pack was part of a community service project conducted through International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES).

In two hours, the students packed 10,944 meals consisting of dried vegetables, grains, and vitamins, which were boxed and crated for delivery.

T1L1 is a community-led mentoring program that meets with students in their classroom each week. The program emphasizes 10 universal principles needed to be a successful leader. Those principles are respect, integrity, self-control, compassion, courage, teamwork, excellence, humility, enthusiasm, and honor.



Photo provided

Students from Sheridan and Hamilton Heights Middle Schools worked together to feed 10,944 meals to people in need around the world.

Hamilton Heights was the first school district in Indiana to adopt T1L1 mentoring in 2019. Currently, Hamilton Heights fifth- and eighth-grade students participate in the program. This is the second year T1L1 has been operating in Sheridan Middle School. It currently has one sixth-grade classroom participating.

IDES provides disaster response in the form of food, shelter, medical supplies and other necessary items worldwide. They have connections with compassionate services in some of the most impoverished areas of the world. Based in Noblesville, IDES has been a key partner with T1L1 to help provide students with unique opportunities to live out compassion for others in need. You can learn more at **ides.org**.

Westfield students become 'Life Ready' through Japanese exchange

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

For 35 Westfield High School (WHS) students, the summer of 2026 included an exciting opportunity to travel more than 6,000 miles from home.

In July, these students spent two weeks in Japan as part of the Yamate Gakuin Exchange Program, an ongoing cultural exchange between WHS and Yamate Gakuin Junior and Senior High School in the Yokohama area.

The experience began months before the group boarded a flight. In April, Westfield families welcomed 72 Yamate students to Indiana for two weeks. The visiting students attended classes at WHS, practiced their English, experienced American culture, and became part of their Westfield host families' everyday lives.

In July, WHS students traveled to Japan. While abroad, they lived with host families, explored Japanese culture, and learned to navigate a place where the language, traditions, food, transportation, and rhythms of daily life are often very different from their own.

"The Yamate Gakuin Japanese Exchange Program can be a life-changing experience, whether you are hosting, traveling, or both," said Michelle Goudy, assistant coordinator of the Yamate Gakuin Exchange Program, chaperone, and a WHS teacher. "It opens your world to the cultural differences and similarities between Japanese and American students."



Photo by Rocks Media House

Westfield students were able to take part in a mock school day while in Japan.

While in Westfield, Yamate students attend WHS for much of their stay and experience the community with their host families. That can mean trying American and Mexican foods (hamburgers being particularly popular), attending sporting events or concerts, exploring Indiana, or simply experiencing everyday life with a Westfield family.

The exchange is designed to be reciprocal as the families of WHS students who travel to Japan are required to host Yamate students when they visit Westfield. There is intentionality behind placements as well. Students complete profiles about themselves and their interests to help group leaders match them with host families. A student who enjoys hiking, for example, might be paired with a host family who shares that interest.

When WHS students traveled to Japan, Yamate was on summer break. The school creates a mock school day, however, so Westfield students can still experience what it is like to be a Yamate student. Students are assigned Japanese student buddies and are led through an assigned schedule. Students get to sample courses like Japanese, Kendo, Music, Korean, Math, and others taught by Japanese teachers.

"I think it opens the kids' eyes to what is out in the world, and it makes them more curious about all the different opportunities that are out there," Goudy said.

Students also participate in cultural activities and excursions throughout their stay. Yamate's parent organization provides significant support for the exchange, including a cultural day, Japanese luncheon, and trip to Tokyo Disney Sea. During some school excursions and outings with their host families, Westfield students walk through streets and visit sites that are thousands of years old.

The relationships formed make the experience truly educational and personal. Rather than experiencing Japan only as tourists, WHS students become part of a household for two weeks. They see what everyday life looks like for another family while learning to communicate, adapt, and build relationships across cultural and, sometimes, language differences.

"The homestay aspect allows our students to deepen relationships started in April," said Stacey O'Brien, Coordinator of the Yamate Gakuin Exchange Program, Content Area Director of World Languages, Chaperone, "as well as establish new friendships with host siblings, their families, and others in the community. Living the authentic daily life in another culture challenges preconceived ideas we may have here in the U.S. It teaches our students that there are multiple 'right' ways to do things and introduces them to varied viewpoints about the world. Having a host family also provides much more context than a typical tour might. Host families share the history of a place, the traditions of modern families, and can answer our students' follow-up questions to deepen their understanding."

More information about the Exchange Program

The partnership between WHS and Yamate Gakuin began in 2022 with planning and relationship-building before the first student exchange took place in 2024. The schools reunited for their second exchange in 2026, and the program is expected to continue on a two-year cycle, with the next exchange anticipated in 2028.

No Japanese language experience is required for WHS students to participate. Some Japanese host families and Yamate students speak English well, while others have varying levels of proficiency. When necessary, students and families use translation tools and find other ways to communicate.

That challenge is part of the learning experience. Students have to navigate unfamiliar situations, communicate when words do not always come easily, respect different customs, and adapt when everyday life looks different from what they know at home.

Additional information about the next exchange, including opportunities to host and travel, will be shared in August of 2027 as plans for the 2028 exchange develop. Students and families interested in participating should watch for information about a call-out meeting at the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year.

Westfield Middle School Orchestra celebrates first concert



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Middle School Orchestra recently held its inaugural concert, marking an exciting milestone in the program's first year. Under the direction of Jessica Savage, nearly 100 sixth-grade students are developing their musical talents and helping establish a new tradition of excellence in performing arts at Westfield Washington Schools. Congratulations to these talented Shamrocks!

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new, and feel genuinely welcomed. The details matter, but ultimately, hospitality is about how people feel when they are here."

A new chapter for Westfield's dining scene

Le Prix is supported by investors Jay Farmer, developer of the Motor District, and Scott Holley of Holley Motorsports and SBC Wealth Management.

The restaurant adds a distinctive culinary destination to Westfield's continued growth, offering residents and visitors throughout Central Indiana a new setting for exceptional dining, entertaining, and celebration.

With its combination of French culinary heritage, contemporary elegance, and personalized hospitality, Le Prix invites guests to experience its guiding philosophy: Gather • Dine • Celebrate. Learn more and make a reservation at **LePrixRestaurant.com**.



The Goddard School of Carmel City Center gives back again

Submitted

This month, The Goddard School of Carmel City Center held a canned food drive, turning giving back into a little friendly classroom competition.

The school has eight classrooms, and each pair of classrooms was assigned a different canned vegetable: green beans, corn, peas, or carrots. Goddard families were encouraged to donate, and the two classrooms that collected the most cans would win a popsicle party.

Needless to say, Goddard families showed up in a big way. There was an incredible turnout, and the generosity of those families was truly heartwarming. After a week of friendly competition, green beans took home the victory and earned the popsicle party.

While Goddard's little learners were excited about the popsicles, the greatest reward was teaching them the importance of kindness, generosity, teamwork, and helping those in need. Donations are going to a food pantry at a local church.

At The Goddard School of Carmel City Center, even the youngest learners can make a big difference in their community. Everyone at Goddard is incredibly proud of the children, teachers, and families for coming together to support such a meaningful cause.



Photo provided by The Goddard School of Carmel City Center

Green beans won the friendly canned food drive competition at The Goddard School of Carmel City Center.

BrewBQ helps fund NHS robotics



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Thank you to the Noblesville Rotary Club for their generous donation to the Noblesville High School Robotics Club. Over the past five years, Rotary has donated a total of $24,000 to NHS Robotics with proceeds from their annual BrewBQ fundraiser.

F.C. Tucker Noblesville agents give back to local police & fire departments





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In an effort to say thank you to the public servants who work tirelessly to keep their community safe, the agents of the F.C. Tucker Noblesville Office recently supported both the Noblesville Police and Fire Departments with separate fundraising efforts. Agents delivered a care package of snacks and goodies to the Noblesville Police Department staff. Additionally, agents raised money to buy K-9 Carbon a therapeutic dog bed, toys, and treats.

Nominations open for Westfield Chamber's 2026 Lantern Awards

The REPORTER

Can you think of a business that went above and beyond, a leader who made a lasting impact, or an individual who makes Westfield a better place to live, work, and do business? Help the Westfield Chamber celebrate their accomplishments by submitting a nomination for the 43rd Annual Lantern Awards.

Submit nominations by December online at **tinyurl.com/LanternAwards2026**. Multiple entries are allowed, but you must submit a separate form for each award category submission.

This year's semi-formal cocktail reception awards ceremony will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2027, at the Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road, presented by First Bank Midwest.

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Foster Success launches FriendsGiving fundraiser to support older foster youth

Campaign aims to raise $180,000 by the end of the year

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Indiana-based nonprofit Foster Success is launching its annual FriendsGiving awareness and fundraising campaign. The campaign has a goal of raising $180,000 by the end of 2026 to support Indiana teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care. The campaign starts with $30,026 already raised from attendees at the Annual Taste of Thanks event held Wednesday, Nov. 4, in Carmel.

The annual FriendsGiving campaign supports all Foster Success programs, such as the Basic Needs program, to ensure every young person has the tools and resources they need to achieve self-sufficiency.

Indiana teens and young adults transitioning out of foster care need assistance with basics like housing, utilities, transportation, childcare, and healthcare connections that families often help with. Foster Success provides financial support and one-on-one guidance to help them build a future that leads them toward a safe, secure home and enables them to earn a living for themselves.

"Many of us take for granted the support we have from our families to navigate the world, but that is not always the case with a teen or young adult transitioning out of foster care," said Travis Tester, Foster Success Chief Development and Communications Officer. "The FriendsGiving campaign will ensure that our young people continue to have the support of Foster Success that also includes assisting them with emergency housing or utility support, a financial literacy course, or helping them find a job. They should never face these challenges alone."





Reporter photos by Bill Miller

(ABOVE, from left) Rowan Grae, Foster Success President & CEO Dr. Maggie Stevens, Chelsea McGlaughlin, and Foster Success Chief Development & Communications Officer Travis Tester.

Foster Success supports young people by providing assistance in key areas including Educational Success, Financial Empowerment, Health and Well-Being, Workforce Readiness and Youth Engagement. In 2025 alone, 452 young people received help through the Health and Well-Being and Basic Needs programs, allowing them to focus on education, employment, and long-term goals instead of daily survival.

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





Photo provided by Riverview Health

Hamilton County Professional Firefighters Union L4416 launched the campaign support patients facing treatment.

Westfield Fire raises $1,500 to support breast cancer patients

The REPORTER

The Westfield Fire Department demonstrated its commitment to supporting local breast cancer patients by raising nearly $1,500 through a special fundraising campaign held during September and October.

Proceeds from the initiative will benefit the Riverview Health Foundation's Pink Warrior Support Fund, which helps alleviate financial burdens often associated with a breast cancer diagnosis, allowing patients to focus on their treatment and recovery journey.

The fundraising effort began when a member of the Westfield Fire Department connected with the Riverview Health Foundation to explore meaningful ways to support local patients affected by breast cancer. After learning about the Pink Warrior Support Fund, the Hamilton County Professional Firefighters Union L4416 launched the merch campaign to raise awareness and provide financial support to patients facing the challenges of treatment.

"At the Westfield Fire Department, serving our community goes beyond emergency response," said Ryan Brown, Westfield District Vice President for Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Union L4416. "The support we received for this fundraiser was incredible, and we're honored to partner with Riverview Health Foundation to help provide resources and encouragement to local patients."

Megan Wiles, Vice President of Foundation and Community Affairs at Riverview Health, said, "We are incredibly grateful to the Westfield Fire Department for their generosity and community spirit. Their partnership demonstrates the power of local organizations coming together to support neighbors facing breast cancer, and the funds raised will provide meaningful assistance to patients when they need it most."

While sales have concluded for this year, the campaign will return next year, offering another opportunity to support the Pink Warrior Support Fund.

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Longtime CCHA Law attorney Mike Antrim receives IU McKinney Distinguished Alumni Award

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Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) attorney J. Michael "Mike" Antrim has received the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, which honors graduates whose achievements and service bring distinction to the law school and the legal profession. He was recognized at the law school's awards celebration held on Nov. 1 at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis.



Photo provided

Longtime CCHA attorney Mike Antrim (center) has received the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, presented Nov. 1 at the Eiteljorg Museum.

Antrim joined CCHA Law in 1975 and became a partner in 1977. Over five decades, he represented individuals and families in personal injury and complex civil litigation and became one of Indiana's leading traumatic brain injury attorneys, writing and speaking widely on the subject. He holds Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent rating and was named an Indiana Super Lawyer from 2004 to 2021.

"Mike has consistently demonstrated that lawyers can be both zealous advocates and respectful professionals," said retired Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David, Of Counsel at CCHA Law and the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

Antrim is also known as a mentor. He championed CCHA Law's Sports Law Practice Group when it was only an idea and mentored its co-founder and leader, Kelleigh Fagan. The practice now has more than 10 professionals and ranks among the nation's premier sports law practices.

"His willingness to invest in both people and ideas proved transformative," said Julie Roe Lach, Executive Vice President of External Relations and Community Engagement for Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

A member of the IU McKinney Board of Visitors, Antrim helped develop the law school's Sports Law Clinic and leads CCHA Law's annual alumni giving campaign, which consistently reaches 100 percent participation. He is a past president of the Hamilton County Bar Association and the Indianapolis Law Club and past chairman of the Brain Injury Association of Indiana.

"I was surprised and humbled to receive such an extraordinary award," Antrim said. "It was a real honor and pleasure to share this with my family and my CCHA colleagues, many of whom took the time to attend the awards ceremony with me. It has been a privilege to practice law in this great community with this wonderful group of people, and I will be forever grateful to and appreciative of IU McKinney School of Law for making such an opportunity possible."

Antrim earned his bachelor's degree from the IU Kelley School of Business and his J.D., cum laude, from IU School of Law, Indianapolis, where he was an editor of the *Indiana Law Review*.

Sarah Holtkamp

July 12, 1935 – November 6, 2026



Sarah Holtkamp, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, November 6, 2026, at Bridgewater Healthcare Center in Carmel. She was born on July 12, 1935 to Joe and Eleanor (Berhalter) White in Noblesville.

Sarah graduated from Tudor Hall in Indianapolis, received a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke, and a master's degree from Butler. She served as the secretary/treasurer of Kreagcroft, Inc. Sarah was a member of Tri Kappa and was the first and only lady who served on the American National Bank board.

She is survived by her son, Kreag (Colleen) Holtkamp; grandchildren, Kate (Micah) Rounds and Brooks Holtkamp; and her sister, Helen (Doug) Yoder.

In addition to her parents, Sarah was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Tom Holtkamp; and her sister, Mary Poulos.

Private graveside services will be held.

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Michael Francis Maddox

August 16, 1952 – November 4, 2026



Michael "Mike" Francis Maddox, 74, Lebanon, Ind., formerly of Westfield, passed away on November 4, 2026. He was born on August 16, 1952, in Indianapolis, to parents, the late Francis and Anna Mae (Wright) Maddox.

Mike was a graduate of North Central High School. He met his wife, Michelle, on a blind date, and the two were married on June 8, 1974. They shared 37 wonderful years of marriage before her passing.

Mike dedicated 23 years of service to the City of Westfield as the Superintendent of the Street, Water, and Sewer Departments, overseeing these important areas of the community until his retirement.

After retirement, Mike truly enjoyed being able to relax and spend his days doing whatever he wanted, whenever he wanted. He appreciated the freedom to enjoy life at his own pace and make the most of his well-earned retirement.

Mike is survived by his children, Kimberly Gettings and Kurtis (Sarah) Maddox; grandchildren, Brianna Gettings (Jake Lee), Jacob (Kenzie) Gettings, and Autumn Maddox; great-grandchildren, Lance Gettings, June Gettings, and Jean Gettings; former son-in-law, Jason (Pam) Gettings; partner, Martha Gibbs; siblings, Tim (Pat) Maddox and Teresa Beikes; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Michelle Maddox; and brother, Ronald Cecil.

Visitation for Mike will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2026, at Flanner Buchanan – Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters), 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield, with a Masonic Ceremonial Service at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2026, with a funeral service immediately following at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boone County Humane Society in Mike's memory. To view the online guestbook, please visit flannerbuchanan.com.

Peggy Jo Hooker

July 4, 1941 – November 12, 2026



Peggy Jo Hooker, 85, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on July 4, 1941, to Marvin and Pauline (Ireland) West in Fishers.

For 34 years, Peggy worked as an IRS auditor. She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses and loved studying the Bible. In her earlier years, Peggy enjoyed bowling and dancing. She spent her past time playing games on her phones. Peggy loved going to Beef & Boards and getting together with her friends. Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Peggy is survived by her son, Mark Anthony "Tony" (Jan) Hooker; sister, Nancy Louise (Dan) Wease; brother, Roland (Jeanine) West, sister-in-law, Peggy West; grandchildren, Brandy E. Hooker, and Marc C. "Cameron" (Jordyn) Hooker; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles J. Hooker; and her brother, Mike West.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. November 21, 2026, at Fishers Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

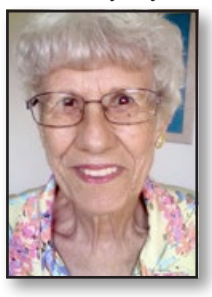
Memorial contributions may be made to Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 12241 Lantern Rd, Fishers, IN 46038-2878.

The people of Israel will no longer say, "We are sick and helpless," for the Lord will forgive their sins. (Isaiah 33:24)

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Dorothy Fay Etchison

November 24, 1931 – November 11, 2026



Dorothy Fay Etchison, 94, Carmel, passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at Independence Village of Carmel. She was born on November 24, 1931, to Jennings and Bertha (Little) Grube in Rochester, Ind., and graduated in 1949 from Rochester High School.

Dorothy was a beautician and Master Cosmetologist for over 40 years. She and Carl were members of First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville. Dorothy was very active in the church and helped with the church rummage sale every year. She also volunteered her time at Riverview Hospital and earned her 10-year service badge. Dorothy spent most of her life in Kokomo and Noblesville, but did spend a few years in Ft. Myers, Fla. She was always impeccably dressed and had a smile on her face. Dorothy enjoyed playing Euchre and Skip-Bo, and most of all loved spending time with her family, and was there to help others.

She is survived by her sons, Dan (Betsy) Lavengood and David (Lee) Lavengood; brother, Paul (Pat) Grube; sisters-in-law, Sue Grube, Linda Grube, and Pearl Grube; step-children, Carl (Nancy) Etchison, Rhonda Perry, and Retha Naylor; as well as 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Leon Etchison; siblings, Max & Stella Grube, Rex Grube, Allen Grube, Eldon Grube, Carl Grube, and Betty (Kenny) Dunlap; and step-daughter, T.D. Bragg.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

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Christy "Chris" Lambesis Miller

September 14, 1953 – November 8, 2026



Christy "Chris" Lambesis Miller of Noblesville passed away at Riverview Hospital on Sunday, November 8, 2026, surrounded by her family following a brief illness.

Born to James and Maxine Lambesis on September 14, 1953, Chris grew up in Frankton, Ind., surrounded by her close-knit extended Greek family and immersed in the family businesses, including her parents' Lambesis Food Mart. Growing up in this environment, she learned the value of hard work, the importance of family, and the traditions that connected generations.

After returning to college as an adult, Chris earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Ball State University. Her dedication to education and her love of working with children shaped a rewarding career in which she touched the lives of countless students. She taught at Hamilton Heights Elementary School in Cicero and Our Lady of Grace Catholic School in Noblesville, leaving a lasting impression on the many students and families she encountered along the way.

Chris was always ready for an adventure with her cousin Teddi, preferably with a Coca-Cola in hand. A lifelong learner with a curious spirit, she loved to travel, was an avid reader, and enjoyed discovering new places and experiences. She also had a special place in her heart for animals and adored the many faithful canine companions she loved and cared for throughout her life.

Chris is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, George and Kim Murray of Frankton; her granddaughters, Kailyn Russell of Albany, Ky., and Janai Murray of Fishers; her brother and sister-in-law, George and Debbie Lambesis of Middletown; her husband, Mike Miller, and his children and grandchildren; and many beloved cousins, niece, nephew, and great-grandchildren.

Chris maintained a special bond with the Murray family of Frankton, who remained dear to her throughout her life. She held a particularly fond place in her heart for the grandparents of her son the late Gene and Irma Jean Murray.

Private family services will be held, with a memorial celebration at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The James Family Student Support Services and Professional Development Endowment, Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060; or The Humane Society of Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com).

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James Robert "Jim" Galloway

January 10, 1946 – November 10, 2026



James Robert "Jim" Galloway, 80, a lifelong resident of Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at his longtime family home, surrounded by family.

Born in Noblesville on January 10, 1946, to the late Clarence and Mary Catherine (Castetter) Galloway, Jim's roots in Hamilton County ran deep. He grew up in Noblesville and was a proud 1964 graduate of Noblesville High School. Across eight decades, Jim helped steward the growth of his community with a steady hand, common sense, and a deep respect for the land and his neighbors.

He was a lifelong farmer and the very definition of a pillar of the community. He served the place he called home by dedicating 36 years of thoughtful leadership to the Hamilton County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, helping guide the county's future with fairness and foresight. He also served as a volunteer firefighter in Wayne Township for many years, and helped build local business roots as a founder and 25-year board member of Community Bank. Jim also valued the fellowship of his community as a Freemason, member of the Noblesville Moose Lodge and a familiar face at the Elks Lodge #576. He was a life-long member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church and the 50-Club of Hamilton County.

For all of his civic and professional accomplishments, those who knew Jim best will remember him as endlessly patient, honest, fair, remarkably kind, warm, and approachable. He was a friend to so many. A natural problem-solver with capable hands and a sharp mind, there wasn't a job he wouldn't tackle or a mechanical or mathematical problem he couldn't figure out.

Jim was always on the go and lived an incredibly full life. An avid runner with a lifelong love for classic vehicles and the open road, he was happiest outdoors. He found joy in riding motorcycles, boating, fishing, or water skiing in the summer, or snow skiing and snowmobiling in the winter. He even took to the skies as a licensed private pilot, and for many years, he treasured the warm sunshine of Florida. Above all, Jim loved spending time with his family, passing down to his children and grandchildren the enduring values of hard work, uncompromising integrity, and his signature witty sense of humor which he kept through his final days.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife of 36 years, Dolores "Dee" Galloway; his sons, Chad (Michelle) and Grant (Nicole); and his daughters, Kim and Jasmine. He was a proud and loving grandfather to Brittny (Adam), Rachelle (Cory), Clay, Cassie, Jake, Cole, and Parker; and a cherished great-grandfather to Gracesyn, Lincoln, and Cayden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Mary Catherine Galloway; his brothers Joe and John; and his sister Mary Ann.

The family wishes to express their tremendous gratitude to the many supportive friends and neighbors who visited, shared stories, and spent precious time with Jim and the family over the past several months as well as the team at Enlight Hospice for their extraordinarily compassionate care.

Family and friends gathered for visitation on Thursday, November 12, at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. A funeral service celebrating Jim's life as held at the church on Friday, November 13, followed by a burial service nearby at Crownland Cemetery, 1776 Monument St., Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to your favorite charity in Jim's memory.

His was a life well-lived.

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A Veteran's memories

COLUMNIST



KEN KLINGENMEIER
Another Opination

I mentioned joining the Navy in last week's column and was thanked for my service. So for Veteran's Day, I'd like to write a little about my military experience.

In 1968, the USA was embroiled in the Vietnam War – an unwinnable war as we found out much later and after much loss of American lives. It was a scary time to be a young man without a deferment. I had just lost my student deferment in June of 1967. Near the end of that year, I received my draft notice in the mail. It hadn't taken long for them to find me.

I had to make a decision – whether to be drafted for a two-year stint in the Army facing a possible tour in 'Nam, or choose a four-year enlistment in one of the other services. I didn't want to test the Army choice, so I walked into the Navy recruiting office and signed up for the longer stint – being guaranteed a position in Naval Air – I hoped to be an Air Traffic Controller and train for a job after my service time.

On Valentine's Day 1968, I signed the blank check issued in my name valued up to and including my life. Anyone who joins does the same. It is a solid commitment. I promised to do everything they told me to do. And to defend my country. In exchange they would train me, feed me, house me, and pay me.

After boot camp at Great Lakes Training Center north of Chicago (what a cold place to be in February, March, and April for 11 weeks) and after two weeks at home on leave, I was sent to Naval Air Station Lakehurst, N.J., the same place where the Hindenburg had crashed in 1937. Here I attended Aerographer's Mate school – AG school in Navy parlance. (I had failed one of the 10 or so eye tests they give you in order to qualify for AC school – my Air Traffic Controller hopes evaporated.)

AG school taught me about weather, weather observation taking, recording said obs and plotting weather maps from coded transmissions. It was very hot and the best thing about the posting was it was near the Jersey shore, so weekends could be by the water, and I met my first wife while I was there. (Another story for another time.)

My sea-duty deployment followed and my at-sea duty station was Guam. No ship, just a small eight-mile by four-mile island for 18 months. I was attached to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center, an Air Force unit. I know – doesn't seem right. Sea duty with the Air Force. We kept watch for typhoons and issued warnings to the fleet, the force, and to populated areas.

By the end of my tour there, I was beginning to learn computer operations that predicted weather and was told I would be a computer operator in Monterey, Calif., after I went to Oceanographic School in Lakehurst. Again, a seafaring education for a land-based computer operator. Some of my Navy enlistment made little sense to me.

In Monterey, at the Fleet Numerical Weather Center, I ran the Research and Development computer, testing forecasting programs written by anxious programmers. Those were still the days of the punch-card: programs written one line at a time and entered on cards that were read into the computer, which happened to be – at that time – the fastest computer in the world, the CDC 6000.

I loved Monterey and went back to live there and go to college there after I was discharged – honorably, by the way.

When people thank me for serving my country, I accept it knowing that I was not a combatant, never a hero, never fired a shot. Our armed services are a network of dedicated and hardworking women and men who do a myriad of different tasks every day, all which contribute to the unbelievably complex job of protecting our nation. My jobs, which all provided weather alerts to the forces, were a small but vital part of that undertaking.

My military time was mostly well spent, I think. Mainly, for me personally, it was a transitional period from being a kid at home to becoming a young man in the wider world.

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

The possibility of peace

COLUMNIST



NANCY KELLY SMITH
Civility Counts

I was holding a lit candle ready to pass it on to an undergraduate during a university graduation ceremony as we Seniors prepared to get our degrees. As I held my candle with a multitude of other graduates holding theirs on the campus grounds, we all sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Perhaps you are familiar with the updated lyrics:

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me / Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be / With God our creator, children all are we / Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony …

I imagine that now most of us are still processing thoughts and emotions after the results of the midterm elections. We may be feeling a mixture of grief and joy. We may also be challenged to maintain our civility in conversations with those who voted for candidates running against ours. With Thanksgiving just weeks away, we may soon find ourselves surrounded by family at the Thanksgiving table, and we might be tempted to present our point of view about the midterm election while sharing the feast.

Alexandra Hudson, author of *The Soul of Civility* and founder of the national civility organization Civic Renaissance, was being interviewed on a national broadcast last Thanksgiving Day giving suggestions on how to maintain civility with family members on Thanksgiving. She emphasized that it was important to avoid discussing politics at Thanksgiving to foster a harmonious experience for all present. To offer your opinions on the election or any hot-button issue at another time is wise counsel.

Many families encounter challenges that can lead to estrangement.

According to Dr. Arthur Brooks, professor at Vanderbilt University, "38% of American adults are estranged from at least one close family member." An unfortunately high number! Our goal must be to preserve family ties whenever possible.

Years ago, at the time of my father's passing, a faculty colleague of mine confided to me that the last time he saw his father alive, they had had an argument. There was no time left for a reconciliation. Sometimes it is best to just agree to disagree.

Dr. Brooks adds that not all family rifts come from disagreements, however. They may come from having different understandings of the relationship.

If a family member is suffering from an addiction or alcoholism, hopefully that one will seek help. A support group like AlAnon for family and friends of alcoholics can help one navigate the holidays (and life) when living in these circumstances. If the loved one refuses to get help, we can still keep our own serenity – at least most of the time – for that is under our control. We do not have to react angrily to what someone else says or does. But we also may need to emotionally and physically detach from that family member whom we still love. Nevertheless, abuse in any form is unacceptable! We must take care of our own emotional, spiritual, and physical well- being and that of children in our care.

When do you have peace in your heart? How can that peace be nurtured? My answers to these questions come from my faith.

I read once, and believe it's true, that peace in our hearts can foster peaceful relationships. We can still be passionate about our beliefs, but we can also have peace in our hearts changing the dynamics of a situation by being civil.

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

May we all have a happy, harmonious Thanksgiving 2026!

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

Fighting for Hoosier Veterans

GUEST COLUMNIST



U.S. SEN. JIM BANKS

This Veterans Day is a special one. 250 years after the founding of the greatest country in the history of the world, we remember and honor the men and women in uniform who continue to keep the spirit of 1776 alive. It was the greatest privilege of my life to wear the American flag on my uniform, and I join Hoosiers and all Americans in saying to our veterans: thank you for your service. We pay tribute to you for your sacrifices and hope that your service inspires the next generation of Americans to serve.

Fighting for Indiana's veterans is some of the most important work I do in the Senate. Indiana is home to over 400,000 veterans. Since the Indian Wars and the Civil War, there have been 99 Hoosier Medal of Honor recipients. Hoosiers are proud of our veterans' legacy of service, and you can see that pride in our war memorials all around our great state. You see it from the National Memorial Shrine in Fort Wayne, to the Military Honor Park and Museum in South Bend, to the Indiana Military Museum in Vincennes, to the Ernie Pyle Museum in Dana.

Veterans choose Indiana because this is a patriotic state that values service, honors sacrifice, and takes care of its own.

I am incredibly proud of what I have been able to accomplish for Hoosier veterans on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. I worked with my colleagues to move legislation through the committee that improves the benefits claims process, makes sure veterans can be buried with their spouses in national cemeteries if they choose, reforms how the VA builds health care facilities, and guarantees that service-disabled veterans can access the prosthetics they need to exercise and play sports.

I'm also working to upgrade our VA medical facilities around the state. Last year, I made the case for a new Roudebush medical center repeatedly to Secretary Doug Collins and other VA leaders, and President Trump ranked it the VA's top construction priority in this year's budget. Roudebush is more than 75 years old, and veterans deserve a state-of-the-art, flagship hospital. In June, I organized a letter from the whole Indiana congressional delegation to the Appropriations Committee supporting full funding for the project. I'm looking forward to securing the dollars to build it in the next few months.

A new, major VA outpatient clinic in Fishers is also moving forward. I'm pushing the Senate to authorize the project before the end of the year. It will allow veterans north of Indy to get all their outpatient care closer to where they live, without going into the city. I'm also working with the VA to plan a new clinic in Northwest Indiana, and I expect the plans for that new clinic to be announced next year. Last week, I worked with DAV to establish a vet center community access point in Kokomo. Veterans, servicemembers, and their family members can now get counseling at DAV Chapter 28 in Kokomo. I'm grateful to Commander Ross Havrick for this great idea, and we made it happen in record time. I will keep pushing for a full-scale vet center in North Central Indiana.

Getting these projects approved is just the beginning. I will be working with our veteran service organizations, the VA, and community leaders to break ground on these facilities and build them as efficiently as possible. Indiana can set the example for the rest of the country in how to develop modern medical facilities for veterans faster, more affordably, and more innovatively.

Our veterans risked life and limb for this country, and I will not stop fighting to make sure that they have all the resources they need to thrive.

Jim Banks, a Republican, represents Indiana in the United States Senate.

Chris O'Connor, an American veteran leader

GUEST COLUMNIST



NATE LAMAR

"If [your gift] is to lead, do it diligently" – Romans 12:8 (NIV)

Chris O'Connor passed away Sept. 20 in Oxford, Ohio, while visiting his son at Miami University.

We were West Point classmates and cadet company-mates all four years. We did not get along initially: he was a blue-collar Irish Catholic, leftist Democrat hockey player from Massachusetts, while I was a W.A.S.P. farm-boy, conservative Republican distance runner from Indiana. But we made it through plebe year and its academic difficulties.



O'Connor

Becoming a Cadet Training Officer is a job nobody wants, as you are in charge of dreaded drill for parades. But in the "leadership laboratory" that is West Point, at the end of junior year our Tactical Officer told Chris he was recommending him for this role, as he didn't care what other cadets thought of him! Chris was tough and had thick skin. We became friends and were both proud to graduate in the top 75 percent of our class!

We roomed together at Fort Sill during Field Artillery School. We enjoyed Oklahoma, visiting nearby Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge and Lawton's ethnic restaurants. Thanks to his mathematical mind, Chris helped me through gunnery. Upon graduation, he went to the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, N.C., while I went to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. By the time I arrived at Fort Bragg for the Terrorism Awareness Course, Chris had already deployed to Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Shield.

From Fort Bragg, Chris' next duty station was Korea, followed by Fort Hood, Texas, where he was a Battery Commander, then Artillery Model & Simulation Officer, receiving a Meritorious Service Medal. He did so many field training

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Thank you to 250 years of Hoosier Veterans

GUEST COLUMNIST



U.S. SEN. TODD YOUNG

Every year on Veterans Day, we thank America's veterans and their families for their dedication to protecting our freedoms.

This year, as we celebrate America's 250th birthday, it is an opportunity to give thanks for our earliest Hoosier heroes – not only for the hardships they bore and the heroics they displayed to free our nation, but for their part in establishing our state. Many of the men who cleared Indiana's wilderness were also the soldiers who won America's independence.

One of the most significant victories of the Revolutionary War was fought here in the winter of 1779, when George Rogers Clark and a band of Virginia militiamen marched across flooded and frozen plains to siege Fort Sackville in Vincennes.

By raising the American flag over this lonely frontier outpost, Clark was claiming the Northwest Territory for the new nation, dramatically altering its map and future, and ensuring the eventual formation of Indiana.

Endorsing the construction of the grand monument to Clark's victory in Vincennes, a New York newspaper wrote in 1929: "It was as necessary as Yorktown. It was more significant than Bunker Hill. It was as inspiring as Valley Forge."

After the American Revolution was won, cash-strapped states rewarded their veterans not with money, but with land. Virginia awarded 150,000 acres north of the Ohio River – Clark's Grant – spanning present-day Clark, Floyd, and Scott counties. Hundreds of veterans then settled in the Indiana Territory, as America's first soldiers became Indiana's earliest settlers.

Veterans like Captain Robert George, an artillery officer who settled in Clark County and helped establish the first settlement on the Ohio River. His land tract helped found and develop the town of Utica. Upon his death in 1804, his property passed to his family and fellow veterans who were instrumental in founding the communities of Clark County.

Other Revolutionary veterans followed. Thomas Carr, Sr., a captain in the Continental Army, settled in Clark County near Fourteen Mile Creek. Carr served as a delegate to the Indiana Constitutional Convention, helping draft our state's founding charter and contributing to the design of Indiana's judicial and election systems.

As the nineteenth century began, thousands joined a migration into the newly created Indiana Territory, leading families over the Cumberland Gap, down the Ohio River, or through the wilderness of the Old Northwest.

Nearly 2,000 veterans of the American Revolution spent the remainder of their lives in Indiana. They rest in small churchyards, on family farms, deep in forests, even in densely populated urban areas, across from schools – often under crumbling headstones whose inscriptions have weathered beyond legibility, save for the faint, enduring words: "A Soldier of the Revolution."

The wilderness they encountered upon arriving in Indiana has been replaced by communities built upon the ideals these veterans fought for in their time.

Today's American service members serve across the world, but a chain of devotion connects these worn and crumbling graves to the men and women who wear the uniform today and keep us safe.

On this Veterans Day, let us give thanks to these first Hoosier veterans, the spirit of service and sacrifice they established, and the heroes who carry it forward today. May our nation never forget the selfless sacrifices of our men and women in uniform.

Todd Young, a Republican, represents Indiana in the United States Senate.

To every Veteran, thank you for your service

Lighting more than lamps, building a brighter community

COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Diwali, often called the Festival of Lights, is one of the most cherished celebrations in Indian culture. Traditionally, families light oil lamps, decorate their homes, prepare festive food, exchange sweets, and gather with loved ones. The light symbolizes the victory of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over darkness.

But what happens when we take that light beyond our homes and share it with an entire community?

Last month, Fishers witnessed exactly that.

Our community came together for a spectacular Diwali celebration, welcoming nearly 4,000 people for an evening filled with culture, food, music, dance, and togetherness. Despite the unpredictable fall weather, the enthusiasm of families and visitors never faded.

The celebration featured 12 performances, ranging from Bollywood to classical dance and fusion, along with interactive activities, a fashion show, and a spectacular 15-minute fireworks display synchronized to music. Thirteen vendor booths and 17 food trucks added to the festive atmosphere, offering something for everyone.

But for me, the most meaningful part was not the numbers or the entertainment. It was seeing neighbors, friends, and families from different backgrounds come together, curious to experience something new and excited to be part of something bigger.

Diwali is deeply rooted in Indian traditions, but celebrating it with the wider community serves a much bigger purpose than celebrating among people who already share the same culture. It creates an opportunity to exchange stories, introduce traditions, experience different perspectives, and build friendships across cultures.

You don't have to celebrate Diwali to enjoy a Diwali celebration. You don't have to know the meaning of every dance, recognize every dish, or understand every tradition. Sometimes, all it takes is showing up, asking a question, tasting something unfamiliar, or simply enjoying the music.

That is how cultural diversity becomes a shared community experience rather than just something we talk about.

This is not a city-funded event. It is organized by a volunteer-led committee, with funds raised through generous community sponsorships. The support of the Fishers Parks team, sponsors, volunteers, performers, vendors, and countless helping hands makes this celebration possible. It is a reminder that when people believe in a shared purpose, remarkable things can happen.

One special attraction was Diyara, our Fishers Diwali mascot, beautifully brought to life through a Rangoli-inspired artwork created by our very own volunteers. Rangoli is a traditional Indian art form made with colorful patterns, often welcoming guests and bringing good fortune into homes. Seeing this piece of art stand proudly at our celebration felt like seeing our culture represented through the hands and hearts of our community.

Last week, as families celebrated Diwali in their own homes, lighting diyas, sharing sweets, and wishing one another happiness and prosperity, I found myself reflecting on what our community celebration had already accomplished.

Perhaps the real meaning of spreading light is not simply lighting another lamp. It is making someone feel welcome. It is opening a door to a tradition they may have never experienced. It is creating a space where someone who is unfamiliar with our culture feels like they belong.

We often talk about building inclusive communities, but inclusion doesn't happen through words alone. It happens when we create opportunities to show up, participate, learn, share, and celebrate together.

A diya may be small, but its light can travel far. And when thousands of people bring their little lights together, the entire community shines brighter.

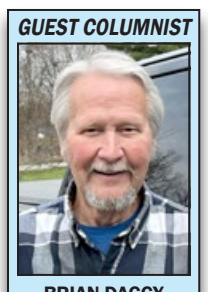
This Diwali, may we remember that the brightest celebrations are not just the ones we host, but the connections we create and the lives we make a little brighter along the way.

Because every story shared is belonging, and every light shared makes our community brighter.

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

Indiana paving the way for corporations while leaving farmers behind

GUEST COLUMNIST



BRIAN DAGGY

Indiana's leaders love to celebrate big economic development announcements. Billions in corporate investments, thousands of promised jobs, and ambitious construction timelines make for impressive headlines. But what happens when the rush to deliver those projects comes at the expense of the Hoosiers who already live and work in these communities?

In Boone County, we're finding out firsthand.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) recently closed County Road 300 North, a critical connection between State Road 39 and U.S. 52. The closure, expected to last through late November, comes at one of the worst possible times for local farmers: peak harvest season.

With this route unavailable, farmers moving equipment between fields in northern and western Boone County are being forced onto State Roads 47 and 32, which are already congested with construction vehicles, dump trucks, and workers traveling to the massive Eli Lilly and Meta projects within the LEAP District. Farm equipment often travels at speeds of just 25 mph, creating additional congestion and potential safety hazards on highways already struggling to accommodate increased traffic. There are also concerns that police and fire services won't be able to get to some homes in a timely manner.

What's perhaps most frustrating is the apparent lack of communication. According to local accounts, even the Boone County Highway Department was unaware of the closure until learning about it through Facebook. Many residents discovered the disruption only when they encountered closed roads, with little advance notice beyond signs posted a few days beforehand.

This isn't simply an inconvenience. It's another example of Indiana's leaders prioritizing the demands of major corporations over the needs of the communities they have moved into.

Ironically, the Boone County Farm Bureau and Purdue Extension have spent considerable time educating thousands of construction workers at the Lilly and Meta sites about farm road safety. Yet now, during the busiest season for agriculture, farmers are being pushed onto major highways to accommodate the very development creating these traffic concerns.

We recognize that economic development and job creation are important. But progress should not require sacrificing public safety, local infrastructure, or the livelihoods of those who have sustained Indiana's agricultural economy for generations.

And this issue extends far beyond Boone County. As Indiana continues pursuing massive corporate developments around the state, every Hoosier should be asking the same questions: Who is planning for the impact on existing communities? Who is protecting local interests? And who is being held accountable when those needs are ignored?

For too long, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and state leaders have measured success by the size of corporate investments and the number of jobs announced, without adequately accounting for the toll taken on local residents.

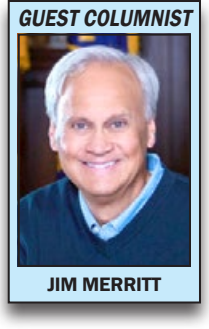
Boone County deserves better, and so does the rest of Indiana. Economic development should strengthen our communities, not force them to accommodate corporate timelines at any cost.

It's time for state leaders to stop treating local residents and farmers as an afterthought. Our roads, our safety, and our agricultural economy matter just as much as the next billion-dollar announcement.

Brian Daggy is a member of the Boone County Preservation Group, an organization formed in opposition to the LEAP project. The group's mission is to create a unified community voice focused on preserving local farmland and natural resources, while supporting responsible land development. You can follow the Boone County Preservation Group on Facebook.

You can't fight pharmacy deserts by putting pharmacies at risk

GUEST COLUMNIST



JIM MERRITT

Indiana has a pharmacy access problem. The last thing it needs is to revive a proposal that could put existing pharmacies at risk.

Lawmakers considered pharmacy-ownership restrictions in 2025 but removed them before passing a broader pharmacy benefit manager reform law. Before returning to that approach, they should confront a problem. Some communities depend on the pharmacies an ownership ban would affect.

An Indiana Capital Chronicle article[1] captured the contradiction. Darren Covington, executive vice president of the Indiana Pharmacy Association, called Arkansas's ownership ban the "North Star" of reform. But the article also reported his acknowledgment that many areas of Indiana are served only by CVS.

That is the central issue.

If a community already depends on one pharmacy, putting its future in question raises an obvious question. Where are patients supposed to go?

The goal should be access, not an ownership purity test.

Indiana has no margin for error

Indiana's licensed-pharmacy count fell further from November 2024 to July 2025. Even more concerning, a 2021 study cited in the article found that 60 percent of Indianapolis neighborhoods qualified as urban pharmacy deserts.

In central Indiana and across rural communities, Hoosiers are already feeling the effects of pharmacy closures. Some former pharmacies become other stores. Others sit vacant. Either way, patients lose a place to fill prescriptions. Indiana needs to stem these closures. Longer trips make health care harder to reach and add costs for families already feeling squeezed.

For patients with complex medical needs who lack resources, technology, or family support, finding another pharmacy is not necessarily a matter of driving a few extra minutes.

Yet the ownership-ban debate treats existing pharmacies as interchangeable pieces on a corporate chessboard.

Patients do not fill prescriptions at an organizational chart. They need a counter they can reach, a prescription they can obtain and service they can depend on.

The sign above the door does not change those needs.

Tennessee's warning is in writing

Before Indiana revisits an ownership ban, lawmakers should read Tennessee's fiscal analysis.

Tennessee enacted its FAIR Rx Act this year, with ownership restrictions scheduled to begin July 1, 2028. Reviewing an earlier version, the General Assembly's Fiscal Review Committee acknowledged that "some pharmacy closures or operational disruptions may occur."

Then came the warning[2] Indiana should take personally.

"Any pharmacy closures that occur are likely to have the largest economic impact in rural areas of the state where fewer pharmacy providers operate."

That is the assessment of the state's legislative fiscal staff.

TennCare officials separately warned about consequences for treatment access and program finances.

The uncertainty is the point. "Someone else can buy it" is not a patient-access guarantee. Who is the buyer? Will the location stay open? What happens if no buyer materializes?

Lawmakers should answer those questions before voting, while patients still have a place to go.

Arkansas is a cautionary tale, not a blueprint

The Arkansas law praised as the "North Star" of reform in the Capital Chronicle article offers another reason for caution.

Arkansas enacted Act 624 in 2025 to prohibit PBMs from owning or operating pharmacies. Before its scheduled January 2026 implementation, a federal judge blocked[3] enforcement, finding that the law likely violated the Constitution's Commerce Clause and was likely preempted by TRICARE, the federal health program serving military personnel, retirees and their families.

The potential disruption was substantial. CVS warned that the law would force[4] its 23 Arkansas stores to close, illustrating the existing access lawmakers were putting at risk.

Indiana should not confuse an ambitious restriction with a proven solution. Arkansas's law encountered serious legal obstacles before taking effect. Banning an ownership structure does not magically put another pharmacy within reach.

Sources

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How can sports affect your academic performance?

COLUMNIST



LIZZY SUMMERS
Sheridan High School Student

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

Imagine being part of a team that works together towards a goal, where every member contributes to its success. Sounds like a college experience, right? What if I told you that this team is not just any team but a group of individuals who are constantly pushing themselves to be better both on and off the field?

This is the reality of student-athletes, and the benefits of being part of a sports team extend far beyond the playing field. Engaging in sports has physical benefits, such as improved cardiovascular health, increased strength and flexibility, and enhanced coordination. However, the benefits of sports go beyond the physical.

Participating in sports has also been shown to have an impact on mental health, reducing stress and anxiety while promoting self-confidence and self-esteem. For example, a study by the National Alliance on Mental Illness found that students who participated in sports had lower rates of depression and anxiety compared to those who did not. In addition, the camaraderie and teamwork involved in sports help develop life skills such as communication, leadership, and problem-solving.

Many people assume that being a student-athlete means sacrificing performance for athletic success and your life. However, the opposite is often true. Student-athletes have been shown to have higher GPAs and better attendance records compared to their non-athletic peers. This is because sports require discipline, hard work, and time management skills, which are also essential for success. For instance, a study by the NCAA found that student-athletes who participated in sports had a higher graduation rate

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exercises at Fort Irwin, he told me he almost changed his residency to California! He served on active duty until 1999, when he became a Consultant for Kepler Research in northern Virginia.

Chris then made the best decision of his life by marrying Martha Treichel. He became a Booz Allen Hamilton contractor at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. As I was occasionally in D.C. on business, he would always make time to meet. On one visit, Chris took me to my first-ever MLB game (the Washington Nationals), where I caught a ball! On another D.C. trip, I secured him and his family tickets from my Congressman when Pope Francis visited.

By this time, Chris had lost his Boston accent! But he never forgot his roots. He told me he needed to "level his bubble," by returning to Massachusetts to visit his parents and old neighborhood, as reminders of how far he had come. When the NGA contract ended, Chris joined ChangeSmith, where he was in his element doing leadership training for government and commercial clients. Chris reminded clients to be "the best version of themselves," which he also reminded friends. But he was hardest of all on himself with this phrase.

Administrations change, spending priorities and other matters, like tariffs, change. As a result, many classmates learned that a job search in our 50s is no fun. When we were suddenly unemployed, Chris and I gave each other leads and resumé critiques. He landed on his feet in Case Management at the Defense Logistics Agency.

We last saw each other in June. At his Mass of Christian Burial on Oct. 9 in Alexandria, Va., many West Point classmates, Army buddies, and civilian colleagues attended. Chris leaves a legacy of love to his wife, daughter, and son, and his legacy of leadership to the many whose paths crossed his.

On this Veterans Day, I salute the late Captain Chris O'Connor, American hero!

Nate LaMar, a career international manager, also serves as Military Academy Liaison Officer (West Point recruiter) for East Central Indiana, and was Henry County Council President from 2009 to 2019.

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— COURT NOTICES —

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 4
)SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D04-2608-MF-010513
ARVEST BANK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WISK DERIFOND and TSIGE BERELSMAN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Indiana to the Defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.

The nature of the suit against you is:

Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate

Against the property commonly known as 12030 Bird Key Blvd, Fishers, IN 46037-4181 and described as follows:

Lot Numbered 148 in Rolling Knoll at Hoosier Woods, Section Two, a subdivision in Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof, recorded as Instrument Number 200200017761, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendant:

Wisk Derifond

This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following named defendant(s)whose whereabouts are unknown:

Tsige Berelsman

If you have a claim for relief against the plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.

You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30)days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff.

FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
By /s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND
Attorney No. 22108-29
Attorney for Plaintiff
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29D01-2611-EU-000490
S. MATTHEW COOK
Attorney for Estate
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that David L. Weyls was on the 2nd day of November, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Linda W. Hunt, deceased.

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

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 2nd day of November, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
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Attorneys at Law
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R8944 *11/9/26, 11/16/26*

29C01-2610-MI-012751
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
IN RE THE NAME OF:)
RYLEE ELISE FOGELBERG)
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Kaitlin N. Camp has filed a Petition in this proceeding for the change of her daughter's name to Rylee Elise Camp.

A Hearing will be held in Hamilton Circuit Court on January 11, 2027, at 8:30 am.

Dated this October 26, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton Circuit Court
S. Matthew Cook
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Attorneys at Law
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R8890 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
Cause No. 29D01-2607-EU-000296
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
ROBERT ELWOOD GORDON,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that James Thomas Anthony, on July 13, 2026, was appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Robert Elwood Gordon, deceased, who died on the 28th day of June, 2026, leaving a will. The estate will be administered without Court Supervision.

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

Dated this July 13, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
J. Gregory Shelley
Bose McKinney & Evans LLP
111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
R8945 *11/9/26, 11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
Cause No. 29D03-1507-DR-005456
IN THE MATTER OF:
Jose Romo
Petitioner
V.
Tina Marie Romo
Respondent
MOTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR PASSPORT & TO CORRECT NAME

Comes now. Jose Romo, and requests the Court grant Petitioner sole authority to apply for a US passport, and correct a spelling error on the final decree For the reasons below:

The Decree of Dissolution of Marriage was entered on December 11,2017 and granted sole legal and physical custody to Petitioner Jose Romo. In spite of that order, Petitioner has been refused application for a passport for Alejandro A. Romo without a court order or the consent of Respondent Tina Marie Romo. Respondent's whereabouts are unknown and she has had no contact with Petitioner or children since the decree. In addition, the decree contains a spelling error on the name of minor child Alejandro A. Romo, adding a second "I" in the child's name, which also causes difficulty in securing a passport.

WHEREFORE.Jose Rom°(requests that this Court grant this motion and for all other relief just and proper in the premises.

Jose Romo
Respectfully Submitted,
R8921 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2609-MI-11419
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Denise Marie Kirk
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Denise Marie Kirk, whose mailing address is: 15624 W Rail Drive, Westfield IN 46074, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Denise Marie Kirk has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Denise Marie Eastling.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.

Denise Marie Kirk
Petitioner
Date: July 6, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8711 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2608-MI-010017
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Matthew Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Matthew Allen Alcantara, whose mailing address is: 14043 Sedona Ct., Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Matthew Allen Alcantara has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Matthew Southwick Alcantara.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.

Matthew Allen Alcantara
Petitioner
Date: August 17, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8748 *11/2/26, 11/9/26, 11/16/26*

29C01-2610-MI-012905
STATE OF INDIANA IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2610-MI-012905
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE)
OF STACY LEEANN RIVERS)
A minor child,)
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Petitioners, Amanda Huffman and Ricky Huffman, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of a Minor to change the name of a minor child from Stacy LeeAnn Rivers to LeeAnn Autumn Huffman.

The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060 on January 5, 2027 at 8:30 am which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

Dated: November 2, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R8953 *11/9/26, 11/16/26, 11/23/26*

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
) SS:
COUNTY OF MARION) CAUSE NO. 49D14-2607-JT-007272
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION
OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP:
BU - DOB 7/2/2026
AND
FATHER UNKNOWN (FATHER)
MOTHER UNKNOWN (MOTHER) AND
ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING

TO: Father Unknown
Mother Unknown and
Any Unknown Alleged Father
Whereabouts unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed a Petition for Involuntary Termination of your Parental Rights, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a hearing has been scheduled before the Judge of the Marion Superior Court for a(n) Fact Finding Hearing on 1/14/2027 at 1:45 PM and to answer the Petition for Termination of your Parental Rights of said child.

Pursuant to Administrative Rule 14, arrangements have been made for you to participate in this hearing by phone or video. You will receive instructions prior to the hearing instructing you on how to participate in the hearing. It is your responsibility to provide your Family Case Manager with a working phone number. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to participate telephonically or by video for this hearing. You should not appear in person.

Video Hearing Information - Magistrate Marcia J. Harper
D14 Mag 1 Remote Hearings Meeting Number: 2330 212 6443
Password: 49624131 Link: https://mscourts.webex.com/mscourts/j.php?MTID=m8f845e5afca78462da499bcdbb7d69af Go to www.webex.com to enter your meeting number and password or use the toll-free number below to join by phone. Please join the hearing five (5) minutes before your hearing is scheduled to begin. You will be admitted to the hearing room once the Court is ready to begin. Join by phone +1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) 1-844-992-4726 United States Toll Free.

IC 31-35-1.5-5

"NOTICE TO UNNAMED PARENT

The unnamed putative parent of a female infant that was voluntarily surrendered on July 6, 2026 in Marion County, Indiana, and born on approximately July 2, 2026, or the person who claims to be a parent of the infant, is notified that a petition to terminate the parent-child relationship was filed in the office of the clerk of the Marion County Superior Court, 675 Justice Way, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

If the unnamed putative parent seeks to contest the petition to terminate the parent-child relationship of the infant, the unnamed putative parent must file a motion to contest the petition in accordance with **IC 31-35-1.5-8** in the above named court within twenty-eight (28) days after the date of service of this notice. This notice may be served by publication.

If the unnamed putative parent does not file a motion to contest the adoption within twenty-eight (28) days after service of this notice, the above named court shall hear and determine the petition to terminate the parent-child relationship. The unnamed putative parent's consent is irrevocably implied and the unnamed putative parent loses the right to contest the petition to terminate the parent-child relationship or the validity of the unnamed putative parent's implied consent to the termination of the parent-child relationship. The unnamed putative parent loses the right to establish a biological relationship with the child in Indiana or any other jurisdiction.

Nothing anyone else says to the unnamed putative parent of the infant relieves the unnamed putative parent of his or her obligations under this notice.

Under Indiana law, a putative parent is a person who claims that he or she may be the father or mother of an infant who has been voluntarily surrendered but who has not yet been legally proven to be the child's father or mother.

This notice complies with IC 31-35-1.5-5 but does not exhaustively set forth the unnamed putative parent's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes."

You are further notified that if the allegations in said petition are true, and/or if you fail to participate at the hearing, the Juvenile Court may terminate your parent-child relationship; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship you will lose all parental rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties and obligations including any rights to custody, control, visitation, or support in said child; and if the Court terminates your parent-child relationship, it will be permanently terminated, and thereafter you may not contest an adoption or other placement of said child.

You are entitled to representation by an attorney, provided by the State if applicable, throughout these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship. If you have been appointed an attorney in the Child in Need of Services action involving the above-named child(ren), that attorney may not be automatically appointed to represent you in these proceedings. You must appear at the hearing currently scheduled in this matter and request that the Court appoint an attorney to represent you in these proceedings to terminate the parent-child relationship.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, adjudication on said petition and termination of your parental rights may be entered against you, in your absence, without further notice.

Clerk
Sharon Flores, 27106-29
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
4160 N. Keystone Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46205
R8956 *11/9/26, 11/16/26, 11/23/26*

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 7
SS)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CASE NO. 29D07-2610-MI-013183
STATE OF INDIANA,)
Plaintiff,)
v.)
FORTY (40) CANADIAN MAPLE LEAF GOLD COINS, ONE $5.00 BILL,)
and ANMOLPREET SINGH, as his interests may appear,)
Defendant.)

The State of Indiana to the Defendant, Anmolpreet Singh, above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:

COMPLAINT FOR FORFEITURE

This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named Defendants whose addresses are unknown:

Anmolpreet Singh

If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.

You must answer the Complaint For Forfeiture in writing by you or your attorney, on or before the 30th day of December, 2026, the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the Plaintiff has demanded.

ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 7

Joshua N. Taylor, #26618-29
RileyCate, LLC
11 Municipal Drive, Suite 320
Fishers, IN 46038
PH: 317-588-2866
R8983 *11/16/26, 11/23/26, 11/30/26*

29C01-2611-MI-013394
STATE OF INDIANA
In the Hamilton Circuit Court
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:
DIANA S. LUTZ
TO CHANGE HER NAME TO:
DIANE S. LUTZ
ALIAS NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Diana S. Lutz, by counsel, Anne M. Curry, filed her Verified Petition for Change of Name on November 4, 2026 to change name from

Diana S. Lutz to Diane S. Lutz. The Petition is scheduled for hearing in the Hamilton Circuit Court on January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m., which is more than thirty (30)

days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections on or before the hearing date.

November 5, 2026
Date
Anne M. Curry
Mallor Grodner Plummer, LLP
11595 N. Meridian Street Suite 850
Carmel IN 46032

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R8964 *11/9/26, 11/16/26, 11/23/26*

29D03-2611-EU-000502
Notice of Administration
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Unsupervised Estate of
SCOT A. STALLSMITH, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that TIA S. VOTE was on 11/6/26 appointed personal representative of the estate of SCOT A. STALLSMITH deceased, who died on the 9th day of October, 2026.

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

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana,November 9, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court, Probate Division
Madison J. Cibulka
(Attorney #38156-49)
Robinson Farthing Spandau Williams
8500 Keystone Crossing #470
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Phone: (317)587-7820
Email: mlc@YourIndyAttorneys.com
R8874 *11/16/26, 11/26/26*

29D03-2609-EU-000430
ATTORNEY:
Jayme E. Donnelson
Hess Hess & Donnelson, LLP
540 N. Rangeline Rd.
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 844-1377
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Hamilton County Superior Court

In the Matter of the Estate of Sam Muir Atherton, Jr., Deceased.

Cause Number 29D03-2609-EU-000430

Notice is hereby given that Winfield Atherton was on October 23 , 2026, appointed Administrator of the Estate of Sam Muir Atherton, Jr., Deceased, who died on March 11,2026.

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

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this October 23, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Court
R8946 *11/9/26, 11/16/26*

Notice

Cause No.: 29D03-2611-GU-000219
To: Alan Mullins and Angela Mullins (Children of Jimmy H. Mullins). On November 25, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in Hamilton County Superior Court No. 3, Noblesville, Indiana a Hearing will be held to determine whether Co-Guardians should be appointed for Jimmy H. Mullins. At the Hearing, the Court will determine whether Jimmy H. Mullins is an incapacitated person under Indiana law. Elizabeth A. Homes, Attorney for John G. Stoller & Selina M. Stoller. Elizabeth A. Homes Attorney Number: 31736-49 Law Office of Elizabeth A. Homes LLC 9245 N. Meridian Street, Suite 130, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260 Phone: 317-660-5004 Email: elizabeth@ehomeslaw.com
R8952 *11/9/26, 11/16/26, 11/23/26*

29D03-2611-EU-000515
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In re the Unsupervised Estate of Ryan Christian Wallace
ADLER Attorneys – Noblesville
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
Phone: 317-773-1974
Seth R. Wilson, #26647-49
seth@noblesvilleattorney.com

In the Hamilton Superior Court 3, Hamilton County, Indiana

Notice is given that Apryll Nell Wallace, on November 10, 2026 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on 10/11/2026. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or within nine (9) months of Decedent's death whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated: November 10, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk for Hamilton Superior Court, Hamilton County, Indiana
R8989 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

29D01-2611-EU-000510
Rachel N. Woloshin, #30917-29
CHURCH CHURCH HITTLE + ANTRIM
Two North Ninth Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
(317)773-2190; FAX (317) 773-5320
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.

Notice is hereby given that Katharine D. Sprouse and Alex D. Klyczek were on November 9, 2026, appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of DAVID J. KLYCZEK, deceased, who died November 1, 2026.

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

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on November 9, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana
R8990 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

29D01-2610-EU-000488
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
ESTATE OFHELEN N. McNEIL,)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on November 2, 2026, Steven A. McNeil was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Helen N. McNeil, deceased, who died on the 14th day of September, 2026.

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

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this November 2, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court
R8980 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2611-MI-013542
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
SOPHIA MARIE PEREZ
Name of Minor
NINFA OLIVA
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, NINFA OLIVA, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on November 9, 2026 to change the name of SOPHIA MARIE PEREZ to SOPHIA MARIE OLIVA.

This Petition is scheduled for hearing on the day of January 5, 2027, at 8:30 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections on or before the hearing date.

Date: November 9, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R8985 *11/16/26, 11/26/26, 11/30/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1
CAUSE NUMBER:29D01-2611-EU-492
IN RE THE ESTATE OF:)
JAMES ARTHUR JORDAN)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that William Jordan was on the 11/2/2026 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of James Jordan deceased, who died on 10/2/2026

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

Joe Duepner- Attorney for the Estate
DUEPNER LAW LLC
136. S. 9th St. Suite 207
Noblesville IN 46060
317-886-4304
Dated: November 6, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Court
For Hamilton County, Indiana
R8968 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2610-MI-012659
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Joslyn Siena Kass
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Joslyn Siena Kass, whose mailing address is: 10718 Thistle Ridge, Fishers, IN 46038, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Joslyn Siena Kass has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Joslyn Siena Rachowicz.

Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 5, 2027 at 8:30 a.m.

Joslyn Siena Kass
Petitioner
Date: November 9, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R8984 *11/16/26, 11/26/26, 11/30/26*

Notice

Notice of Administration State of Indiana, County of Hamilton, in the Hamilton County Superior Court No. 3, Cause No. 29D03-2610-EU-000482, Notice is hereby given that Christy Redelman was on the 29th day of October, 2026, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Martha A. Vaughn, deceased, who died on the 25th day of July 2026. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Kathy Kreag Williams, Clerk Hamilton County Superior Court No. 3. #31736-49 Attorney Elizabeth A. Homes, 9245 N. Meridian Street, Suite 130, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260
R9007 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

2027 Drainage Board Meetings
The meetings will be held in the Commissioners Court in the Government and Judicial Center..
Hearings will be held the second meeting of the month

Monday	January 11	12:00 PM
Monday	January 25	9:00 AM
Monday	February 08	12:00 PM
Monday	February 22	9:00 AM
Monday	March 08	12:00 PM
Monday	March 22	9:00 AM
Monday	April 12	12:00 PM
Monday	April 26	9:00 AM
Monday	May 10	12:00 PM
Tuesday	May 24	9:00 AM
Monday	June 14	12:00 PM
Monday	June 28	9:00 AM
Monday	July 12	12:00 PM
Monday	July 26	9:00 AM
Monday	August 09	12:00 PM
Monday	August 23	9:00 AM
Monday	September 14	12:00 PM
Monday	September 27	9:00 AM
Monday	October 11	12:00 PM
Monday	October 25	9:00 AM
Monday	November 8	12:00 PM
Monday	November 22	9:00 AM
Monday	December 06	12:00 PM
Friday	December 20	9:00 AM

The first meeting of each month is for administrative purposes.
The deadline for items to be placed on the agenda will be 12:00 PM the Wednesday prior to the meeting.
Possible Executive Session prior to each meeting
Approved by Drainage Board September 22, 2025
R6979 *11/16/26*

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT
Cause No. 29C01-2611-MI-013543
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF MINOR:
MATEO DAVID JOSE PEREZ MORALES
Name of Minor
NINFA OLIVA
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, NINFA OLIVA, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on November 9, 2026 to change the name of MATEO DAVID JOSE PEREZ MORALES to MATEO DAVID OLIVA.

This Petition is scheduled for hearing on the day of January 5, 2027, at 8:30 am, which is more than thirty (30) days after the third notice of publication. Any person has the right to appear at the hearing and to file objections on or before the hearing date.

Date: November 10, 2026

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R8986 *11/16/26, 11/26/26, 11/30/26*

29D02-2610-EU-000447
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF INDIANA
Cause No. 29D02-2610-EU-000447
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARCIA ELLEN VAN DYKE, DECEASED
ESTATE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Eric Douglas Van Dyke was on October 26, 2026. appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marcia Ellen Van Dyke, deceased, who died on September 9, 2026, and was authorized to administer said estate without Court supervision.

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

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on October 26, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk ,Hamilton County Circuit and Superior Courts
DeFur Voran LLP
By: *Michael D. Wilhelm*
Michael D. Wilhelm, #25224-49
8409 Fishers Center Drive,
Fishers. IN 46038
Telephone: 317-585-8085
Fax: 317-585-8858
R8957 *11/9/26, 11/16/26*

29D02-2611-EU-000511
Hamilton Superior Court 2
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE)
ADELINE P. BRENIZER)
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that Erika Sylvia was, on the 10th day of November 2026, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Adeline P. Brenizer, who died on the 28th day of October 2026.

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

DATED at Noblesville, Indiana, this 10th day of November, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, County Court
Alexandra S. Sylvia,
Attorney No. 19836-49
Plews Shadley Racher & Braun LLP
1346 N. Delaware St.
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Telephone: 317-637-0700
Facsimile: 317-663-1898
Email: asylvia@psrb.com
R9004 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

29D02-2610-EU-000474
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
In The Hamilton Circuit Court
Probate Division
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2610-EU-000474
IN RE THE MATTER OF)
THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:)
JAMES W. HOPE, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2026 Cynthia M. Stewart was appointed personal representative of the Estate of James W. Hope, deceased, who died on September 28th, 2026.

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

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on November 12th, 2026.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
Stephen E. Ferrucci
Clapp Ferrucci Keeler
9795 Crosspoint Blvd, Suite 100
Indianapolis, IN 46256
(317) 578-9966
Attorney for Cynthia M. Stewart, Personal Representative of the Estate of James W. Hope, deceased
R9006 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

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— HAMILTON COUNTY —

Public Notice

The following will be sold for charges:

14807 GRAY RD WESTFIELD on 12/4/2026 @ 12:00PM
- 2009 MINI WMWMR33599TU95680 $2,773.84

8280 E 216th St CICERO on 12/4/2026 @ 12:30PM
- 2010 HYUNDAI 5NMSG3AB2AH379297 $2,140.00
- 2011 CHEVROLET 1G1PF5S96B7161798 $2,459.00
- 2003 ACURA 2HNYD18613H507313 $2,325.55
- 2008 FORD 1FTRX12W08FB39810 $2,125.00
- 2019 NISSAN 1N4BL4EVXKC242927 $2,140.00
- 2015 NISSAN 1N4AL3AP2FC244173 $2,634.50
- 2001 CHEVROLET 1GCCS19W118119716 $2,475.00
- 2005 HONDA 5FNRL38465B039191 $2,340.60
- 2010 FORD 1FMCU0D70AKA33798 $2,167.00
- 2014 TOYOTA 4T4BF1FK9ER377675 $2,360.00

18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD on 12/4/2026 @ 2:00PM
- 2024 KAUFFMAN 7UZFW5036RL000798 $15,262.50
- 2018 NISSAN 5N1AZ2MH4JN146634 $2,038.00

R8962 *11/16/26*

— FISHERS —

CITY OF FISHERS
PLAT COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE PP-26-11

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers **Plat Committee at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038**.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # PP-26-11 - Request to approve a Primary Plat for the 23 lots on 11.54 acres, known as the Buckhaven property. Subject site has a common address of 11798 and 11842 E 131st Street.

LOCATION: 11798 and 11842 E 131st Street

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

City of Fishers Community and Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: Pulte Homes of Indiana, LLC

R8977 *11/16/26*

CITY OF FISHERS
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE RZ-26-10

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Fishers Advisory Plan Commission at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038**.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # RZ-26-10 - Consideration of a rezone from R2 to C3 with conditions for an inpatient behavioral health hospital on 16.69 acres with a common address of 14790 E 136th St.

LOCATION: 14790 E 136TH ST, FISHERS, IN 46037

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

City of Fishers Community and Economic Development
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
www.FishersIN.gov/notice
Petitioner: Lifepoint Corporate Services, General Partnership

R8978 *11/16/26*

— CARMEL —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Carmel, Indiana

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By: Carmel Clay Schools
5201 East Main St.
Carmel, IN 46033

For: Carmel Middle School – Mid-Life Cycle Renovation – Phase 2
300 South Guilford Road
Carmel, IN 46032

At: Carmel Education Services Center
5201 East Main St.
Carmel, IN 46033

Until: 2:00 PM (local time), December 10, 2026

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM (local time), in the Carmel Education Services Center, 5201 East Main St. Carmel, IN 46033.

All work for the complete construction of the Project will be under one or more prime contracts with the Owner based on bids received and on combinations awarded. The Construction Manager will manage the construction of the Project.

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

Office of the Construction Manager
The Skillman Corporation
3834 S. Emerson Avenue, Building A
Indianapolis, IN 46203

The Skillman Plan Room
www.skillmanplanroom.com

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

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

WAGE SCALE: Wage Scale does not apply to this project.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on November 18, 2026, at 2:00 PM, local time, at via Microsoft Teams.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2968882703322173?p=8W6jnSz9pGv0Pl78HI
Meeting ID: 296 888 270 332 217 3
Passcode: Qb3At6a9
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+1 317-762-3960,,557187846# United States, Indianapolis
Find a local number
Phone conference ID: 557 187 846#

Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

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

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

Contractors submitting bids for the performance of any Work as specified in this building Project should make such Bids to **Carmel Clay Schools (a public building corporation).** Contractors are advised that the Contract as finally entered into with any successful Bidder may be entered into with either the School Corporation or the Building Corporation or certain portions of the Contract may be entered into by both the School Corporation and the Building Corporation.

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

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS
By: Toby Steele, Director of Facilities

R8981 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:

By: **Meyer Najem Construction LLC, Construction Manager as Constructor for Westfield Washington Schools**

For: **Westfield High School Additions and Renovations Bid Package 3- Post-Tension Track**

Deliver to: **Westfield Washington Schools Central Office 19500 Tomlinson Rd UNIT B, Westfield, IN 46074**

Date & Time: **Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 2:00pm**

Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. One copy of the bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the project manual and shall be executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana Board of Accounts Form 96 – "Contractor's Bid for Public Works," with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Meyer Najem Construction, LLC. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base bid price. Should a successful Bidder withdraw their Bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute the contract, Meyer Najem may then declare the Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages. Reference the Bidders Check List for all other items required at the time of bid.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following: Addressed to:

Westfield Washington Schools Central Office
19500 Tomlinson Rd UNIT B, Westfield, IN 46074
Attn. Westfield High School Additions and Renovations Bid Package 3
Bid Package Number & Name
Name and return address of the Bidder

All bid proposals shall be in full compliance with the bid documents. To obtain access to the bid documents, please reach out to the contact below. Invitations inclusive of the Bid Documents will be sent out via Meyer Najem Construction, LLC's SmartBid Document Management Software.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 1:00 PM local time at Westfield High School, 18250 N Union St, Westfield, IN 46074. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at Meyer Najem's jobsite trailer located near the tennis courts. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting will be considered in determining bidder responsiveness.

For all questions, please contact Ciara Casteel, ccasteel@meyer-najem.com, at Meyer Najem, the Construction Manager as Constructor.

Meyer Najem Construction, LLC, as Construction Manager as Constructor for Westfield Washington Schools

R8993 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

— TIPTON COUNTY —

BEFORE THE TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF TIPTON) SS.
TIPTON, INDIANA)
IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED MAINTENANCE INCREASES)
FOR THE FOLLOWING DRAINS AT TIME STATED)

RIEBLING ANNA REGULATED DRAIN	**12:05 P.M.**
DUNCAN CUNNINGHAM REGULATED DRAIN	**12:10 P.M.**
PRAIRIE CREEK REGULATED DRAIN	**12:15 P.M.**
JOHN OMER SLOAN REGULATED DRAIN	**12:20 P.M.**
WEST MCREYNOLDS REGULATED DRAIN	**12:25 P.M.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that on MONDAY the 30th day of NOVEMBER 2026, at THE TIMES STATED ABOVE, at the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 E. Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072, hearings will be held by the Tipton County Drainage Board on Proposed Maintenance Funds to be increased.

The Report of the Surveyor for each drain has been filed and is available for inspection in the office of the surveyor, and online at www.tiptongov.com/county/

Any landowner wishing to file an objection to this Proposed Maintenance increase may do so by filing a written objection, not less than (5) days prior to the hearing, with the Tipton County Drainage Board, via the Surveyor's Office. All other objections will be heard at the hearing.

TIPTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
Kristi Hinkle, Secretary

R8963 *11/12/26, 11/16/26*

— NOBLESVILLE —

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the **7th day of December, 2026**. This hearing to discuss application **BZNA-000219-2026** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application, submitted by Meg Strothkamp of Hoosier Futbol Club (Applicant), requests approval to be granted to a Variance of Use application, pursuant to UDO § 8.B.2. and Appendix C (Official Schedule of Uses), to amend the 2020 Variance of Use approval to expand the outdoor recreation illumination to the existing turf training areas on a property zoned R1 (Low Density Single Family Residential) at **6910 East 161St Street**.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested people desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 150 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R8969 *11/16/26*

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Featherston Property, 14740 River Avenue Noblesville, IN 46062) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Noblesville, IN Featherston Property project. Project is located at 14740 River Avenue, Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Chris Beaver of Beaver Materials.at 16105 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

R8970 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Featherston Gravel Extraction 146th Street and River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Noblesville, IN Featherston Gravel Extraction project. Project is located at 11570 River Road, Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Chris Beaver of Beaver Materials.at 16105 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

R8971 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Beaver-Old Castle Addition, 8030 E. 160th Street, Noblesville, IN 46062) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Noblesville, IN Beaver-Old Castle Addition project. Project is located at 8030 E. 160th Street, Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Rob Shank of Beaver Materials.at 16105 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

R8972 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the **7th day of December, 2026**. This hearing to discuss application **BZNA-000229-2026** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application, submitted by Kyler Overton of Compass Services Group (Applicant), requests approval to be granted to a Variance of Use application, pursuant to UDO § 8.D.1. and Appendix C (Official Schedule of Uses), to allow for a Health/Fitness Facility in a I-1 light industrial zoning district at **14383 Herriman Boulevard**.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested people desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite 150 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R8973 *11/16/26*

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 7th day of December, 2026. This hearing, to discuss applications **BZNA-000217-2026** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application submitted by Doug Fagan, Lennar Homes of Indiana, LLC, requests approval be granted to a variance of development standards application pursuant to UDO §4.D.3. to legally establish a 3.9-foot side yard setback where a 5-foot setback is required within the R2/PD zoning districts at property located at **6067 Purple Leaf Court, Noblesville 46062**.

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

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R8975 *11/16/26*

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING
Board of Zoning Appeals
City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 7th day of December, 2026. This hearing, to discuss application **BZNA-000218-2026**, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville. The application submitted by property owner Greg Borcherding requests approval be granted to a variance of development standards application pursuant to UDO §14.J.1. to permit construction of a 240-square foot accessory structure with a 5-foot side yard setback and a 21-foot rear yard setback (15-foot side yard and 40-foot rear yard setback required), in the R-1 zoning district at property located at **14629 Wellington Court, Noblesville 46060**.

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

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at www.noblesville.in.gov/boards. This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on www.noblesville.in.gov/applications by clicking on the public records search and entering the case number or address listed above.

Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary

R8976 *11/16/26*

Submit Public Notices To:
Ads@ReadTheReporter.com

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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

The right is reserved to reject any or all BIDS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated this 26th day of October 2026.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Dated this 26th day of October 2026.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

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

The right is reserved to reject any or all BIDS.

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

Dated this 26th day of October 2026.

HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
ATTEST: Margaret Hobbs
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:

REHABILITATION PLANS FOR BRIDGE NO. 56
266TH STREET OVER TAYLOR CREEK
JACKSON TOWNSHIP
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PB-20-0010

Proposals must be submitted electronically via Hamilton County's eProcurement portal found on the County's website at https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/2130/Bid-Opportunities-and-Solicitation. There is no cost to the contractor in submitting proposals through the eProcurement portal. **Submission will be accepted up to the start time of the public meeting listed below**. The County's eProcurement portal will not allow any proposals to be submitted after the bid notice time. Only proposals from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the Indiana Department of Transportation's current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(a) "Bridges: Highway Over Water" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for at least one item on the list will be rejected.

All proposals will be electronically opened by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at **2:00 p.m. local time, December 7, 2026**.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, permits, licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contracts to be made, shall be furnished, and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in these documents.

Bidding documents will be available beginning at **9:00 a.m. on November 16, 2026**. Copies of the **Proposal, Specifications, Contract Documents and Plans must be obtained through the County's eProcurement portal**. The eProcurement portal will send out notification for addendums. However, it shall be the responsibility of the individual to periodically check for addendums posted in the eProcurement portal.

During the proposal submission process through the eProcurement portal the following documents will need to be uploaded prior to the submission being accepted:

Form 96	*Financial Statement*
Non-Collusion Affidavit	*Itemized Proposal*
Employment Eligibility Verification Certification	*Drug Testing Program Compliance*

Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be valid for 90 days from the opening of the bids.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable ***Bidder's Bond***, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent of the total amount of the bid. The Bidder's Bond or certified check must be submitted as hard copies and delivered in a sealed envelope to the County Auditor at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L2, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 until **11:30 a.m. local time, December 7, 2026**. After 11:30 a.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening in order to be included as part of a complete bid submission. The sealed envelope must be clearly marked "Bidder's Bond/Certified Check for Project #" and must also clearly indicate the name of the bidder.

Bids received without a corresponding Bidder's Bond or certified check will not be considered by the Owner. The County Auditor will hold the Bidder's Bond or certified check as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the Owner upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. All Bidder's Bonds or certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them upon selection of the successful bidders.

Todd E. Clevenger
Hamilton County Auditor

Hamilton County Auditor
Dated: November 3, 2026

R8982 *11/16/26, 11/23/26*

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL BUILDING CORPORATION

The Board of Directors of HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL BUILDING CORPORATION ("Corporation") will meet on the 17th day of November 2026, at 9:00 am EST, at 410 W Main St, PO Box 469, Arcadia, Indiana 46030.

The primary purposes of said meeting is to consider (i) authorizing transactions related to donation of an easement on 29-02-25-000-005.001-008; 29-02-25-000-005.101-008; & 29-02-25-000-005.102-008 to Town of Arcadia; (ii) reporting on the activities and financial condition of the Corporation; (iii) reappointing an individual(s) to serve as the qualified and acting lessor representative for Corporation bond and real estate projects; (iv) reappointing officers; (v) carrying on any other business brought before the meeting; (vi) authorizing the implementation of necessary plans, actions, protocols, processes, and procedures related thereto; and (vii) any and all other business as may properly come during said meeting. A copy of documents to be considered at the meeting are available at 410 W Main St, PO Box 469, Arcadia, Indiana 46030.

R9005 *11/16/26*

— CARMEL —

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission") is considering the establishment of a separate residential housing development program (the "Program") in certain portions of the City of Carmel, Indiana (the "City") in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14-53, as amended, as part of an amendment to the existing economic development plan for the Gramercy Economic Development Area previously established within in the City.

Notice is further given that representatives of the Commission, as governing body of the City's Department of Redevelopment, will conduct a public meeting in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14-53(d)(3), on Wednesday, December 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. (local time), in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, Carmel City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana 46032, at which time those in attendance will be afforded an opportunity to learn more about, and express their views regarding, the proposed Program.

CARMEL REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

R9003 *11/16/26*

Notice of Public Sale

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

Date: Items will be available to view online starting November 17, 2026. Auction closing date for items is December 2, 2026. Specific times vary depending on vehicle. Details are available online.

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

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

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

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

R8995 *11/16/26*

— CICERO —

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.

Also for discussion on November 17, 2026, per Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(4)(I) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

R8992 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

— HAMILTON COUNTY —

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Hamilton County is requesting qualifications from Engineering firms to provide engineering and design for reconstruction of a portion of the Asa Williamson Extension Arm of the Moffitt and Williamson Regulated Drain and a portion of the Martin Marietta Materials Relocation Arm of the Moffitt and Williamson Regulated Drain ("Drain"), commonly known as Blue Woods Creek ("Project").

This Request for Qualifications will use a qualifications-based selection method that is consistent with 2 CFR § 200.320(iv), 23 CFR Part 172, and applicable Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA") requirements.

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

All SOQs will be electronically opened by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioners' Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 12:00 p.m. local time, December 7, 2026.

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

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

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

R8997 *11/16/26*

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sheridan Airport
Sheridan, Indiana
Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation

Sealed Bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, for improvements to the Sheridan Airport, Sheridan, Indiana, will be received by the Hamilton County Airport Authority, until Wednesday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. (local time). Bids shall be submitted via Quest CDN – reference number 10445193. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. (local time) in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Conference Room 1A, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060, in the order they were received.

The bidding documents are available at https://www.woolpert.com (See "Project Bids" link at bottom of page) and/or https://qcpi.questcdn.com/cdn/posting/?group=8012832&provider=8012832&projType=all - Reference Quest Number 10445193. To be considered a plan holder for bids, register with QuestCDN.com for free Regular membership and download the bidding documents in digital form at a cost of $22. Downloading documents and becoming a plan holder is recommended as plan holder's receive automatic notice of addenda, other bid updates. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-2331632 or Support@QuestCDN.com for assistance in membership registration or downloading digital bidding documents. Interested parties may view the Contract Documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder.

To submit a responsive bid as a Prime Contractor and to receive all necessary addendum(s) for this project, you must be on the Planholders List. It is the planholder's responsibility to review the site for addendums and changes before submitting their proposal. This includes reviews of environmental changes. Environmental changes during construction could take up to three months for approval. For additional information, please contact us via email at bid.info@woolpert.com.

The work involved will include the following:
Schedule I - Mill and Overlay
Schedule II - Mill and Overlay with Paving Interlayer
Schedule III - Full Depth Crack Repair and INDOT Fog Seal

The approximate quantities of major bid items involved in the proposed work are:

INDOT 306	Asphalt Milling – 2"	21,500	SY
INDOT 403	Asphalt Paving – 2"	2,750	TON
INDOT 408	Crack Sealing	5,000	LF
P-620	Pavement Marking	13,500	SF

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

A pre-bid conference for this project will be held on Monday, November 23rd at 11:00 a.m. (local time), in the airport terminal conference room at the Sheridan Airport, 27045 Jerkwater Rd, Sheridan, IN 46069. A virtual conference invitation will be sent to the plan holders at a later date. The conference will be conducted by the Owner to review project requirements, airfield access procedures, operational restrictions, and safety requirements.

The bidder is required to provide all information as required within the Contract Documents. The bidder is required to bid on all items of every schedule or as otherwise detailed in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids may be held by Sponsor for a period not to exceed 60 calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

No Bidder may withdraw its bid after the bid has been opened. The Hamilton County Airport Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding and to reject all bids.

All questions regarding the bid are to be directed to Nick Kowalkowski, 333 N Alabama Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Nick.Kowalkowski@Woolpert.com.

Bid Bond: Guarantee will be required with each bid as a certified check on a solvent bank or a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) % of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the Hamilton County Airport Authority.

Performance & Payment Bond: The successful bidder will be required to furnish separate performance and payment bonds each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price.

Federal Language Required for Solicitations
TITLE VI SOLICITATION NOTICE

The (Title of Recipient), in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4), 28 CFR § 50.3, and 49 CFR Part 21, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, all contractors will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of the owner's race, color, national origin, sex, creed, age, or disability in consideration for an award.

Hamilton County Airport Authority
Noblesville, Indiana

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Indianapolis Executive Airport
Zionsville, Indiana
U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) Building

Sealed Bids, subject to the conditions contained herein, for improvements to the Indianapolis Executive Airport, Zionsville, Indiana, will be received by the Indianapolis Executive Airport, at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Conference Room IA, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060, until Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (local time). Bids shall be addressed to the attention of the Hamilton County Airport Authority, Attn: Mr. Sam Sachs, 11329 SR-32, Zionsville, IN 46077, and shall be clearly marked "Sealed Bid: TYQ U.S. Customs and Border Protection Facility. DO NOT OPEN". Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. EST on December 16th, and read aloud at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Conference Room 1A, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN, 46060, in the order in which they were received.

How to Obtain the Project Plans and Specifications:

The bidding documents, including the plans and technical specifications, may be obtained from ReproGraphix Inc., 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204, 317.637.3377, or online at https://www.reprographix.com. Contractors may download the bidding documents for free, electronically, or may pay, at the contractors expense, for printing and shipping.

To submit a responsive bid as a Prime Contractor, it is the responsibility of that Prime Contractor to review the ReproGraphix ePlanroom website for addendums and changes before submitting their proposal. This includes reviews of environmental changes.

This project consists of the construction of a federal facility to be occupied and operated by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Due to the sensitive nature of the facility and associated project information, the Contract Documents, including the plans and specifications, shall be made available only to Contractors who have a bona fide interest in submitting a bid for the Project.

WARNING: These contract documents are FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (FOUO). It contains information that may be exempt from public release under the Freedom of Information Act. It is to be controlled, stored, handled, transmitted, distributed, and disposed of in accordance with DHS policy relating to FOUO information and is not to be released to the public, or other personnel who do not have a valid "need-to-know" without prior approval of an authorized DHS official.

Scope of Work:

The scope consists of the interior build-out of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Facility located at the Indianapolis Executive Airport (TYQ). The pre-engineered metal building shell was previously constructed as part of a different project, however the interior fit-out remains incomplete. The Scope of Work shall be performed in accordance with the Contract Documents, Drawings, and Technical Specifications, and includes but is not limited to: site civil improvements, architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, information technology, communications, and security systems work, along with all associated labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary for a complete and operational facility.

Pre-Bid Conference:

A voluntary but highly encouraged to attend pre-bid conference for this project will be held on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (local time), in the Airport Terminal Conference Room (second floor) at the Indianapolis Executive Airport, 11329 IN-32, Zionsville, IN 46077.

Bid Conditions:

All bidders shall make arrangements with the Indianapolis Executive Airport to examine the site to become familiar with all site conditions prior to submitting their bid.

The bidder is required to provide all information as required within the Contract Documents. The bidder is required to bid on all items of every schedule or as otherwise detailed in the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids may be held by Sponsor for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

No Bidder may withdraw its bid after the bid has been opened. The Hamilton County Airport Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding and to reject all bids.

All questions regarding the bid are to be directed to:
Jill M. Geboy
Jill.geboy@woolpert.com

All questions must be submitted no later than Tuesday, December 1st by 12:00PM – local time.

Bid Bond: Guarantee will be required with each bid as a certified check on a solvent bank or a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) % of the total amount of the bid, made payable to the Hamilton County Airport Authority.

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TRADE RESTRICTION CERTIFICATION

By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror –

1. is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);
2. has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
3. has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor:

1. who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or
2. whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or
3. who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such USTR list.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through the Owner cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Owner or the FAA.

Hamilton County Airport Authority
Zionsville, Indiana

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— CARMEL —

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
Equipment Purchase
For Clay Middle School
470 # 270000974
Posted November 10, 2026

Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) seeks proposals to supply and install network switches for Clay Middle School. Carmel Clay Schools will require the installation of the requested equipment. Bidders are advised that this project will be contingent upon the successful obtaining of Category 2 E-Rate funding. The contract agreement between the district and the successful bidder must recognize that contingency.

CCS seeks an agreement with a vendor that allows the following:
- Adjustment of quantities
- Option to scale back or cancel project based on funding available
- Consideration of the best interest of the District

Project Scope

CCS seeks eligible equipment as outlined in Appendix A. Equipment shall be new, factory-sealed equipment currently available from the manufacturer; the District will not accept proposals of used, remanufactured, refurbished, "B stock," returns, open-box, discontinued, "gray market," or equipment in any other condition other than new and factory-sealed with all original manufacturer warranties.

CCS will consider products from other manufacturers provided they equal or exceed the material requirements and functional qualities of the specific products listed in the Technical Documents. Material supporting and showing the equality of the alternative products must be submitted with the bidding documents. Any product being proposed from another manufacturer must be clearly identified within the proposal. Failing to include this information may result in the bidder's proposal being disqualified.

Installation will be in place of existing equipment and the requested equipment will be integrated into the existing environment. Each bid should include all labor necessary for staging, installation, testing, and documentation of equipment. Equipment staging will consist of (but not be limited to) ensuring firmware version consistency, configuration loading, and hardware preparation for mounting. Software and firmware version for components will be agreed upon at time of deployment, and configurations will be coordinated with CCS staff. Installation by the selected vendor shall include the removal of the existing equipment and placement of the new equipment. Equipment testing should verify access to internal resources and the Internet. Documentation should include configuration and summary reports of installations.

Questions

Any questions related to the technical aspects of this document should be directed in writing to the Carmel Clay Schools Technology Department at ccserate@ccs.k12.in.us no later than 2 pm EST on December 2, 2026. Answers to any written questions or any additional information, revisions, or clarifications to the RFP will be provided in the form of an addendum to be posted to https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/services/technology-data-solutions/e-rate-470. It is the sole responsibility of the Service Provider to check for any addenda that may be issued.

Response Format

Responses should include the following, if applicable:
- Applicable items should include all related software and hardware components that enable the functionality of the equipment (including any necessary mounting brackets, software licenses, multi-year licenses, and basic maintenance).
- If applicable, the vendor is to specify all fees, shipping charges, taxes, surcharges, and contingency fees for eligible equipment.
- If applicable, the vendor is to specify the manufacturer's warranty provided as an integral part of an eligible component without separately identifiable cost.
- Any ongoing subscription pricing must be listed separately.

Your response **must** include the following information:

1. Line-item pricing for each item listed in Appendix A. Any discounting applied to your proposal must be reflected at the line-item level. **This information must be provided in electronic spreadsheet form**.
2. In the case of proposed equivalent products, a thorough technical description of how each product from the manufacturer being bid meets each of the required functionalities of the product is listed below.
3. Information outlining your company's certifications and connections regarding the manufacturer's equipment being bid, and the length of time your company has provided equipment from the manufacturer being bid.
4. Two (2) reference sites where your company has performed a similar installation of the equipment being bid, including business name, contact name and contact information. It is preferable that at least one reference should be for a school corporation or library system within 90 miles of the District.
5. Your E-Rate SPIN Number. (You must have a current SPAC form on file with USAC.)
6. A ready-to-execute contract which includes the proposal requirements and the E-Rate contingencies outlined herein.

CCS's review of information will be primarily focused on the substance of the details provided in response to the requirements herein, including but not limited to technical details, pricing, and terms, experience, references, and adherence to the response format provided. Line-item pricing must be provided for each item listed in the bid (any discounting in pricing on the bid must be reflected at the line-item level).

Proposal Delivery

The CCS reserves the right to reject each and every bid and to waive informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes the right to extend the date and time for receipt of bids. In the event that a responsible bid is not received or if it is determined that the low bid received is too high, the bid received will be rejected and the project will be canceled or re-bid.

Bids should be e-mailed to the office of the Carmel Clay Schools Technology Department at ccserate@ccs.k12.in.us by 2 pm EST on January 8, 2027.

Line#	Part Number	Description	Manufacturer	Quantity
Fan / Fan Tray				
1.0	JL669B	HPE Aruba Networking X751 Front to Back Fan Tray	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	14
		Fan / Fan Tray Subtotal		
Module				
2.0	R0X31A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 Management Module	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
3.0	R0X39C	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 48-port 1GbE Class4 PoE and 4-port SFP56 v2 Module	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
4.0	S1T83A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 24p Smart Rate 1G/2.5G/5G/10G Class8 PoE and 4p SFP56 v2 Module	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Module Subtotal		
Power Supply				
5.0	JL087A	HPE Aruba Networking X372 54VDC 1050W 110-240VAC Power Supply	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	34
5.1	JL087A ABA	INCLUDED: Power Cord - U.S. localization	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	34
6.0	R0X35A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6400 1800W Power Supply with C16 Inlet Accessory	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
6.1	R0X35A B2E	INCLUDED: NEMA 6-20 220V NA Power Cord	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
		Power Supply Subtotal		
Services				
7.0	HL6G9E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6300M 48SR PoE SVC [for JL659A]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
8.0	HL6D0E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6300M 24SR PoE SVC [for JL660A]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
9.0	HR5D8E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6300M 48 PoE SVC [for JL661A]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
10.0	HR7Q6E	Aruba 5Y FC NBD Exch E/R 6405 SVC [for R0X26C]	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Services Subtotal		
Software				
11.0	Q9Y80AAE	HPE Aruba Networking Central Switch Class-3 Foundation 5-year Subscription E-STU	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	17
12.0	R8L82AAE	HPE Aruba Networking Central Switch Class-4 Foundation 5-year Subscription E-STU	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Software Subtotal		
Switch				
13.0	JL659A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 48-port HPE Smart Rate 1/2.5/5GbE Class6 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	3
14.0	JL660A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 24-port HPE Smart Rate 1/2.5/5GbE Class6 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
15.0	JL661A	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6300M 48-port 1GbE Class4 PoE and 4-port SFP56 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	7
16.0	R0X26C	HPE Aruba Networking CX 6405 v2 Switch	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	1
		Switch Subtotal		
Transceiver				
17.0	S2P31A	HPE Aruba Networking 10G SFP+ LC LR 10km SMF C-class Transceiver	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	30
18.0	S2P30A	HPE Aruba Networking 10G SFP+ LC SR 400m OM4 MMF C-class Transceiver	Hewlett Packard Enterprise	4

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Our columnist celebrates the eighth anniversary of her Diagnosis Day. She's pictured here atop the big hill at MacGregor Park in Westfield.

In eight years

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

For those of you who do not know me, I met a different version of myself eight years ago. In an instant, I felt like a brand-new version of me.

For 44 years, I lived in the confusing and isolating space of the uncertainty of my identity.

Then, one fateful day, I was released from the grips of the unknown and immediately thrust into a space of feeling completely known, by me.

It is mind blowing to me things I have done in the eight years since my diagnosis of Bethlem Myopathy Muscular Dystrophy. A diagnosis that was quite literally achieved through blood, sweat, and tears. A battle tirelessly fought and won.

What was the prize for such a long and hard-fought war searching for my identity?

A new heart, and a new chance at discovering my purpose. A heart that was painstakingly shaped over those 44 years.

The process changed the landscape of my heart. What once felt like a force inside me that relentlessly fought against me, suddenly felt like an army of people, just like me, fighting alongside of me.

I am not the only person who has ever lived through decades of uncertainty. Far from it. That was hard to recognize while living smack dab in the middle of it. Buried alive by my own pain and frustration.

The funny thing is, that I did not necessarily have to dig my way out of that hellscape. For as much time as I spent free falling into that space, getting a diagnosis felt like a gentle nudge through all the muck and mire that had sunk me to the bottom of the pit.

I was catapulted to a fresh start.

All the confusing times of misdiagnosis, bullying, silent pain, and tears, and being left behind did not go away, but they took a backseat to my newfound version of me.

The new me, does not dwell and wonder anymore.

Those scars will always stay with me, but they no longer get a say in how I conduct my life.

I am in this space writing, speaking, and advocating because that is what I chose to do. Nothing is forcing me to do any of this.

Having a disability does not make someone obligated to pour their heart out to strangers' week after week or volunteer their time endlessly. It is a choice. For a long time, I was not ready to do any of that.

On Sunday, I celebrated my eight-year anniversary of getting my diagnosis of Bethlem Myopathy, a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy. An estimated 1 in 200,000 people live with this disease.

That means, that I do not see people like me on a regular basis, or ever really. That means I must seek out friendships and connection of others who fight my same battle. Who know the nuances of living with this disease.

Each year, I take the time to celebrate this most miraculous and cleansing moment in my life. Sometimes, I celebrate alone, and other times my husband or my sons join me as I light my candle symbolizing my new beginning. Either way, it deserves to be celebrated.

It is a day of reflection and thanksgiving for the unique path that has been my life. I feel honored to have been trusted with such a precious gift.

The gift is that at the end of myself, I got to see that my purpose extended so far beyond me, that it feels endless with possibility and chances to serve, help, and connect with others.

Each diagnosis anniversary I write about how it has changed my life. Each year, I see growth into the new version of myself.

This year, I was inspired by my son Jack who did his first marathon last weekend. I suddenly felt like I wanted to light my celebratory candle at the top of the "big hill" at MacGregor Park.

If you have been around, you know that is a challenge I have been doing for several years now. If you know the "big hill" at MacGregor Park, then you know it's no small hill.

It was my hardest attempt yet. I doubted myself all the way to the top, but I got there. One small step at a time, with my husband's encouraging voice driving me to the top.

What a way to celebrate a day of renewal, and a reminder to never give up hope.

Until next time…

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

Hitting on all cylinders

COLUMNIST



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

This month, we are writing about the complimentary food distributions the Feeding Team does in addition to 84 outdoor no-questions-asked pantries. Many neighbors are not aware that the Feeding Team offers alternatives to picking up a few meals out of one of the pantries.

For the last couple of years, the Feeding Team, on the first and third Thursdays of each month, has open food pick up in our offices. The model is quite simple. From 10 a.m. to noon, we open the office and provide groceries to families that walk-in for assistance. These food distributions include a wide variety of perishable and non-perishable food. Each month we secure perishable food specifically for neighbors who stop by our open office food pickup. Typical groceries include some form of meat, eggs, vegetables and produce. We rely on social media, word of mouth, volunteers, churches, and this column to get the word out about food availability. A typical Thursday morning will find around eight families that stop by and pick up groceries.

In addition, The Feeding Team, in conjunction with local Lions Clubs and Gleaners, offer two drive through food pickups monthly: one on the second Saturday morning of each month and a second one on the fourth Tuesday afternoon. I should point out that these events are weather permitting. Please watch our social media for regular updates. Neighbors begin lining up hours in advance and volunteers load a week or more worth of groceries in their cars in what can best be described as an assembly line that Henry Ford would be envious of. Normal fare for these events includes fresh meat, produce, vegetables, and fruit.

In addition to the pantries deployed throughout central Indiana, weather permitting, there is a food pickup event every week of the month. All our welcome to participate and we continue until we run out of food or run out of time.

A tip of the hat goes to Custom Concrete and to Mayor Scott Willis of Westfield. Working together, we were able to launch pantry number 84 a few weeks back along a trail head in Westfield. As our newest partner, Custom Concrete has adopted this pantry as one more way that they live out their corporate values in the community.

About FeedingTeam.org

More than 44,000 people in Hamilton County struggle with food needs. **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that offers outdoor, no-questions-asked food pantries that are open 24/7, all year long. These pantries help families who may not qualify for other programs but still need a few meals to get by.

We are so thankful for all the volunteers, hosts, donors, and sponsors who help us every day. We love serving our neighbors and seeing how your generosity changes lives. Hunger doesn't always look the way people think it does, and every meal makes a big difference.

A simple can of food can mean everything to a parent who has nothing left to feed their kids. A few meals can change someone's life.

If you'd like to help, there are many volunteer opportunities. We are also looking for new spots for future pantries. If you know a good location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at ***lisa@feedingteam.org*** *and* ***mark@feedingteam.org*** *or by calling (317) 832-1123.*

FeedingTeam.org Facts

- **84 outdoor pantries**
- **Two drive-thru food pick-ups monthly and two in-office food pick-ups monthly**
- **20,000 meals per month**
- **Over 30 volunteer families**

Republicans lost because we failed to deliver. Why? The power of money.

COLUMNIST



VICTORIA SPARTZ
Representing You

Republicans lost because we failed to do the one thing voters hired us to do: stop Washington from treating taxpayers like an open ATM.

Some will blame the Iran war. Others will point to the hatred of President Trump or the Democrats' well-oiled Obama machine. Those factors mattered. But the central failure is simpler and more damning: Americans handed Republicans the House, the Senate, and the White House to lower costs, cut spending, challenge monopolies, and confront corruption. Too many of my colleagues chose instead to protect the same special interests that bankroll both parties' political machines.

I pressed for a stronger reconciliation package and voted against the weak instructions because I refused to pretend half-measures were victories. I reluctantly supported a revised version only after securing limited reforms to claw back some of the trillions insurers and hospital systems have siphoned off through Medicaid overbilling. It was not enough. Worse, Republicans failed to explain even those modest wins, allowing Democrats to rebrand efforts to stop fraud and overbilling as "cutting benefits."

Washington runs on legalized corruption. Special interests extract subsidies, regulatory protections, no-bid contracts, and government-protected monopolies. They return a fraction of that money through campaign contributions, PAC donations, and lucrative future K Street jobs. Powerful lobbyists and entrenched D.C. staffers control the agenda, while members either lack the backbone to resist or dream of cashing in themselves. Challenge the machine, and you become the target of fabricated attacks and multimillion-dollar smear campaigns. Play along, and the money and favorable coverage arrive on schedule.

The legislative scorecard tells the story. A reconciliation-compatible SAVE Act died in the Senate. Healthcare price transparency never reached the floor. Medicare PBM transparency and hospital billing reforms were pushed to 2028. Medicare Advantage overbilling was ignored entirely. No serious fiscal commission was created to confront the debt, Social Security, and runaway spending. Housing reforms to help first-time buyers stayed bottled up. Energy, agricultural, and small-business reforms, including incentives for struggling rural communities, were stripped or left out in the Senate. Delphi pension restoration remains stuck in the Senate, leaving retirees waiting.

When lobbyists cannot kill reforms in the House, they run to the Senate, where the swamp runs even deeper.

Meanwhile, Democrats spent years building a permanent grassroots, data, and communications machine designed to exploit frustration and shift blame. Republicans still have nothing comparable. Too many in our own ranks refuse to confront corruption within the party, fight special interests, or support candidates who will actually deliver.

We still have weeks left with a Republican Congress. Leadership should force votes on unfinished business: immediate healthcare transparency, a fiscal commission, Delphi pensions, housing, energy and rural reforms, and a viable path for election integrity. Let voters see who is willing to fight, and who is not.

The same dynamics play out in state and local races, just with smaller checks. The establishment will now use these losses to argue that primary challenges are reckless and that so-called "sensible moderates" must be protected. Yet these are the same politicians whose failure to deliver created the opening for Democrats, and who have repeatedly joined them to protect special interests.

We cannot rebuild the Republican Party by protecting the politicians who helped break it. Unless we confront corruption within our own ranks, 2028 will be even worse.

George Washington lost battles, but he never surrendered the war. Thomas Paine was right: "These are the times that try men's souls."

We lost a battle, not the Republic. Americans can still take it back, but only if enough Republicans choose the voters over the money.

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, a Republican, has represented Indiana's Fifth District since Jan. 3, 2021. She will leave office on Jan. 3, 2027.

Diabetes threatens your eyesight. Don't wait for symptoms to protect it.

GUEST COLUMNIST



DR. MARK MUGAVIN

Think about how much you depend on your eyesight every day without even thinking about it. Driving to work, reading a book, or watching your children grow are things we often take for granted. Few things can change someone's life more profoundly than losing their vision.

As an ophthalmologist, I know how devastating vision loss can be. I see it every day. I also know that many cases of serious vision loss related to diabetes could have been prevented with early detection and treatment. That's why I'm encouraging Hoosiers living with diabetes to make eye screenings a priority this Diabetes Awareness Month.

According to the American Diabetes Association, approximately 764,000 Indiana adults – 12.7 percent of our entire population – have diabetes. Another 55,000 are diagnosed every year.

Diabetes increases the risk of heart disease, kidney damage, nerve problems and vision loss. While managing blood sugar is essential, regular screenings for all of these can catch complications before they become serious.

The danger you can't see

Diabetic retinopathy occurs when diabetes damages blood vessels in the retina, the tissue at the back of your eye that helps you see.

What's particularly concerning is that early stages often have no symptoms. You may see perfectly well even as damage develops. Without treatment, the condition can progress to blurred vision, bleeding inside the eye, and permanent vision loss.

The good news is that early detection and timely treatment can prevent many cases of serious vision loss. But you can't wait for symptoms to tell you when it's time for an exam.

People with type 2 diabetes generally need a comprehensive, dilated eye exam when diagnosed. Adults with type 1 diabetes generally should have their first exam within five years of onset. Annual follow-up is typically recommended, although your eye doctor may suggest a different schedule based on your needs.

And remember, a routine vision test for glasses isn't necessarily the same as a diabetic eye exam.

Making preventive care easier

I recognize that getting recommended care isn't always simple. Transportation challenges, appointment availability, work schedules and financial concerns can make it difficult, especially in communities with fewer specialists.

That's why we need to make screenings easier to access.

Primary care providers, eye specialists, pharmacists and health plans also have a shared responsibility to work together so patients understand their risks, receive recommended screenings, and get timely follow-up care.

Five steps for better diabetes health

Whether you're managing diabetes or concerned about your risk, here are five steps I encourage you to take:

1. Protect your sight. Get recommended diabetic eye screenings, even when your vision seems normal.

2. Know your numbers. Monitor blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol with your healthcare team.

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Good News from Stony Creek Church of Christ

Where are the nine?



Luke 17:11-19 is a story that has always challenged me. Jesus encountered ten men who had leprosy. They stood at a distance and cried out for mercy. Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priests, and as they went, all ten were healed. However, only one returned to Jesus to give thanks. What makes this even more interesting is that the one who returned was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

Ten were healed and received the blessing. One came back. Nine failed to return to say "Thank you." I have always wondered if he put the leprosy back on them? In all seriousness, it was only to the one that Jesus said "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." Was it not faith that led to the others being healed? They all had enough faith to come to Jesus and then to the priest when Jesus told them to, but only one had his faith praised.

What is the lesson for us?

Jesus is displeased when we fail to express thanks to God for His kindness.

This man could have just looked up to Heaven and said, "Thank you God for this." Maybe that is what the nine did? But what Jesus expected was for this man to turn around, travel all the way back, fall on his face to worship him and say, "Thank you, Lord!"

How many of us realize that God has blessed us? We are on this planet that God created for us. We are walking around in the bodies God has given us. We are breathing the air God made for us. We eat food, wear clothing, and have a roof over our heads. Many of us have been blessed by God with much, much more than that, especially in this country. Yet the effort we put into things like coming to be at worship and studying our Bibles is not great.

Why do we fail to give thanks like the nine?

If you were to interview those lepers and ask, "Why did you not return to tell Jesus 'Thank you'?" What reasons do you think they would give? "I was thinking it." "He knows I am thankful; I don't have to say it." "The Samaritan gave thanks for me – I don't need to say it." Some of those might sound familiar.

This is a real struggle for us. We get busy. We forget. We take things for granted. We become focused on what we do not have instead of the blessings we do have. We think we are entitled to certain things and do not see them as blessings. We get so focused on the gifts that we forget about the Giver.

Yet, Ephesians 5:20 says, "Give thanks [to God] always for all things."

Are we not thankful like the one man?

This gets to the heart of our story. If you were to ask the nine, "Were you thankful?" what do you think they would say? Do you think they were? Maybe somewhere deep, deep down. Why did only one man return and express it audibly and visibly? Was he thankful?

Colossians 3:15 tells us to "be thankful." I would rather this passage read something like, "say thank you," because being thankful is more challenging. I am good at saying it - I assume you are too. Some of us grew up with parents who taught us to mind our P's and Q's and say things like "excuse me," "please," "thank you," etc. If I were to ask you, "Do you tell God thank you?" Some of you might say, "Of course I do." But if I were to ask, "Are you truly thankful? Is that who you really are?" That is a completely different question.

The difference is that being thankful is demonstrated. It is not just something said with words; it is something seen in what we do. That is where it gets difficult for me. The one man who came back and worshipped Jesus was thankful, and we see it. The question for us is this, "Are we truly thankful for what God has done for us?"

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Thanksgiving perspective



Thanksgiving is now two weeks away – can you believe it? It makes the timing of something I recently read from author Matthew Kelly so perfect.

We have 8.3 billion people on the planet today. Mr. Kelly challenged readers to imagine reducing this population to 100 people. Proportionally, this is how the world would look:

1. Six of the 100 people would own or control more than 50 percent of the world's wealth. Five of those six would be U.S. citizens.

2. Only seven of those 100 people would have been to college.

3. 80 would be living in substandard housing, with 24 having no electricity.

4. 31 would be unable to read and write.

5. 71 would not have access to the internet.

6. 39 would live on less than two dollars a day.

7. One-third is dying from lack of bread; another third from lack of justice; and another third from overeating.

This sobering picture yanked me out of my own little world. In fact, Mr. Kelly stated, "our worldview constantly needs challenging."

I know I've had moments when I've been far from grateful, especially when our finances have been stretched thin and I've wondered how we're going to pay our bills. But I've never had to wonder where my next meal is coming from. I've always had a roof over my head and clothes on my back.

Mr. Kelly talked about living in a state of gratitude. He interviewed people who have an overwhelming sense of their lives having been blessed. What surprised him is the individuals weren't any more blessed than others. But they regularly took time to identify the people, opportunities, and possessions bringing them gratitude.

Simply put, Matthew Kelly wrote, "We are at our best when we are grateful."

In two weeks, we'll have the opportunity to be our best selves. We'll gather with family and/or friends around a table with wonderful food. I've seen some fun suggestions about how to express our gratitude on the holiday, ranging from writing down our blessings on a kraft paper tablecloth to sharing "the top three things I'm grateful for" on notecards.

No matter what, I hope we remember to take time to *truly* focus on being thankful and counting our blessings. Yes, there's the parade, football, and of course, delicious food. But we can't forget: the name of the holiday is Thanksgiving – or as my friends in the South accurately say, "THANKS-giving."

By the way … in addition to the "thanks" part of the holiday … maybe we can discuss the "giving" part as well. If you feel incredibly blessed in your life, are there ways you can give back to others with your time, talent, and/or treasure? With the Christmas season around the corner, perhaps this can become part of your Thanksgiving conversation as well.

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3. Stay current on preventive care. Ask about A1C testing, kidney screenings and foot exams, as appropriate.

4. Build healthy habits. Stay active, eat balanced meals, and take prescribed medications.

5. Ask for help. Tell your care team if cost, transportation, or scheduling makes care difficult.

If you haven't been diagnosed with diabetes, talk with your healthcare provider about your risk factors and whether testing makes sense.

Managing diabetes isn't about perfection. It's about taking consistent steps, getting the right care, and identifying problems early.

As a physician, I want every patient to have the best opportunity to maintain their health and independence. Protecting your vision is an important part of that commitment.

This November, don't put off that eye exam. It's a small step that could make a big difference in how you see the world.

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"Jesus took the bread in his hands and - gave thanks to God. Then he passed the bread to the people, and he did the same with the fish, until everyone had plenty to eat." John 6:11

"Now thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." 2 Corinthians 2:14

"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" Ephesians 5:20

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful." Colossians 3:15

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned." – Revelation 11:17

One thing is for sure:
Christians are to be thankful people.
Come give thanks with us!

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