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Meijer goes green for Prevail



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While The Reporter is going purple with Prevail to help raise awareness during domestic violence prevention month, the Meijer store at 5956 Promenade Shops Blvd., Noblesville, decided to go green instead by donating \$5,000 to Prevail last week. “This is part of Meijer Team Gives,” Meijer Store Director Travis Bernath said. “We look at some organizations in our community, and then our team members get to vote on it and say, ‘hey, this is where we would like our money to go.’” If you would like to follow the Meijer lead to help Prevail continue providing several help to the victims of crime and abuse, you can go to prevailinc.org and click the “Donate” button.

Waiting on a hurricane

He calmed the storm to a whisper and stilled the waves. Psalm 107:29

When I read that scripture today, Oct. 8, 2024, I processed it differently: it’s the day before Hurricane Milton arrives, and Chuck and I are here in Tampa.

I know God can calm the hurricane, but what if He doesn’t? Before you question why we did not evacuate, let me tell you a story.

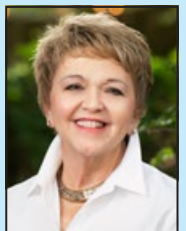
Two weeks ago, I lamented to Chuck that my heart was missing Emily, Drew, Aiden, and Leah, who live near Tampa. I have not spent time with them since early June. Chuck said, “Book a flight.” He didn’t have to tell me twice.

I was scheduled to fly home today until ... Hurricane Milton told Florida he was coming in HOT on the 9th.

So here I am, buying and nibbling on hurricane snacks. I have never stocked up for a hurricane. I only know how to buy for a blizzard. Hurricane shopping is quite different from blizzard shopping.

Some people panic when they see Jim Cantore from The Weather Channel appear in their city. Having me here when the worst hurricane to hit Tampa in over one hundred years is predicted to arrive may cause those who know me to panic as well. IYKYK. (If you know, you know.) This may be the

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JANET HART LEONARD

From the Hart

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These kids will knock your socks off

By ABIGAIL STUTESMAN
Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville’s (BGCN) youth leadership clubs have joined others across the United States to contribute to Socktober.

Club members have connected to local community partners Prevail, Third Phase, and Family Promise to designate them as recipients of the socks. These partners provide a service to neighbors in crisis, and Club youth have made supporting them a priority.

Members of Torch Club, Keystone Club, and Smart Girls surpassed their initial goal for Socktober by collecting over 2,000 socks. On Thursday, Oct. 11, Club members took part in packaging the socks along with handwritten notes to the recipients of the socks. All Club members participated in Socktober activities and sending socks off with positive, uplifting messages. Volunteers from Kodiak Solutions joined alongside Club youth to assist with Socktober.

Learn more about Socktober at happysocktober.com.



BGCN kids have made it a priority to help local nonprofit partners Prevail, Third Phase, and Family Promise by donating socks for people in crisis during Socktober.

Should school board seats be partisan?

Reporter Editorial

Once upon a time in a country called America, school board positions were not coveted, and elections for them were not particularly contentious. In small districts across this state and the nation, there were many instances of board members being appointed because no one ran for the elected position.

It was not a job that paid much. It did not garner anyone much time in front of the media. The work was thankless, but necessary.

These were positions that existed to deal with budgets and finances, student achievement goals, personnel, contract negotiations, and policies like dress codes, field trips, extracurricular programming, and which textbooks to buy.

School boards used to fit the dictionary definition of nonpartisan, which according to Merriam-Webster is “free from party affiliation, bias, or designation.”

Schools are places that should educate students for life, rather than shape their political views based on Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or other political agendas.

In theory, school board elections are nonpartisan.

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Man behind the fairytales lived one of his own

The REPORTER

A Carmel couple have penned a play that is sharing a stage usually set aside for Shakespeare.

Andersen: A Fairy Tale Life, a musical about Hans Christian Andersen’s life, is part of the final season of Indy Bardfest. The play will stage Oct. 18 to 27 at Shelton Auditorium, Butler Arts Center, 1000 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis.

Carmel’s own June McCarty Clair wrote the play itself while her husband John Clair wrote the lyrics to all the songs and Derek Hakes composed the music for this show.

The Clairs are no strangers to playwright roles, having previously penned a play for Beef & Boards

about Pocahantas, as well as a southwestern melodrama called Cimarron Sue, a separate show about a dyslexic dancer.

Andersen: A Fairy Tale Life, follows the life of Hans Christian Andersen starting with his challenging childhood in the dinky Danish town of Odense.

“I was so fascinated by what he went through in order to become the most famous man in Denmark, starting with the fact that he was born in this teeny tiny town in one on one of the islands of Denmark,” Playwright and Director June McCarty Clair said. “He was really born into



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The life of Hans Christian Andersen comes alive in a musical production Oct. 18 to 27 thanks to two Carmel playwrights. (ABOVE, from left) Don Kat, Lynda Goeke, Composer Derek Hakes, Writer June McCarty Clair, Actress Rachelle Woolston, Preston Blair, and Matt Anderson.

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(From left) HCPR Director Chris Stice, Lori Schwartz, Valerie Bundy, Steve Schwartz, and HCPR Deputy Director Bruce Oldham.

White River Rescue Inc. donates \$52,000 to County Parks & Rec for fishing pier refurbishment

The REPORTER
White River Rescue Inc. has generously donated \$52,000 to Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) for the refurbishment of the fishing pier located at the White River Campground. This significant contribution has enhanced the pier’s accessibility, aesthetics, and longevity, providing a wonderful opportunity for fishing and nature viewing for visitors of all ages and abilities.

In recognition of this contribution, HCPR will hold a special ceremony on April 22, 2025, to present a dedication plaque at the fishing pier in honor of John Bundy, the founder of White River Rescue Inc. Bundy, who helped establish the nonprofit in 2000, was a tireless advocate for the preservation of the White River, particularly following the devastating 1999 incident where millions of fish were killed due to industrial pollution. This event spurred his commitment to restoring and protecting the river.

In addition to his work on river restoration, Bundy was passionate about fish restocking, project implementation, and offering consulting services to enhance the health and vitality of the White River. His advocacy and hands-on efforts have helped revitalize the river, making it a thriving habitat for fish and wildlife and a cherished recreational spot for the community.

“We are deeply apprecia-

tive of the efforts of White River Rescue Inc. and look forward to honoring John Bundy’s legacy on April 22,” HCPR Director Chris Stice said. “The refurbished pier not only enhances the recreational experience but stands as a tribute to John’s unwavering commitment to conservation.”

The officers of White River Rescue Inc. include Valerie Bundy, Steve Schwartz, Lori Schwartz, and Don Watson, all of whom are dedicated to the mission of protecting the White River and its natural habitats. Their support of Hamilton County Parks and Recreation’s White River Campground reflects their commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement.

Noblesville Lions serve & say hi to youngsters at Fall Fest



Photos by Lion Jen Carr
On Friday, Oct. 4, the Noblesville Lions Club served their grilled cheese sandwiches to the crowd in downtown Noblesville from 4 to 8 p.m. Also on hand was Stanley the Lion to say “hello” to the kids. (ABOVE LEFT) Stanley and two happy kids. (ABOVE RIGHT) Stanley trying to make friends.

BrewBQ brings bucks to bots



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
Thanks to a generous donation from the Noblesville Rotary, the Noblesville High School robotics team has been able to purchase new materials, expand opportunities to more students, apply for grants, and register for competitions. For the second year in a row the Rotary has donated \$5,000 from their BrewBQ proceeds to the NHS team, and has designated them as a signature recipient for future donations. (From left) Rotary members Darcy Poulos and Nathan Press, NHS Robotics student leader Mina Vendt, Rotary president Jeff Derda, robotics member Paela Madsen, NHS department chair of Applied STEM learning Andy Wilkins, and robotics member Jackson Ahern.

Embattled Atlanta town official put on paid leave

By ADAM PINSKER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Atlanta Town Council in a special meeting Oct. 7 voted to place Building Commissioner Andy Emmert on paid administrative leave.

Indiana State Police investigators raided Emmert’s Oct. 3 and hauled off cars. The police also took documents from town hall. Emmert has not been charged with a crime, and Indiana State Police will not elaborate on why he’s being investigated.

Emmert also serves as the town’s streets and utilities director.

To fill Emmert’s void, town officials also voted Monday to allow the nearby town of Arcadia to help perform Emmert’s duties, which include running the community’s water and sewer plants.

Jeff Russell is among residents who are angry Emmert is being paid not to work. “You don’t need to be getting paid. I’m sorry, but that’s the way I feel.”

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/embattled-atlanta-town-official-put-on-paid-leave.

Westfield Lions add four more members



Photo provided by Jeff Larrison / Westfield Lions Club
At the Westfield Lions Club’s Oct. 3 meeting, four more members were initiated into the club. Norm and Christal Steele along with Jim and Amy Grovogel joined the club. Lions Jeff and Carrie Larrison sponsored the new members and Past District Governor Dan Wilcox led the initiation ceremony. The meeting was held at the Open Doors Food Pantry, one of the many local organizations supported by the Westfield Lions Club. (From left) Jeff Larrison, Norm Steele, Christal Steele, Amy Grovogel, Jim Grovogel, Carrie Larrison, and Dan Wilcox. For more information on the Westfield Lions Club and how to become a member, go to westfieldlions.org. They are looking for men and women that want to make a difference in Westfield.

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Hamilton Heights Middle School eighth-grade students spent a day at JA JobSpark at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on Tuesday, Sept. 24. (ABOVE LEFT) Seth Van Hook shifts a semi transmission all the way to seventh gear. (ABOVE RIGHT) Enjoying the experience is Lyla Rutchey, who is piecing a computer back together.

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Heights middle schoolers get energized by annual JA JobSpark

The REPORTER

On Sept. 24, all eighth-grade students from Hamilton Heights Middle School traveled to the Indiana State Fairgrounds to attend JobSpark, presented by Junior Achievement (JA JobSpark). Over 120 regional and local companies participated to provide students with over 200 hands-on learning activities to help students explore various careers.

“It was an amazing day!” said Connor James, CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers Teacher and Reaching New Heights contact at HHMS.

James is an instrumental part of making this experiential day trip possible for the eighth-grade student body each year. This year, students had the opportunity to visit interactive demonstrations, learn about, and meet with those professionals in eight career areas: Advanced Manufacturing,

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Engineering, & Logistics; Architecture, Engineering & Construction; Business & Finance; Government, Law & Public Service; Health & Life Sciences; Hospitality & Tourism; and Technology.

Here’s what a few students had to say about their favorite experience from this year’s JobSpark.

Ellis Knapp said JobSpark gave her the opportunity to talk to a nurse and get her perspective on what they do each day. “She also gave me good advice about how you can work your way up the career ladder as a nurse,” she said.

For Tommy Girolamo, getting to see the Indy cars and being able to see all the different types of tires they used in races was his favorite part. “I learned that the PSI of the tire depends on what type of track they are racing on,” Girolamo explained. “For example, the

Indy 500 tires have a different PSI than street or road courses.”

Flying and landing a plane at the flight simulator was what Carson Fleck enjoyed. “It was amazing how many buttons and switches there were,” Fleck noted.

Learning about an aircraft engine is what Elise Christy said was her favorite JobSpark memory. “The lady teaching me about it was quite nice and showed me how they adapt the engine with more pistons or propellers,” Christy said.

Meredith Robinson, who potentially wants to become an animal breeder, said it was seeing and learning about the live animals she enjoyed best. Shifting the semi transmission into eighth gear or rebuilding the mini-diesel engine was the most impactful for Wyatt Swinford.

JA JobSpark is a multi-day, hands-on career expo impacting over 13,000 Indi-

anapolis eighth graders. JA JobSpark is part of the JA Work and Career Readiness Pathway and is intended for middle school students (grades 6 to 8). This volunteer- and educator-led program can be classroom-based, remote live, or after-school. The JA JobSpark initiative includes in-class or remote curriculum and activities prior to and after attending the event.

JA JobSpark is meant to “spark” an interest in students and get them excited for their future. Students will learn about skills needed for jobs that will be in demand when they graduate and will learn about the equipment that is used on those jobs daily. The expos help students gain a better understanding of the courses they will need to take in high school, a track for post-secondary and a clear career pathway for what they find they are interested in.

Noblesville native Terry Irving makes \$500K donation to Ancilla College of Marian University

The REPORTER

Marian University’s Ancilla College (MUAC) held its annual Changing Lives Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 3 the Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Ind.

At this year’s Changing Lives event, the university also announced a generous \$500,000 gift from Marian University alumnus Terry Irving to support the rural nursing program.

Irving graduated in 2006 with his Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Marian University. He was inspired to donate to Marian University’s Ancilla College after growing up in rural Indiana and seeing the need for skilled, compassionate nurses to serve in rural communities.

The dinner raises funds to provide scholarships that allow students to develop professionally, personally and spiritually – talents that will continue to spur economic, social, and cultural growth throughout northern Indiana. More than 300 people attended this year’s scholarship dinner, raising more than \$300,000 for MUAC student scholarships.

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abject poverty. His mother washed clothes in the river to get some income. His father died when he was nine. It was really a hardscrabble life. Somewhere in there, he got the idea that, by golly, he was going to be famous and successful. Even though he was poor, you couldn't talk him out of that."

Andersen's life was a bit of a fairytale itself. He was a strange boy born into poverty to a superstitious mother. Andersen's mother took him to a fortune teller who predicted that Odense would be filled with torches and people chanting his name ... and it came to pass!

In this play, that fortune teller is portrayed by Chorus Director Dr. Rachelle Woolston, whom Clair said deserved special recognition for her help behind the scenes in this production, as well as her work as a member of the cast.

"We have a wonderful cast," Clair said. "They're just great. I feel very blessed to have the level of talent that I have fitting all the parts as I envisioned them."

When casting this show, Clair told The Reporter some actors agreed to be in

the play before they even read a word of the script, likely because of the Clairs' reputation as playwrights.

"And I'm like, 'Are you kidding me? You don't know – the script could be terrible. The songs could be terrible,'" Clair said. "But no, they took a leap of faith. The only reason why anybody dropped out was because one actor broke her nose, and one little boy had to have a tonsillectomy. But no one said, 'Oh, well, this is a pile of crap' and dropped out."

After achieving success writing novels, poems and travelogues, Andersen became inspired by the fairy tales told to him as a youth. These stories such as *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*, *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Ugly Duckling*, *The Little Mermaid*, and most recently, *The Ice Queen* better known today as *Frozen*, still delight children, adults, and the Walt Disney Company today.

Andersen: A Fairy Tale Life, will be presented by Indy Bardfest and Carmel Theatre Company. Go to bit.ly/afairytaletalelife or call (317) 410-9933 for tickets.

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Spilker receives challenge coin



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Adm. William Houston, director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program (left), presents a challenge coin to Electronics Technician (nuclear) Petty Officer 2nd Class Riley Spilker, Fishers, during a visit of the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in Newport News, Va., on Oct. 3. John C. Stennis is in Newport News Shipbuilding conducting Refueling and Complex Overhaul to prepare the ship for the second half of its 50-year service life.

HURRICANE

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pinnacle of my traveling adventures/nightmares.

I sit here wondering if we will lose power and how long it will be before it is restored. When it comes to hurricanes, I tend to worry about the worst that could happen and not hope for the best.

I've prepared as best I know how. I've read all the hurricane to-do lists. I never thought I would find myself doing them.

Chuck bought this house in 1989. Building codes were different then, and he worries the house will fail the 100-mph wind test. We are 28 miles from the Bay.

I stalk meteorologist Dennis Phillips on TV and Facebook. He's my go-to weather guy here. He has rules for his followers to abide by during hurricanes. Rule No. 7 is ... Don't FREAK OUT. So far, I have done well. Milton is forecasted to make landfall near Tampa's coastline after dark on Wednesday night. Hearing winds at 100-plus mph will probably have me disobeying Rule No. 7.

So why didn't we evacuate?

On Saturday morning, I got a call from Jeff, Chuck's son, that his wife's mother had passed. With the approaching hurricane, her funeral would be delayed until the following Saturday. I needed to book Chuck on

a flight to Tampa before the storm. He arrived in time to be part of the snail-crawling traffic on I-75 as people evacuated the western side of Florida. The largest evacuation in history was on one highway. The time from the airport is usually 45 minutes. That night, it was over two hours. For obvious reasons, there were few passengers on his flight TO Tampa.

So here we are in get-er-done mode. Some things have been done out of necessity, some out of nervousness. We've battened down the hatches, trimmed the hedges, cleaned the mailbox, moved the lanai furniture to the garage, filled all the Tupperware with water, and put new batteries in the flashlights and battery-operated candles. If lit, all the lights will look like we are having a séance or a religious experience.

When I am anxious, I cook. I must be pretty anxious. We are eating well, as are Emily's and Jeff's families.

The next 48 hours will be brutal. I told Stu, my editor, I would send in my column early in case we lose power. He gave me permission to take a week off, but we then had a discussion about one of us being stubborn.

Now we wait. Have I ever mentioned that waiting is hard? Milton and my



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

Here I am worrying and pondering if that palm tree will survive Milton's wrath. I might have a few more worries other than the palm tree.

thoughts are wobbling.

When you read this, I should be back in Indiana. Milton will be old news. My hurricane memories will be tucked into my "never will I forget where I was" tab in my brain.

Waiting for this storm brings many thoughts, and my fingertips are busy tapping on my laptop keyboard.

Thoughts include what I learned during my first hurricane experience, things never to say to someone who decides not to evacuate, the best snacks to purchase for

hurricane anxiety (Cheetos Puffs and Peanut M&M's), and how to make Facebook videos to keep your friends and family informed of what's happening.

One major thought is ...

Lord, if you don't calm the storm, please calm me. Amen.

And so, we wait. Stay tuned next week for the rest of the story.

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SCHOOL BOARD

from Page A1

In practice, school board elections have become exceptionally partisan and contentious in recent years. Candidates may not have a R or D next to their names on the ballot, but many – not all, but many – run for school board because of political views.

As is often the case, the State of Indiana has a policy that does not reflect reality.

Since school board elections are designated by the state as nonpartisan, candidates do not declare a party affiliation or go through a May primary election to determine who is on the November ballot. In the current polarized version of modern America, that can make things difficult for voters.

Arguing that school board candidates should leave their political views at home is both pointless and

naïve.

People lose friends over political views now. That is not going away any time soon.

The arguments about gender-neutral bathrooms are not over.

The arguments about which books should be in which part of the library – or on the shelf at all – are not over.

The arguments about who can play sports on the boys team or the girls team are not over.

The arguments about which textbooks paint a more "accurate" picture of American and world history are not over.

So why do reasonable, educated, relatively well-informed people think school boards should be nonpartisan?

They are certainly not apolitical.

Last year there was a bill in the Indiana House of Representatives to allow individual school corporations to add political party identification to school board races through public questions on local ballots. House Bill 1428 died without a vote on the House floor (tinyurl.com/HB1428).

That bill would have allowed each individual school corporation to determine whether or not party affiliations should be listed at all, and if so, whether primary election for school board candidates would have been necessary.

Thus, while it could potentially have provided some voter clarity in some school districts, it also would have added layers of complexity

because different districts would have ended up with different procedures.

Every owner of this newspaper is a Hoosier. We like things that are simple and easy for everyone to understand.

Since we can't make people leave politics out of the school board, let's at least make it clear which ideology candidates endorse.

Let's make every school board election partisan. Let's make school board candidates go through a primary election with other members of their own party in May, and through a general election against the other parties in November.

At least then voters could—theoretically—have a good idea where their school board candidates stand.

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Advancing Westfield Foundation raises more than \$600,000 at inaugural Mayor’s Grand Gala

Submitted

The Advancing Westfield Foundation announces that thanks to generous sponsors and community support, the inaugural Mayor’s Grand Gala raised more than \$600,000 at its event on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Grand Park Events Center.

“The inaugural Grand Gala was a resounding success, and I couldn’t be more thrilled,” Mayor Scott Willis. “It was a night that brought our community together, showcasing our spirit and passion for the nonprofit partners that serve Westfield so well.”

Troy Pepper, voice of the Indiana Pacers, emceed the evening. More than 500 attendees gathered to celebrate, bid on more than 35 silent auction items and live auction items, and had the chance to win a two-year lease on a 2025 Cadillac CT5 courtesy of Chariot Automotive Group in Kokomo.

“I am thrilled with the success of this year’s gala,” said Michelle Leonard McConnell, Advancing Westfield Foundation board president. “The generosity displayed by our community will empower local

nonprofits to further their missions and make a meaningful impact in our city. We look forward to seeing their programs grow as a direct result of the grants they received.”

The evening’s beneficiaries were Heart and Soul Free Clinic, CICOA Aging and In-Home Solutions, and the Westfield Youth Assistance Program.

Heart and Soul Clinic provides essential free healthcare services to uninsured and underinsured individuals. Grant funds from the Advancing Westfield Foundation will assist in funding a part-time Nurse practitioner who can deliver primary care, GYN, and orthopedic service care. Additionally, the funds will support the clinic’s new partnership with the State of Indiana’s Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. This partnership enables the clinic to provide patients with vital, cost-free breast and cervical cancer care referrals.

CICOA will use the grant funds to support efforts and impact the Meals and More Nutrition Service program, which delivers meals to Westfield residents.



Willis

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More than 70 Westfield residents currently receive meals from CICOA, whether through home-delivered meals or by attending a neighborhood meal site. Older adults often struggle with chronic illness, disability, feeling vulnerable and isolated, or experiencing a crisis. Those facing food insecurity often face the harsh reality of making complex financial decisions, choosing between food and housing, utilities, transportation, or medical care (Feeding America). CICOA’s efforts to meet basic needs make it possible for older adults and people of any age with dis-

abilities to remain in their homes as long as possible.

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) was formed in 2009 as an early intervention advocate for youth ages 3 to 17 facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP takes a holistic approach to coordinating our community’s vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. Grant funds will be used for educational tutoring resources, funding for the WYAP mentoring program, and mental health sessions for individuals and families.

HSE Schools makes leadership changes

Submitted

Hamilton Southeastern Schools announced last Wednesday the appointment of Jason Urban, who has served as the principal of Fishers High School (FHS) since 2007, as the new Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools. He brings an extensive background in educational leadership, curriculum development, and a strong commitment to student success.

During his time as principal, FHS achieved several significant milestones, including recognition as a National Model School by the International Center for Leadership in Education and being ranked among the “Best High Schools” by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Newsweek*, and *The Washington Post*. His leadership has helped elevate FHS to one of the most respected secondary schools in the state of Indiana.

“We are excited to welcome Mr. Urban to our executive leadership team as he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will help elevate the educational opportunities HSE provides to students and families,” Superintendent Pat Mapes said. “His deep understanding of both the challenges and possibilities in secondary education makes him an invaluable asset as we continue to advance our mission.”

In his new role as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, Urban will work closely with building administrators to enhance academic programs and create environments where every student can thrive. He will be responsible for curriculum development, professional learning initiatives, and ensuring students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and experiences needed to thrive in the 21st century.

Urban shared his enthusiasm for the new role, stating, “It is an honor to join a district leadership team with a visionary approach to student achievement. In this new role, I am excited to spotlight the talents of our secondary educators while maintaining our commitment to continuous improvement.”

Urban has a Bachelor of Arts in United States History from DePauw University and a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Butler University. He is also a graduate of the Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals, and has received several professional accolades, most re-

cently being named 2024 Indiana Administrator of the Year by the Indiana High School Press Association.

He will officially assume his new responsibilities on Monday, Oct. 21. In the interim, Associate Principal Kyle Goodwin will serve as Acting Principal, with Assistant Principal Chrissie Sturgill stepping into the role of Interim Associate Principal, appointments which received unanimous approval by the school board last Wednesday evening.

Both Goodwin and Sturgill are deeply rooted in the FHS community, having begun their careers as educators within the school and grown into key leadership roles.

“Kyle Goodwin and Chrissie Sturgill exemplify servant leadership,” Mapes said. “They are deeply committed to academic excellence and have been instrumental in cultivating a positive and inclusive culture at Fishers High School. Their leadership will continue to enhance the experience for students and staff alike.”

Goodwin, now in his 15th year at FHS, began as an English and Business teacher. He later transitioned into administration, serving as an Assistant Principal before assuming the newly created role of Associate Principal for the 2024-25 school year.

Goodwin expressed his enthusiasm for his new role, stating, “I am truly honored and excited to serve the FHS community as Interim Principal. Fishers has been an amazing place to grow my career, and I’m grateful for this opportunity. Tiger Nation, let’s do this!”

Sturgill brings over 21 years of experience at FHS, where she has worked as a teacher in the Exceptional Learners department, served as department chair, academic dean, and most recently as an Assistant Principal.

“I’m excited to take on this new challenge and build on the strong foundation that Jason Urban has established,” Sturgill said. “Fishers High School’s pride, character, and traditions are what make this community so special, and I look forward to continuing to foster that spirit.”

Both Goodwin and Sturgill hold advanced degrees and are committed to providing exceptional leadership as they guide FHS into its next chapter.

They will officially begin their new roles when students return from Fall Break on Monday, Oct. 21.



Urban



Goodwin



Sturgill

Noblesville Parks invites families to ‘Frights at Forest’ Halloween party

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department invites families for a night of fun, thrills, and chills at Frights at Forest. The free Halloween party will be held rain or shine at Forest Park from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

“The theme is spooky, not scary, and Forest Park will be transformed into a memorable Halloween experience for families,” Recreation Program Coordinator Parker Irwin said. “We look forward to celebrating Frights at Forest with the community in one of Noblesville’s city parks.”

Frights at Forest will include a Trick-or-Treat Trail, hayrides, inflatables, live entertainment, and food trucks. Admission and all activities are free to the public.

“Participating is a great way for your office to show

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off your Halloween spirit and help provide a safe and fun trick-or-treat opportunity for residents,” Irwin said.

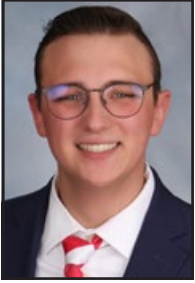
Frights at Forest will also include three judged costume contests: Best Family Costume, Scariest Costume, and Most Creative

Costume. Those interested in participating may sign up at the event stage. The costume contest winners will receive a prize.

Noblesville’s official trick-or-treat hours will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. The Nobles-

ville Police Department will be out in the community to ensure everyone’s safety, and motorists should drive with extra care that evening.

For more information about Frights at Forest, visit NoblesvilleParks.org or call (317) 776-6350.



Irwin

Local officials discuss cybersecurity, public health funding, workforce retention

The REPORTER

Several of Hamilton County’s local elected officials recently attended the Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) Annual Conference.

County Clerk Kathy Williams, County Recorder Trini Beaver, Council Councilman Brad Beaver, County Surveyor Kent Ward, and County Commissioners Christine Altman, Steve Dillinger, and Mark Heirbrandt were among over 650 county officials and county employees who attended the AIC Annual Conference, which was held Sept. 23 to 26 in Switzerland County. Officials in attendance also discussed the issue of the future of local government funding while at the conference.

The 66th annual conference offered county officials a wide variety of professional development courses as well as opportunities to network with their peers. State officials provided updates on relevant issues



Williams

facing county government. The AIC’s Annual conference is the largest gathering of county officials in the state.

Representatives from public agencies, private entities and local elected officials addressed issues such as: Retirement, Transportation, Public Records, Human Resources, Elections, Pub-



Trini Beaver



Altman



Brad Beaver



Heirbrandt



Ward



Dillinger

lic Health Funding, Cybersecurity and the Future of Local Funding.

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Still time to purchase your tickets for Disability Awareness Luncheon

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the October Disability Awareness Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at The Club at Chatham Hills.

Come dive into this topic with speakers from Community Health Network, accessABILITY, the Mayor’s Council on Disabilities, and Invest Hamilton County.

October is National

Disability Employment Awareness Month, and this insightful presentation will feature fellow partners who are making an impact in the hiring process and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Discounted partner tickets and non-partner tickets are available. Corporate reserved tables (seating for eight) are also available.

Purchase tickets at tinyurl.com/DisabilityAwarenessLuncheon.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Those in attendance from the City of Carmel included (from left) Chief of Staff Rebecca Carl, Carmel Utilities Customer Service and Billing Manager Scott Campbell, Carmel Utilities Assistant Director Mike Hendricks, Mayor Sue Finkam, John Duffy, Chief Infrastructure Officer Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering Bradley Pease, and Redevelopment Commission Director Henry Mestetsky.

Carmel Utilities director John Duffy wins Ivan H. Brinegar Award

The REPORTER

Carmel Utilities director John Duffy was awarded the Ivan H. Brinegar Award at the 2024 Aim Ideas Summit held Oct. 8 to 10 in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Duffy joined the City of Carmel in 1993, becoming the director of Carmel Utilities in 1996. Under his leadership, the city has overhauled and modernized its water and sewer systems and launched recycling and renewable energy initiatives leading to robust, efficient, and environmentally sustainable utilities.

“It was incredibly heartwarming to see John Duffy receive the Ivan H. Brinegar award by Aim,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “John’s career leading Carmel’s water and sewer utilities has been exemplary and we are thankful.”

The Ivan H. Brinegar Award is presented to an appointed municipal official with a minimum of 10 years of city or town service. Nominees display strong leadership, contributions to their community, and are a role model to citizens and other municipal officials.

Fiddler on the Roof tradition returns to Beef & Boards

The REPORTER

In a true celebration of tradition, Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre’s 2024 Season concludes with *Fiddler on the Roof*, now on stage.

This heartwarming, nine-time Tony Award-winning musical marks its 60th Anniversary this year, and the show has created such demand that two shows have just been added.

Douglas E. Stark reprises his favorite role of Tevye, the poor milkman, who is the center of this touching story set in the tiny village of Anatevka. Tevye does his best to protect his five daughters and instill them with traditional values, even in the face of changing times and social principles. Iconic songs include “Sunrise, Sunset,” “If I Were A Rich Man,” “Miracle of Miracles,” and “Matchmaker.”

Fiddler on the Roof has been a tradition at Beef & Boards, where it ties with *The Sound of Music* for the most productions in the theatre’s 51-year history (nine each), with the exception of the theatre’s holiday production, *A Beef & Boards Christmas*.

For owner Doug Stark, the ability to play Tevye has been particularly special. “Because it represents family,” he remarked. “And it’s the perfect mixture of a very touching story, but it still has a universal appeal.”

Stark has played Tevye in each of the eight Beef & Boards productions of *Fiddler on the Roof* since becoming an owner in 1980, but he’s played the role even before that at other theatres. “The role fits me. It fits my personality,” Stark said, adding “the more I’ve experienced life, the more I can bring to the character.”

Returning to the Beef & Boards stage are Judi Mann as Golde, Mark Goetzinger as Lazar Wolf, Jennifer Preston as Tzeitel, Sadie Cohen as Chava, Christine Zavakos as Fruma-Sarah, Joey Boos as Motel, Justin Tepper as Perchik, Hannah Boswell as Mother, Alex Smith as Mendel and the Fiddler, Scot Greenwell as the Rabbi, Bill Book as Mordcha, and Jeff Stockberger as the Constable.

Making their Beef & Boards debuts are Adrienne Reisweg as Yente, Isabella Agresta as Hodel, Kimberly Abrams as Grandma Tzeitel, and Jacob Murphey as Sasha.

Fiddler on the Roof is on stage for 52 performances through Nov. 24 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. An evening performance has been added on Wednesday, Nov. 20, and a matinee performance has been added on Saturday, Nov. 9. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops’ dinner buffet and select beverages. *Fiddler on the Roof* is rated PG and children under age 3 are not admitted.

To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit BeefAndBoards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department at (317) 872-0503, or email groups@beefandboards.com for details.

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

Help Brooke’s Place continue its mission at Legacy of Hope Breakfast

The REPORTER

Brooke’s Place will hold its 12th annual Legacy of Hope Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14.

This year’s Legacy of Hope Breakfast is presented by Valeo, audio-chuck, and The Willard and Anne Levin Foundation and will take place at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel. Guests will enjoy a complimentary breakfast, hear from speakers and Brooke’s Place representatives, and make a difference in the lives of children living with grief.

For more information about the 12th annual Legacy of Hope breakfast, to register, or to donate, please visit brookesplace.org/events/2024loh.

November is considered Children’s Grief Awareness Month. It spotlights children’s grief and honors families experiencing grief during the holiday season, which is often difficult to navigate. For this reason, the Legacy of Hope breakfast is held in November and celebrates the 25 years of service that Brooke’s Place has provided to those who need it most.

At the event, Brooke’s Place’s very own Carol Braden will be honored with the 2024 Legacy of Hope award. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) and started at Brooke’s Place in 1999 as a Graduate Intern. She was instrumental in launching the therapy services program in 2008 and the BP8 short-term grief support groups program in 2015.

Today, as the Clinical Director of Programs & Services, Braden draws on the knowledge and empathy she gained while serving

thousands of children and families living with grief. She co-teaches facilitator training, conducts continuing education workshops for professionals, and represents Brooke’s Place at various local conferences.

This year’s speakers include Audra Ames, an Ongoing Grief Support Group facilitator and Brooke’s Place donor, and Clare Wright, a current Brooke’s Place Kid. They will speak to guests about their grief journeys and experiences with Brooke’s Place.

“In February 2021 my husband Scot tragically died in a military aviation training accident,” Ames said. “Scot was the absolute best of us – selfless, driven, vibrant, kindhearted, and humble.”

At just 24 years old, and before they could even celebrate their first wedding anniversary, Ames was suddenly widowed. She says she believes in the importance of sharing her grief journey and finding her purpose within her pain. She emphasizes service and uplifting others. She wants everyone to know, “Your grief is welcome here.”

Brooke’s Place has been providing grief support services since 1999. Brooke’s Place provides support groups, therapy services and community education to empower children, teens, young adults and their families to thrive in the midst of grief. Since its inception, Brooke’s Place has provided services to more than 24,000 individuals. For more information, please visit brookesplace.org.



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Noblesville student artwork featured along new Pleasant Street corridor

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Utilities Department worked with Noblesville Schools to incorporate student artwork on the wastewater tanks at the treatment facility, which runs along the newly opened Pleasant Street corridor. The artwork is part of a collaboration to incorporate student artwork into the community and beautify the new corridor.

The student artists are 2024 Noblesville High School (NHS) graduates Abbie Martz and Rihanna Hartman and junior Michael Taylor.

“The Reimagine Pleasant Street Project is more than an infrastructure project and the collaboration with student artists further enhances this new corridor in our community,” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “Incorporating local art has been a major piece to the project, and we appreciate the students taking the time to design Noblesville-brand-

ed murals that will be displayed for the thousands of motorists and pedestrians that will pass by along this new roadway and trail.”

Noblesville Utilities Director Jonathan Mirgeaux organized efforts for students to design artwork for the wastewater tanks on the grounds of the Noblesville Utilities Department. NHS Art Department Chairwoman Livia Briar tasked her two Digital Design classes with coming up with ideas. Students needed to incorporate the city logo and make designs to the specific dimensions of the concrete drums.

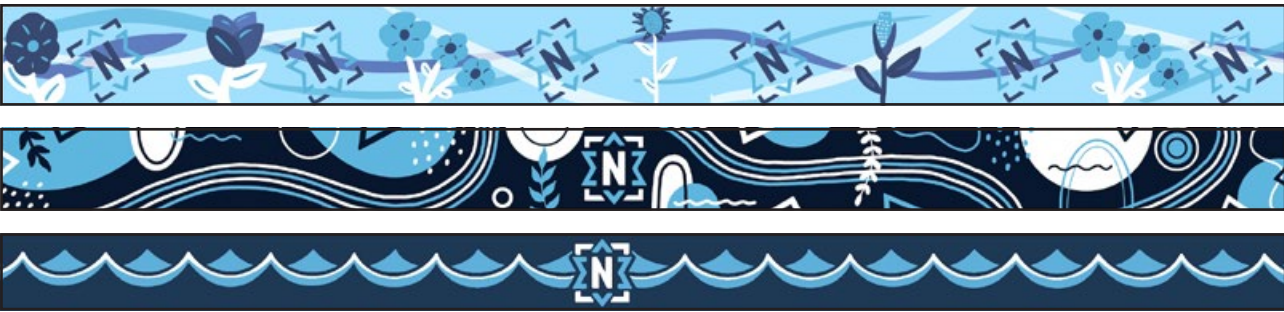
“The students really put a lot of thought into their designs, and every student in my two classes submitted one,” Briar said. “I had students who incorporated depictions of Indiana wildlife and flowers, geometric patterns, and a variety of scenes. There was a ton of variety in the designs.”

Last month, the Utilities Department had vol-



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(ABOVE LEFT) NHS junior Michael Taylor is one of three student artists selected by the city. (ABOVE RIGHT) Three of the city’s wastewater tanks now feature the students’ work.



Art provided by Noblesville Utilities Department

The banners designed by Michael Taylor (top), Rihanna Hartman (middle), and Abbie Martz (above).

unteers come out and paint the murals on three tanks. “I am really thrilled that the city reached out to us and gave students the opportunity to create something for their hometown,” Briar said. “The opportunity for applying the graphic design skills they had learned in class to a real-world public art project was unmatched. And the finished paintings look absolutely amazing. I’m so proud.”

Wild, Wild Westfield Premier Chili Cook-Off winner is hot!

The REPORTER

Who makes the best chili in Hamilton County? On Saturday, Oct. 5 at Wild, Wild Westfield’s Premier Chili Cook-Off and Fall Fest, Derric McFarland won first place with his “secret ingredient.”

Local judges determined the top three best chili entrees from among over 40 entrees. Cash prizes were awarded of \$250 for first, \$150 for second, \$100 for third plus there was a “People’s Choice” award won by Westfield’s own Dave Mueller.

The Premier Chili Cook-Off is part of CrossRoad’s Church at Westfield’s family-friendly annual Fall Fest held on the last Saturday of September each year. This FREE family-friendly event is for all who want to enjoy a fun and relaxing afternoon of games, food, and music. In addition to great chili, people enjoyed face painting, inflatables, pony rides, food, kids games, adult fun, petting zoo, silent auction, bounce houses, and live music. Of course, what would Wild, Wild Westfield be without Manny the Mechanical Bull?

The Chili Cook-Off

was held at 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield, on the CrossRoads Church at Westfield’s campus. This big event is part of CrossRoads Church at Westfield’s four-part strategic plan to meet, enjoy, know, and serve local neighbors.

CrossRoads Church at Westfield’s next big free event is its annual Pizza and Punchlines – A Family Friendly Comedy Night on Saturday, March 1 at Westfield High School. Pizza will be served at 6 p.m. and the comedy starts at 7 p.m. More information is available online at ForOurNeighbor.Life.

Additionally, in June 2025, CrossRoads Church will provide free home repairs for Hamilton County families and veterans. Volunteers will provide mobile home skirting, decks, ramps, and interior and exterior painting to all who qualify. Please submit an application at crchurch.org/for-our-neighbor/homerepairapplication.

Find out more about about the church online at ForOurNeighbor.Life or email ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com or at crchurch.org.



Photos provided by CrossRoads Church at Westfield

(ABOVE LEFT) Everyone loves Manny the Mechanical Bull! (ABOVE RIGHT) Derric McFarland (center) won first place in the Premier Chili Cook-Off Contest. He is shown here with People’s Choice Award Winner Dave Mueller (left) and CrossRoads Lead Pastor Eric Lohe (right). See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.



We’ve gone purple & you should, too

The REPORTER

You may have noticed The Reporter’s purple front page last week and this week, and if you’re an online subscriber, you’ve seen the purple borders on each page since Oct. 2.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Hamilton County Reporter once again decided to #GoPurpleWithPrevail.

You can, too! In fact, if your workplace, social organization, or nonprofit group wears purple, take a group photo and send it to News@ReadTheReporter.com and we’ll put it in the pages of Hamilton County’s Hometown Newspaper.

Learn more about the great work Prevail does for victims of domestic violence at prevailinc.org.

OFFICIALS

AIC’s members discussed the 2025 legislative platform, which covers key issues facing counties such as county finances, criminal justice, public safety, elections and transportation.

In addition, the annual election of officers was

held and Kosciusko County Councilwoman Sue Ann Mitchell was elected President of the AIC Board of Directors. Mitchell, who is serving as the board’s First Vice President, will officially begin her new term as President on Nov. 1.

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SPRINKLER SUPER WARD



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This photo shows one of our columnist's weaknesses.

Yes, I'm a planner

My husband John and I are going on vacation later this month along with our sons, Jonathon and Jacob. We'll be driving to visit family in Nebraska, which means I've been in planning and countdown mode since August.

Anyone who knows me will tell you that I am a planner – with a capital “P.” My calendar is an assortment of both work and personal tasks, including my weekly cleaning rotation duties. By the way, I always strive to submit this column two days ahead of time. Yes, it's a sickness.

I can't help it. I love having my color-coded calendar and task list at the ready. Throwing various “to-dos” on Google makes me feel calm and prepared. I'll soon create my paper checklist of what I need to buy for the trip. I'll also start packing a week ahead of time.

I'm willing to bet that half of you are thinking I need psychiatric help. The other half are saying “Dang, she's really behind.”

I'm not completely sure where this planning/organization trait of mine came from. My birthparents aren't/weren't like this. My dad sure wasn't.

Growing up, my mom was pretty organized – our home was nearly spotless. She did have one weakness, however, which she lamented about often. Her recipes were all over the place. But I think she may have influenced my super-planner behavior.

Being a Highly Sensitive Person may come into play as well. People like me tend to want to keep their surroundings neat and tidy. We hate being rushed and work to be ready for various situations.

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Old & new

I recently returned from a business and pleasure trip to San Francisco, Calif. While everyone knows you can see almost anything in San Francisco, one of the first things that caught my eye was a self-driving car. I wanted to take a ride.

Of course, one must have the self-driving car app on your cell phone. Not to worry – my son was in town working on a new start-up and had the app already on his phone. We watched as one of the driverless vehicles was pulling out of an alley onto a main street. It hesitated and looked for pedestrians as any normal driver would do. It actually waited longer than most drivers would.

After a period of time, it eased forward and went on its way. I asked my son to hail a ride and, in a minute, or so a vehicle approached. You type in the code on your phone, the doors unlock, and you can enter the vehicle. Four of us took a ride: three in the back seat and one in the passenger seat. Sitting in the driver's seat was attempted but was not permitted by the machine.

Away we went around San Francisco in a driverless car.

Sitting in the back seat it seemed much like riding in a taxi or being on a bus; someone else was operating and obeying all the rules of the road in a seemingly very careful manner. I am ready to buy one when they come to Indiana.

Having conducted our business in town, my wife and I next journeyed to the White Mountain area south of San Francisco. We had heard about a coastal redwood that was very old and located in the remote area within an hour driving time. Sure enough, we found a coastal redwood that was actually a Great Basin bristle cone pine tree. The marker noted that it had been certified as more than 4,856 years old. The height was listed at 250 feet prior to losing some of its top branches and its circumference was more than 176 feet.

In San Francisco, you can see what is old and what is new . . . and a lot of other surprising things.

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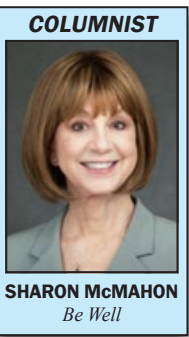
Stress? YES! Let's have less

“The world we have created today is a product of our thinking; it cannot be changed without changing our thinking.” – commonly attributed to Albert Einstein

Show of hands, please . . . Aren't we all so very wearied by the political rhetoric and the potential maiming or worse that has been attempted toward high-profile political individuals in our country and contemplating how different is the world now compared to that in which many of us grew up?

How these headlines relate to our health and well-being (my usual topics) can be summed up in one word: STRESS!

It is a word familiar to many of us – job stress, health issues stress, family stress, traffic stress (!) and on and on. These are what we would consider our “ordinary” stressors. However, the worldwide atrocious acts invade our private worlds as well as natural disasters which have impacted so many. With



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

24-hour news cycles on cable news, radio, and the internet, these horrible acts are with us constantly. I certainly do not have the skill or ability to even guess why these atrocities are taking place; nor why our leaders and those who wish to be our leaders cannot display some level of civil discourse along the way.

Merriam-Webster dictionary gives us one definition of mental stress as “something that causes strong feelings of worry or anxiety.” That worry and anxiety can be linked to causing both physical and emotional issues for many people, including those who do not routinely watch/listen/read about these world and national tragedies and occurrences. This stress can lead to sleeplessness, poor digestion, exhaustion, chest pain, fatigue, overeating (or not eating) and even illness.¹

Effects of this stress can be insidious. We may not necessarily “feel” stressed but be affected by it just the same. The news

of violence and the constant ill-advised rhetoric that our children are exposed to will, in my opinion, have long-lasting effects on their lives. It is impossible to completely protect young people; however, it is important for parents to have discussions with their children, answer their questions, and make them feel as safe as possible.

Can we choose to turn off/tune away from the news and alleviate the resulting stress? To a point, yes. But unless you are planning to live in a cave underground you will be exposed to the news cycle and its effects.

However, you can limit as much as possible by not tuning in to the media reports and the chatter associated with all those reports. You can increase your exercise, get outside (pulling weeds is great for stress!) and surround yourself with as much peace as possible.

Read . . . a book! Drink . . . a cup of tea! Watch . . . a funny movie! Deep breathing can also help you deal with anxiety. One of my favorite pastimes I find works wonders . . . pet a dog! (Possibly a cat as well, on

their terms of course!) My dogs always love to be brushed and petted and they really could not care less about bad news!

If you are a “news junkie” perhaps you can try limiting your time and incorporate some of the lifestyle change suggestions noted above as well as limiting the time spent on social media.

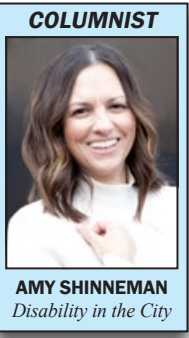
A nutritious diet, increased exercise, and focus on relaxation can help us deal with the stress, but unfortunately we seem to be living in a world today that few of us understand or have experienced in our lifetimes.

I hope we can change our thinking, focus on how much we have in common as human beings and look out for each other.

¹ Mayo Foundation for Education and Medical Research
Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Running through Berlin, part 1

Be flexible. A phrase I would silently repeat hundreds of times as we headed overseas to Berlin, Germany. This is where my husband and I would run our first overseas marathon as a duo bike team. One of only five or fewer duo



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

language is not their primary language, you know you need a lot of patience. Most importantly, you must be flexible! Something we had to remind ourselves of as we headed to the expo the day after we arrived to pick up our race bibs. Let's just say, we may have gotten a little lost on their amazing public transportation, which was free to use for those running the marathon. While it was somewhat accessible, I certainly could not have navigated any of the public transportation without help.

I told my husband that Berlin was not a place where I could live independently as a disabled person. There are too many curbs cutouts that are not smooth. Most have a little lip you must pop up over. Not ideal. Also, I have never appreciated smooth sidewalks more than I have after that trip. It was a bumpy few days.

We knew going into marathon morning that this time, it would be different. As much as we told them we wished it weren't the case, the race organizers in Berlin did not have a separate start for the duo bikes from the masses of marathoners. That's something they say they are working to change, and let me tell you, we are going to help push for this change for future duo bikers in Berlin. In all the other marathons we have run, they have started the duo bikes directly after the hand cyclists near the beginning. Doing anything else is downright dangerous for us and the other runners.

So, there we were, in corral C, among the masses. My stomach was in knots. My worst fear



Photo provided by Amy Shinneman
Amy found that her “backseat driving” skills came in handy when helping to direct her husband Jamie as they raced the Berlin Marathon. Be sure to read Part 2 of Amy's column in next week's edition of the Hamilton County Reporter.

was that we would hit a runner with the front wheel of the bike. It would be VERY easy to do with that many runners. Instead of starting us in a safer spot up front, we were required to take out a \$2 million insurance policy in the unfortunate event that we would hit someone.

You can imagine that was at the forefront of our minds as we started out. We had done our best to get to the front of our corral, placing ourselves where surely not even the tiniest running body could squeak in between our bike and the barrier separating the corrals. Oh, how we underestimated just how many bodies would somehow strategically place themselves around us to where all I could see were the backs of the other runners. Let's just say, I had a unique perspective. One I had never experienced.

Be flexible, I thought, silently cursing my keen sense of smell.

As soon as we started, it was clear this would not be a race of enjoyment for either of us. This would be a race that would require laser focus from both of us just to stay safe and keep the other runners from harm. It dawned on me that all those years of “backseat driving” were in fact going to be extremely useful during the next few hours. “Slow down,” “too close, too close,” “Jamie, Jamie, JAMIE!” among my most used phrases that day. Luckily, he appreciated the “backseat driving” more on the racecourse than he does on the highway.

We settled in for what would be a mentally-taxing few hours.

Until next time . . .
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Fishers Tri Kappa's new Wacky Trivia event supports HSE teacher grants

The REPORTER

Fishers Tri Kappa makes a big impact by combining fun and service. The organization's newest event, Wacky Trivia, promises an evening of laughter with family-friendly trivia hosted by a professional comedian.

All Wacky Trivia proceeds will support Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation (HSEF) 2nd Chance Teacher Grants. Tickets for the fundraiser, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at Daniel's Vineyard, 9061 N. County Road 700 West, McCordsville, cost \$20 and are available at tinyurl.com/WackyTrivia2024.

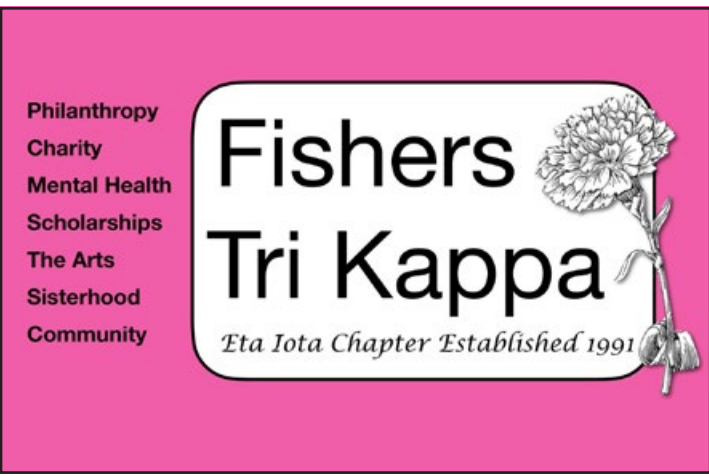
“Wacky Trivia is going to be a blast,” Event Co-chair Patti Tornquist said. “You'll laugh during the game and leave with a smile.”

Wacky Trivia isn't your typ-

ical trivia night. The host has created a unique experience with a mix of regular trivia questions and some unusual games. In addition to trivia, you can enjoy food and wine for purchase, participate in a wine pull, heads and tails game, and possibly win prizes.

While Wacky Trivia is its newest event, Fishers Tri Kappa is known for holding other successful fundraisers, including Mardi Gras-themed bingo and a prom dress sale with new and gently used dresses. Members of the women's group also provide a water stop at the Geist Marathon and bless a local family with Christmas gifts.

Fishers Tri Kappa is proud to support nonprofits in Hamilton County, donating over \$25,000 in 2023-2024. In addition to HSEF 2nd Chance



Teacher Grants, the group supports Riley Hospital, Fishers Youth Assistance Program, the Humane Society of Hamilton County, Prevail, HAND, and other nonprofits. One of the most rewarding activities for Fishers Tri Kappa members is deciding how to distribute the

funds they raise.

“Don't miss out on Wacky Trivia,” Tornquist said. “You'll have a lot of fun while supporting a great cause.”

For more information on Fishers Tri Kappa, follow along at Facebook.com/FishersTri-Kappa.

HHMS Junior Team advances to State Soils Judging Contest

The REPORTER

Two Hamilton Heights Middle School teams and a senior from Hamilton Heights High School recently competed in the Area 6 Soils Judging Competition held in the Shelby County area.

Soils judging involves members demonstrating their understanding of soil physical properties and corresponding best use management practices for farmland use and/or home site development. Members are tested on their abilities to determine soil texture, drainage, slope, and determine if the site is eligible for various uses. While at the area contest, students judged four different holes.

Taking home first-place honors in the junior division, the Hamilton Heights FFA Juniors 1 team, consisting of Annie Sheller (1st Individual), Jackson Fite (3rd Individual), Hallie Sheller (4th Individual), and Kaylee Smith (11th Individual), advance to state level competition.

“Annie’s score, as a junior competitor, was the best overall score,” Emilie Carson said. “Technically, she won the entire contest!” The top junior team’s score would have placed second in the senior division.



Members of the Hamilton Heights Juniors 1 first team advance to state for the Soils Judging contest. Team members include (from left) Kaylee Smith, Hallie Sheller, Abby Sheller, and Jackson Fite.

HHMS Juniors 2, consisting of Davie Sheller (6th Individual), Abby Sheller (9th Individual), James Fenelon (12th Individual), and Zoe Kincaid (13th Individual), also performed well, placing third in the junior division.

Marshall Frye was the lone senior competitor for Heights

FFA. Frye finished 30th individually in the contest.

“For the past few years, Heights has not been as active in Soils Judging,” Carson said. “Thanks to coach Adam Sheller, our soils judging teams are ramping back up and it’s exciting to see these young FFA members get involved early and

be competitive.”

Sheller said, “With a couple of junior teams like this, our future looks bright in soils judging. Every coach and competitor dreams of that Oklahoma red dirt (National Soils Judging Competition) and with teams starting this early it makes that goal attainable.”

A few simple words

There are moments in life that can really put what’s important into perspective. They may not necessarily happen often, but we encounter these moments from time to time. If we open our eyes, ears, and hearts, we may be able to recognize them and use them to try to better ourselves and others.

One of these moments occurred for me early on a random Wednesday.

On a typical Rathz home morning, my incredibly hard-working wife, Megan, wakes up before the roosters so she can get to work early to tutor students before the school day begins. I don’t have to get up quite as early, so I lay there like a bum for longer than I should. Six or seven snooze buttons later, I bolt out of our bed in a panic, to hurry up and get my kids and myself ready for the day.

On this particular Wednesday morning, I leapt out of bed in my usual frenzied state and got myself ready. Now it was my kids’ turn. I woke up my five-year-old daughter, Mary, first as she is by far the easiest of the two to awaken. All I have to do is tell her it’s a school day, and she jumps right out of bed. She loves Kindergarten, and on this particular day, her class was going on a field trip to a farm. She was so excited and eager to wake up and get to school.

Next was Pat, my three-year-old son. He is a whole different animal altogether. When he gets up all on his own, he’s a ray of glorious sunshine. But when I wake him up early to go to daycare or preschool, look out!

After wrestling fresh clothes onto a grumpy toddler, I walked down the steps to chaos. My dog, Lucy, was in the middle of absolutely obliterating our TV remote. I mean, it was in a hundred pieces. Needless to say, I blacked out. Flames were emanating from my face. Didn’t she know that particular TV is what keeps my kids quiet for a few minutes while Megan and I catch our breath from the workday?

By the time I got that cleaned up and the kids out the door, I was running way late. Since it was Wednesday, Pat was going to Grandma and Grandpa’s house to spend the day. I put the old Mazda minivan into warp 3 and got to their house in record time. Phew. One down, now to get Mary to school.

Well, one thing I didn’t mention is that, from where Grandma and Grandpa live, there is no great way to get to Mary’s school in morning rush hour traffic. So, I did the best I could and weaved in and out of lanes before having to turn on Allisonville. Well, that was a catastrophic mistake. I really needed to get somewhere fast that was only a few miles away. What I didn’t take into consideration is if one needs to get somewhere fast, add on an additional four hours to your trip if you plan to take Allisonville.

It was traffic jam after traffic jam. Lane closure after construction-riddled lane closure. I had many choice words that were going to burst out of me no matter how hard I tried to keep them in. And burst out, they did.

When we finally arrived at the school, Mary was a few minutes late, which I knew was all my fault. But at least she got there safely and was able to go on her field trip.

Now that the kids were taken care of, I was on my way to work. And of course, I ended up in a ... you guessed it ... traffic jam! At this point I wasn’t even angry anymore. I was defeated. I sat there in traffic, wallowing in self-pity for making Mary late, using the language I used in front of the kids, and being late for work myself.

I sat there, stuck at a light with my head down, when I suddenly noticed the car next to me rolling their window down. A woman looked over at me and said, “So, on my way to work every morning, I’m supposed to tell somebody to have a great day. Today I choose you.”

That literal second, I felt a heavy dose of warmth and lightheartedness. I realized a couple things at that exact moment.

I realized that my “bad morning” wasn’t bad at all. So many people have real problems, and my little temper tantrum and being late doesn’t hold a candle to what they must go through on a daily basis.

I also realized, or remembered, rather, that people are inherently good. I don’t care what the media tries to show me. The majority of all humans are good people, even during an election season.

I thanked the stranger for her kindness and left my negative feelings right there on the road. I vowed to myself that I’d try to pay it forward, somehow. It’s incredible how just a few simple words can completely change someone’s outlook for the day.

So, before I lose my warm-fuzzy-feeling high, let me say to you ... Have a great day! The moral of the story is ... brighten someone’s day today with a nice word. Life is too short to call that many people a “dumba\$\$” on Allisonville.

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What a wonderful (Pavel) World

My favorite inspirational stories often entail immigrant life maps detailing a person’s courage to uproot and exit geographical comfort zones, all while pursuing passions and utilizing talents that ultimately create a better world, for themselves, for others.

This is Our world: Your world: My world: Everyone’s world!

Let me tell you about Pavel’s world.

Pavel, as in Carmel resident Pavel Polanco-Safadit; as in international jazz musician, Pavel; as in Pavel, executive director at Amigos, the Richmond Latino Center, a champion of inclusion, diversity, and cross-cultural education; as in Pavel, the travel, food, and culture host for WISH-TV’s *Pavel’s World* segment. Pavel, as in ... well, you get the point. I could fill a page of Pavel purpose. He is a person of many “as ins.”

I first became aware of Pavel earlier this year while watching him perform alongside his musical compadres, Direct Contact, at The Jazz Kitchen in Broad Ripple.

Pavel and the venue are a harmonious match made in heaven, one of the reasons live music was invented – and quite possibly why he was born. Pavel’s a showman through and through. Gregarious. A keyboard-wide smile.

Lost in tropical song zones, he’s a whirling dervish of Latin rhythms and tempos; a kinetic force at the keys, a flurry of ivory strikes (occasionally, he raises and bends his elbow with a flourish, as if adding an exclamation point to the moment); a glissando here, a glissando there; a herky-jerky livewire act with legs back-kicking dangerously close to his sedate, super cool bass player, the Pink Panther-sly Steve Dokken, hidden mere inches behind him on the cramped stage (maybe that’s why they are called Direct Contact); trumpet, sax, and trombone bursts assaulting the crab



cake/asiago frites/etouffee aromatic airspace, like the explosion of a musical pinata with mercy, a poked hornet’s nest of samba, salsa, cha-cha-cha; “Come on, shake your body, baby, do the conga ...”

Tell us about memories of your homeland.

I grew up in San Francisco de Macoris. When you don’t know what’s out there, and you don’t know how other people live, you think you’re on top of the world. I had a wonderful family. What I remember is I hardly wore shoes. I had one pair for school. I got a basketball from somewhere and created my own hoop. We played on a dirt court. We didn’t have much money, but I had a really beautiful childhood.

Music came at an early age. You created drums and guitars from whatever materials were handy, but it was the piano that was life-changing.

I was 11. A missionary at the Episcopal Church gave me a quick lesson. We didn’t own a piano. The next day, I practiced from memory for almost three hours at mom’s table. I just imagined the keys. Within a month, I was playing “The Entertainer.”

Impressed, you were given a key to practice after hours?

My grandfather walked with me to the church at 2:30 a.m. every day. He’d hold my hand and, and for protection, he’d also hold a machete. I’d practice till 7 a.m. – seven days a week. My grandfather never complained. He woke up, and he took me there. That was his gift, an eternal gift to me. I knew exactly what I wanted. That’s when it began, the wanting to do music, to create my own world.

You earned a music scholarship in the States. How’d that happen?

I basically had a 1 percent chance. I practiced like crazy, working even harder. Close to 100 students auditioned, and I won a scholarship to the Uni-



Photo by Larry Goshen
A University of Arkansas grad, Pavel also earned a masters from Eastern Kentucky University and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In the background, saxophonist Rich Cohen.

versity of Arkansas. It was my one shot. I gave it my all.

The scholarship didn’t exactly put you on Easy Street, correct?

I knew zero English, not even “thank you.” I studied for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), which you had to pass to enter college. The times I took it, I didn’t make enough points. It was really hard! It was too big of a monster for me.

I saw all my dreams crashing. I bought a plane ticket for home, but the night before my flight, I got a phone call from a woman who tutored me. She and her husband had worked behind the scenes, resulting in the university allowing me to stay. I had a lot of people helping me out, man. I couldn’t do it alone.

Music Ed Fest raises thousands of dollars and helps hundreds of aspiring musicians in the Dominican Republic. Why is this important to your legacy?

I don’t come from money, but I learned from my parents that you have to help other people. It doesn’t matter what situation in life you are in, there are

always ways to help. I haven’t forgotten that.

My grandparents had a little farm, and several times a year I was part of filling bags – like 300 bags – with fruit and vegetables and giving them to people in need. Now, when I go back, I sit down with the kids, teach them how to read music, and help them study to get into the National Conservatory of Music. Not only have some studied there, some now work there. It’s just beautiful. One student is entering the University of Miami.

It’s just beautiful to be part of helping make somebody else’s dream come true.

A quarter century has passed since leaving the DR. Do you feel a sense of belonging in Indiana?

I do. Indiana is where I have lived the longest in my life. This is my home. My friends are here. This is where I developed as a person and as a musician, in many ways. Yeah, this is my home. I’m not moving.

To book a show, contact Pavel & Direct Contact at link-tr.ee/pavel.directcontact.

Email Scott at scottsaalman@gmail.com.

PLANNER

Granted, I’m not perfect. On our last trip, as we were driving down to Florida, I groaned as I realized something and quickly put my head in my hands. (John was at the wheel.)

“What’s wrong?” John asked. “I forgot something!” I lamented. He rolled his eyes and chuckled.

“You mean to tell me you started packing a week ahead of

time and still forgot something?” he asked. I’m sure he felt quite smug, as he’s a “night before” packer. Okay, I know he felt smug.

I think all families need their planners and their pantser. What’s a pantser? It’s a term I learned from my writing world. A pantser is someone who “flies by the seat of their pants” ... someone who doesn’t usually have a detailed plan or outline

for things.

John is most definitely a pantser. He helps me ease back a little and not do things like start our Christmas list in June. I’m grateful for him, because he helps me live more in the moment, as we all should. And I (hopefully!) help him think ahead about things when he really needs to.

I actually have let go of some tendencies over the years. Our

house is not 100 percent in order – please don’t look under my desk ... or in our attic ... or in our basement.

And my recipes? Well ... let’s just say I take after my mom.

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Vickie L. Persohn
March 20, 1958 – October 11, 2024

Vickie L. Persohn, 66, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on March 20, 1958, in Huntingburg, Ind.

Vickie worked at Carmel Care Center for many years.

She is survived by her mother, Joan (Laake) Persohn; sister, Yvonne Davis; niece, Ashley (Paul) Evans; and great-nieces, Brooke and Kenzie Evans.

She was preceded in death by her father, Allen J. Persohn.

Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of service. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamilton-humane.com).

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Duane Charles Carlisle Sr.
January 24, 1940 – September 27, 2024

Duane Charles Carlisle Sr., 84, Mount Cory, Ohio, passed away on September 27, 2024, at 4:34 p.m., at Menonite Memorial Home in Bluffton, Ohio.

He was born on January 24, 1940, in High Point, N.C., to Thomas C., and Marian (Nickle) Carlisle, both of whom preceded him in death. On June 27, 1993, he married Karen Nicholas, who survives in Mount Cory.

Duane was a U.S. Navy Veteran and spent six years in Panama. He graduated from the University of Maine with a degree in Education, and taught shop in Freeport, Maine, for a few years. He then went on to be a self-employed general contractor and used his gift of construction expertise to benefit his fellow man. Once retired, he enjoyed going on mission trips to build churches and other construction projects as his passion and mission was to serve God and his fellow man. He touched many lives with his passion for his work. Many of his buildings stand in testament to his love and dedication to his craft.

In addition to his wife, surviving him are his children, Sonya Christensen (Brad) of Berrien Springs, Mich., Duane Carlisle, Jr. (Todd) of Noblesville, and Dean Carlisle (Raquel) of Madrid, Spain; his stepchildren, Robin Roberts, Kevin McGill, Bonnie Nicholas-Taylor, Debrah Banas, and Michael Nicholas; grandchildren, Sara Austin, Chad Christensen, Daniel and Mari Pickard-Carlisle, Nick and Robert Taylor, Zander and Xavier Banas, Cordelia Nicholas, and Jonathan and Natalie Roberts.

He is also survived by siblings, James Carlisle of California, Wanda Carlisle, Lisa Carlisle, and Suzy Carlisle of Maine. He was preceded in death by his sister, Peggy McManus; and stepson, Kelly McGill.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. October 19, 2024, at Cicero Seventh Day Adventist Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero. Memorial contributions in Duane’s memory may be sent to Adventist World Radio at AWR.org.

Please go to hannemanfuneralhomes.com to express online condolences and to send gifts over to the services. Hanneman Funeral Home of Findlay, Ohio, is honored to serve the Carlisle Family.

Edward Alton Risinger, Jr.
November 15, 1944 – October 4, 2024

Edward Alton Risinger, Jr., Westfield, died after a long, gallant fight with Parkinson’s Disease.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Carol (née Wood); children, Edward (Kim) of Bloomington-Normal, Ill., Eric (Amy) of Glenview, Ill., Michelle of Washington, D.C., (Jeremy) and Mary Ridley (Jordan) of Noblesville; cherished grandchildren, Mark, Matthew, Annika, Annabelle, Connor, Lucas, and Summer; loving sister, Carol Risinger Robbins (Leroy); as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents, Edward Alton Risinger and Jeanne (nee Lautebauche) Risinger of Hartford City, Ind.; and sisters, Catherine of Hartford City and Barbara Cheney of Lexington, Ky.

Edward was an Air Force veteran serving as a squadron commander stationed in Clovis, N.M., from 1966 to 1970 following his participation in the ROTC. Edward moved to Chicago following graduating from Ball State after earning a doctorate in American History and Education to work at National-Louis University (formerly National College of Education) as a professor and then administrator. He moved to Stockton, Ill., in 2005 to enjoy “Country Living” on his wooded three acres for 13 years and then to Westfield in 2018 to be closer to family and grandchildren.

For the 23 years that Ed fought against Parkinson’s, he remained committed to knowledge, information, and academia. As a historian, he dedicated his time to understanding and appreciating the complexities of humanity. Surrounded by books, articles, and journals, he committed his life to grasping the intricacies of human nature, embracing the diversity that defines us. He spent countless hours reading and studying various religions and was driven by a genuine desire to comprehend and learn about various beliefs. With in-depth knowledge, historical insight, and an open heart, he could discuss different religions, viewpoints, values, and lifestyles with precision and curiosity. His inherent ability to see the value of another being was a quality that drew others to him. Whenever he encountered an unfamiliar concept or value, he approached it with an eagerness to learn and an open mind. He used his knowledge for understanding, not judgment, and his intellect to advocate, not marginalize.

Ed sought to understand and recognize the value in everyone. He was a person of humility and authenticity, never boasting, with his priorities firmly set on the comfort and happiness of his family above everything else. Ed’s profound love for his wife Carol was heartwarming, and her unwavering devotion in return enabled him to spend the final days of his illness in the peace and comfort of their home. Carol, in essence, faced Parkinson’s alongside Ed, standing by him as his devoted partner.

Ed was a true animal lover and environmentalist, frequently spotted in an animal rescue T-shirt while perusing a *National Geographic* article. For any stray cat that stumbled upon him, it was akin to winning the lottery for life. His respect for nature and ability to coexist peacefully with all creatures served as an inspiration. Ed was beloved for his humorous “quips,” mastery of dad jokes, and his signature thumbs up. He adored the laughter of children, relished family gatherings, and had an unapologetically strong sweet tooth.

Ed was the embodiment of what it means to be both good and unique, and to say he will be missed is an immense understatement for his family. The family wishes to deeply thank Paradyme Hospice/Palliative Care for their support and care during his courageous fight to remain independent to the end of his journey. Donations to the Parkinson’s Foundation (parkinson.org) or the Humane Society for Hamilton County (hamiltonhumane.com).

A celebration of life will be held in November. Please contact the family for additional information.

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Michael Joseph Quinn
February 9, 1939 – October 11, 2024

Michael Joseph Quinn, 85, Fishers, passed away on Friday, October 11, 2024, at his home. He was born on February 9, 1939, to Charles and Agnes (Donahue) Quinn in Indianapolis.

Michael proudly served in the United States Army. He attended the University of Indianapolis. Michael has been a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, and was interested in Indiana and American Civil War History. He authored two books, was a Master Gardner, and enjoyed writing, nature, travel, photography, bowling, golfing, and history. Michael was a member of Indiana Landmarks Foundation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indiana Society of Association Executives, Brown County (Nashville) Friends of the Library, American Legion, Sunrise Men’s Senior Golf League, Hamilton County Artists Association, and the Indiana Historical Society. He was a police reporter and photographer for *The Indianapolis Star*, he was the Executive for the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee under Richard Lugar, the President’s Advisory Council on Drug Abuse Prevention Special Action Office under President Richard Nixon, Community Addiction Services Agency, was the Executive Director for Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, and Clifton Gunderson, LLP. Most of all, he was a proud husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Judy Quinn; children, Anne (David) Bartholomew, Chris Quinn, and Michael (Tony Fay) Quinn; grandchildren, Eleanor (Nathan) Phillippe, Maddie (Zach) Hetzler, Abbi (Jeff Gorgol) Bartholomew, Audrey (Cole) Quinn Phillips, Charlie Quinn, Mary (Hein Htet) MacArthur, and Margaret Quinn; great-grandchildren, Aaron Michael Phillippe, Frances Phillippe, Hallie Hetzler, and Josie Gorgol.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Sister Mary Quinn.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church Food Bank, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers, or Alzheimer’s Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 (alz.org/indiana).

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Dale Robert Miller
August 7, 1964 – October 6, 2024

Dale Robert Miller, 60, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at his home. He was born on August 7, 1964, to Richard “Dick” and Yvonne (Davis) Miller in Gary, Ind.

In 1999, Dale founded Miller Consulting Group, an engineering services company that thrived for 25 years. He was known throughout the industry for being a fair and honest business owner who never sold anything customers didn’t need, and he won awards for Entrepreneur of the Year several times throughout his career. Dale also founded a non-for-profit, The Center of Excellence, an apprentice program for high school kids interested in learning computer-aided design as an opportunity for them to learn a valuable trade.

Dale began playing baseball during his childhood at Junedale Little League in Merrillville and remained a lifelong baseball fanatic and Chicago Cubs fan. He played baseball and wrestled at Merrillville High School, and graduated from there in the class of 1982. He continued to play in a baseball league into his last years of life, and also enjoyed golfing. He also coached baseball for Carmel Dads Club. He never missed a Cubs game.

Dale attended Ball State University, where he majored in telecommunications. There he joined the Lambda Chi fraternity and remained lifelong friends with many of his fraternity brothers.

Dale was also a musician and songwriter whose original songs “Optimistic Blues,” “Cubby Town,” and “Royal Subject” will be fondly remembered by his family and friends. He played guitar every day for the last 20 years of his life and was a member of several bands, including most recently Board Meeting. He loved collecting albums, and his two favorite bands were the Stones and the Allman Brothers. One of his favorite pastimes was singing karaoke in the garage with his wife and kids. Dale was also a history buff who loved reading books about American history and watching classic films on Turner Classic Movies.

Dale had an infectious smile that could light up a room. He was a hilarious and one-of-a-kind person who had a special way of making everyone feel good when they were around him. He loved cracking jokes and playing pranks on his friends, and he always kept a fridge full of beers for anyone who came by. He exuded confidence and understood the value of believing in yourself, but also treated everyone else with kindness and respect. He was Mr. Positive and had an optimistic spirit. He was most proud of being a husband, father, and provider to his family, and he always made them feel safe, secure, and cared for. He touched the hearts of many people over his 60 years of life and he will be dearly missed by those that loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dawn Joell Miller; son, Jack Ryan Miller; daughters, Kristen Yvonne Miller, Ana Michele Campbell, Emily Grace Campbell, mother of Jack and Kristen, and Michelle Traber Roberts; brother, Rick Miller; sister, Karen Miller; niece, Emily Miller; many other nieces and nephews; and extended family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, David Miller and Doug Miller; and nephew, John Miller.

A Celebration of Life honoring Dale’s memory and legacy will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 23 at Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville. All who loved him are welcome to stop by at any time during those hours.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to cancer research in Dale’s name through the HudsonAlpha Foundation at foundation.hudsonalpha.org.

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Lois N. Houghton
May 1, 1940 – October 5, 2024

Lois N. Houghton, 84, passed away Saturday, October 5, 2024.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, at Myers Mortuary in Lebanon, Ind. Cremation will follow and services will be held at a later date.

To view her full obituary and to leave a condolence, please visit MyersMortuary.com.

Gregory Admiral Absher
July 26, 1970 – October 9, 2024

Gregory Admiral Absher, 54, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at his home. He was born on July 26, 1970, to Jeffrey and Sarah (Reynolds) Absher in Noblesville.

Gregory proudly served in the United States Navy. He was a concrete foreman for many years. Gregory loved his dogs, Harley and Crystal. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, fishing, collecting Elvis memorabilia, and smoking meat. Gregory was a fan of Notre Dame, Colts, and Navy football. He had fond memories of watching Ashley and Mandy playing softball. Most of all he loved his granddaughters and would take them to the zoo, fishing, and camping.

He is survived by his mother, Sarah Absher; daughters, Amanda (Ben) Gutfranski and Ashley (Christina) Allen; granddaughters, Ella, Cora, Millie, and Stevie; brothers, David (Kathy) Absher and Steven (Teresa) Absher; and sister, Kristina (Jason) Confar.

He was preceded in death by his wife earlier this year, Kathleen Ann Absher; father, Jeffrey Absher; and grandparents, George and Mary Reynolds and Ellis and Laverne Absher.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from noon to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, to help with funeral expenses.

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Christine Anne (Chance) Heald
March 24, 1968 – October 7, 2024

Christine Anne (Chance) Heald, 56, Fishers, passed away peacefully into glory with her heavenly Father on Monday, October 7, 2024. A joyful, loving wife, mother, grandma, sister, sister-in-law, and aunt, Christine was born on March 24, 1968, at the IU Med Center in Indianapolis, the same hospital where she would later have both of her liver transplants and where she went to meet her Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Growing up Christine enjoyed working with animals any chance she got. She was deeply involved in the 4-H swine project, and was even the 1986 Hamilton County Pork Queen. She also enjoyed riding her horse, Champ, around the yard and with her neighbors.

She graduated from Westfield High School in 1986 where she was a member of the high school volleyball team and in the National Honor Society.

She later went on to attend Purdue University where she would receive her Bachelor’s degree in Restaurant and Hotel Management in 1992.

After her time at Purdue, Christine worked at the Holiday Inn in Indianapolis where she met her husband, Brett. They have been married for 25 years. Christine was also a study manager at Methodist hospital for a short time, a job that she took great pride in helping others who faced a similar situation that she did.

If you knew Christine personally, you knew she was the bravest, strongest fighter you’d ever met. At the young age of 20, Chris was diagnosed with a rare degenerative liver disease. In 1989, she had two liver transplants within just 10 days of each other, a procedure that was very new in the medical field at the time. She also battled colon cancer as well as other health complications throughout her lifetime.

Her life was often filled with pain, yet when you got to know her it was evident that she never let that define who she was. She always had a warm, welcoming smile on her face with anyone she came in contact with. Christine never met a stranger. In fact, she had built a lot of very close and deep friendships with the nurses, doctors, and even the pharmacists she routinely worked with.

Christine’s divine display of perseverance and courage brings hope that even in the suffering and the hurting, if your faith is in Christ there is nothing to fear.

“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me” – Psalm 23:4

Christine is survived by her husband, Brett Heald; her daughter, Andrea Heald, Nathan Leamer, and her granddaughter, Octavia Leamer; brother, David Chance and his wife, Jill Chance, and their daughters, Nicole Hall and her husband Jonathan, Jenna Seltzer and her husband Garrett.

Christine is preceded in death in 2015 by her father, Ronald Eugene Chance, Ph.D., and her mother, Carolyn (Joyce) Allen Chance, in 2021.

Visitation and services were held Sunday, October 13, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial followd at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

The family invited everyone to join them in Christine’s celebration of a new life and a new body in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Donate Life Indiana, a group promoting organ tissue and donation.

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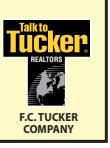
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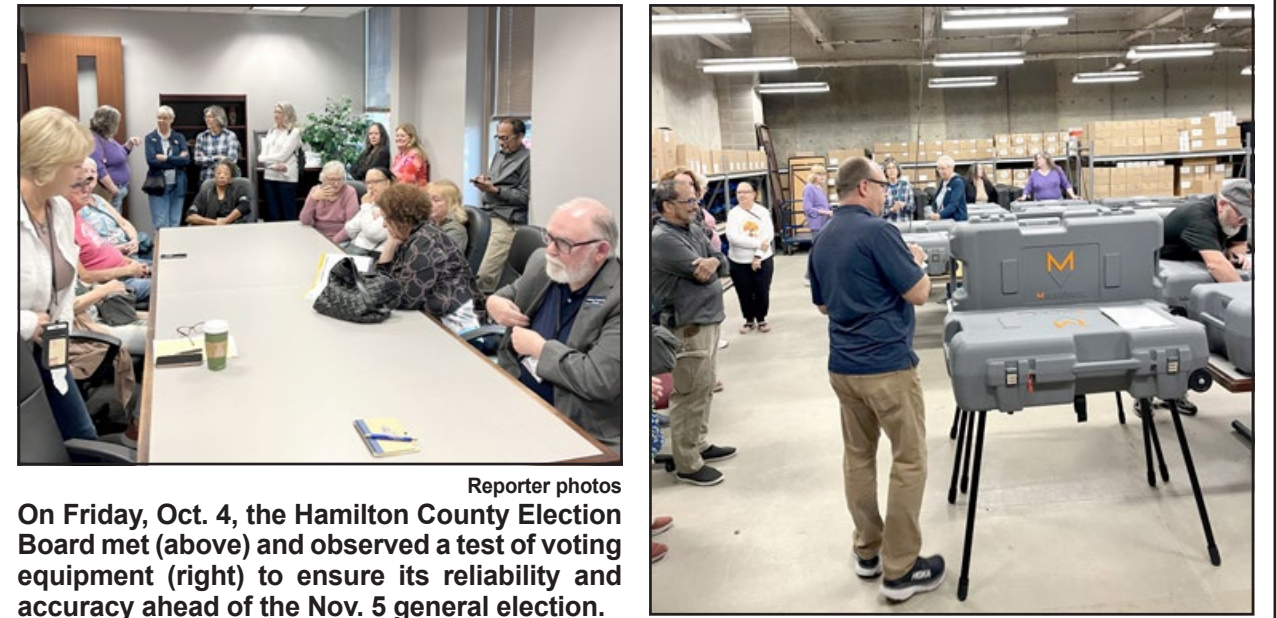


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Election Board ensures voting machine integrity



Reporter photos
On Friday, Oct. 4, the Hamilton County Election Board met (above) and observed a test of voting equipment (right) to ensure its reliability and accuracy ahead of the Nov. 5 general election.

German exchange students über impressed with Noblesville Schools

The REPORTER

Students from Usingen, Germany, are visiting Noblesville High School this month as part of a cultural exchange program. The students are staying in Noblesville and attending classes with NHS student hosts and will also visit Chicago and Louisville during their stay in the United States.

The German students met recently with Noblesville Schools superintendent Dr. Dan Hile, NHS Principal Dr. Craig McCaffrey, and Noblesville City Council representative David Johnson.

The students shared some of their early observations about NHS and Noblesville with the leaders, noting how much they are enjoying differences from their experience at home, such as:

- The wide variety of career development, music,



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools
Exchange students from Usingen, Germany, are enjoying their time both at Noblesville Schools and in the city. They are pictured here with Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile (left) and Noblesville Common Councilman David Johnson (right).

athletic, and arts classes offered at NHS

- Modern school facilities with space to accommodate student needs
- Technology tools and resources available to students
- Lovely neighborhoods, homes, and spacious yards

Students also remarked on the use of school buses, as they typically ride bikes to school, and on the wide variety of restaurant options available in Noblesville. One student was excited to have tried a pulled pork sandwich for the first time.

One of the German educators who accompanied the students on the trip said that



Photos provided
(TOP) Pam Wesley reads to Head Start classes. (ABOVE) Carol Rader and Wesley helped the Altrusa Club of Indianapolis with that club's Days for Girls Project.

Altrusa Club is hard at work serving others

Submitted by Carol Rader

Members of the Altrusa Club of Hamilton County have been busy.

On Friday, Sept. 27, President Pam Wesley read to the classes at Head Start of Hamilton County. On Saturday, Oct. 5, Pam and Carol Rader supported the Altrusa Club of Indianapolis with their Days for Girls Project.

Anyone who has a caring heart for volunteering may

come to MCL in Carmel on Monday, Oct. 14. You may join us by purchasing your dinner at 5:30 and joining us in the private room or just come for our meeting at 6:30. This month, we are bringing canned food items in honor of World Food Day to be given to a Noblesville food bank.

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(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield’s Deacon King scored four touchdowns for the Shamrocks during their 46-12 win over Fishers last Friday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fishers’ Ryan Thembulembu ran for a 36-yard touchdown in the third quarter, then threw a TD pass in the fourth quarter.



Photo by Olivia Weddington
Sheridan’s Alex Cravens rushed for 43 yards during the Blackhawks’ game with Eastern last Friday.

Shamrocks roll past Tigers in HCC bout

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – For the second consecutive week, the Westfield football team joined the 40-plus club.

Points, that is. The Shamrocks had another solid week on offense, totaling over 500 yards combined rushing and passing as they beat Fishers 46-12 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game last Friday at the Tigers’ Everwise Credit Union Field.

Westfield gained 352 yards on the ground, starting with a huge play just a minute and a half into the game. Junior Deacon King scored the Rocks’ first touchdown with a 77-yard run into the end zone. It would be the first of many highlights for the highly-recruited King during the game.

“It’s good to start fast,” said King. “Normally, we’ll start fast on defense and

offense will take a little bit to go, but getting the score really helped us pick up momentum.”

Shamrocks coach Josh Miracle said that King’s run set the tone early.

“I just felt like our guys had two really good weeks back-to-back of practices,” said Miracle. “It was nice to see that carry over again.”

King took in Westfield’s second touchdown midway through the first quarter on a two-yard run. The Shamrocks ended the quarter with a TD through the air: Carsen Melvin found Parker Knott for an 18-yard score to put Westfield ahead 19-0.

Things slowed down a little bit in the second quarter, but the Shamrocks got six more points from Owen Wright. The kicker nailed two field goals, from 39 yards and 35 yards, helping Westfield to a 25-0 halftime lead.

Fishers got on the board

to start the second half. Just 37 seconds into the third quarter, Ryan Thembulembu took off for a 36-yard run to the end zone.

“Our offensive coordinator, Coach (Blair) Schlicher does a phenomenal job,” said Miracle. We got the best running back coach in the state, Jeff Bennett does a phenomenal job with him and he’s growing. And then just credit to the offensive lin. Coach (Zane) Burtron, doing a fabulous job with those guys. That’s always the heartbeat of the team.”

But that was as close as the Rocks would let the Tigers get. King stepped up again, making a pair of seven-yard touchdown runs in the third quarter. Wright and Diego Herrera both made extra-point kicks, and Westfield enjoyed a 39-6 lead going into the fourth.

JonAnthony Hall took a five-yard pass from Them-

bulembu into the end zone midway through the fourth quarter. Westfield’s Karson Fitzpatrick completed the scoring with a one-yard touchdown run late in the period.

King totaled 207 yards for the game, with Melvin going 14-of-24 through the air for 144 yards. Gabe Aramboles led the Westfield receptions with six.

Thembulembu led Fishers with 73 yards rushing.

“They’re a good football team,” said Tigers coach Curt Funk. “We gave up some big plays, and then on us, it just took us a while to get our footing on offense and we can’t do that against a good team.”

Westfield is 5-1 in HCC play and 7-1 overall; the Shamrocks host Franklin Central Friday to finish the regular season. Fishers is 3-3 in the conference and 4-4 overall and travel to Zionsville Friday.

Eastern stuns Sheridan with fourth-quarter surge

By **JAMES SEAY**
For The Reporter

On a night meant to honor Sheridan’s seniors, the Eastern Comets spoiled the celebration with a late-game surge, defeating the Blackhawks 38-23 last Friday at Bud Wright Stadium. The loss puts a dent in Sheridan’s Hoosier Heartland Conference title hopes as they now prepare for a crucial showdown against undefeated Carroll this week.

Sheridan, led by legendary head coach Larry “Bud” Wright in his 60th season came into the game riding a hot streak, having won four of its last five games. Wright lamented missed opportunities and defensive lapses that led to the defeat.

“We didn’t adjust to their changes in their defense,” said Wright. “We should have made more adjustments, but the adjustments we made didn’t get it right.”

The game started with both defenses dominating. The Blackhawk defense forced a three-and-out to open the game, fueled by a massive sack by junior Jacob Hall. Still, Sheridan couldn’t capitalize on their strong field position by turning the ball over on downs deep in Comet territory. After a couple of punts, Eastern capitalized on the game’s first score on an SHS fumble. Eastern was able to utilize a trick play to open up an 8-0 lead.

Sheridan quickly answered when senior quarterback Owen Bell found senior wide receiver Dayne

Voege for a 43-yard touchdown strike. It was the first of the two connections the seniors completed on their special night.

Eastern fought back with a long run by Isaiah Pickett to regain a 15-14 lead. The Comet running back ended the night with 181 yards on the ground. EHS extended the lead to 22-14 heading into halftime with the second of Gibson Eagle’s three passing scores on the night.

Sheridan clawed back in the third quarter after Hall punched in a short TD run, and a field goal gave the Blackhawks a 23-22 lead late in the third quarter. But in the fourth quarter, Eastern took control, starting with a 63-yard touchdown pass that bounced off Voege’s hands for the would-be interception, followed by a 73-yard breakaway run by Pickett to secure the 38-23 win for Eastern.

“We didn’t get enough defensive big plays. That was the biggest trouble for us,” said Wright as the Blackhawks struggled to stop Eastern’s explosive plays in the final minutes.

With nine seniors set to graduate, Sheridan will look to finish the season strong and head into the playoffs to defend its regional championship. “We will get ourselves up and prepare ourselves to do a better job. We will work this week to eliminate mistakes,” said Wright.

Sheridan will travel to Flora to play the Carroll Cougars at 7 p.m. Friday in its final regular season game. Carroll is 8-0.

Huskies take bite out of Blue Devils

The REPORTER
Hamilton Heights was on the right side of a last-second play last Friday.

The Huskies were trailing 13-7 at rival Tipton with under a minute to go, but a 30-yard touchdown pass from Joey Sigler to Nick Bichey with 16 seconds left tied the game. Keegan Kavanaugh kicked the extra point, and Heights was soon celebrating a 14-13 victory.

“That was a wild one. That was a fun one,” Huskies

coach Jon Kirschner told the Tipton County Tribune afterwards.

The Blue Devils scored right away, just over a minute into the first quarter, as Calvin Condict went on a 23-yard touchdown run after Tipton made a fumble recovery. Heights answered in a huge way in the second quarter, with Joey Sigler throwing a pass to Tyler Champion – who took it 94 yards into the end zone. Kavanaugh’s kick was good

and the two teams went into halftime tied 7-7.

The Blue Devils once again scored early, with Aaron Tolle running in from three yards to score. An extra-point attempt didn’t go, so Tipton led 13-7 for most of the second half until Sigler, Bichey and Kavanaugh stepped up to bring the Huskies a last-second victory.

“Our team showed a lot of grit tonight,” said Kirschner. “Even when our backs were completely against the wall,

we held strong. Defense held strong, the offense just kept punching a little bit at a time and had faith.”

Sigler finished an outstanding game 12-of-22 from the air, totaling 324 yards. Champion made five catches for 185 yards, while Bichey had four catches for 95 yards.

Heights is 3-5 and won back-to-back games for the first time this season. The Huskies return home Friday to play West Lafayette for their regular-season finale.

Golden Eagles have huge first quarter, blast by Terre Haute North

The REPORTER
Guerin Catholic got back to its winning ways last Friday, cruising past Terre Haute North 41-18 in an away game.

The Golden Eagles got out to a great start, leading 21-0 after the first quarter. Malcolm Houze passed for three touchdowns during that period, finding Hayden Cler for two scores and Trevor Macey for one. Nick Wilson kicked all three extra points.

Wilson added two field goals, one each in the second and third quarters, and that kept Guerin Catholic ahead 24-6 at halftime and 27-6

after three periods. Houze got going again in the fourth quarter, making two touchdown runs to close out the game.

Houze had a solid game, going 24 of 32 through the air for 228 yards and rushing for 68 yards. Julian Melendez collected eight passes, with Cler getting six and Macey four. Kolbe Klee led the rushing with 102 yards; GC totaled 253 yards on the ground.

The Golden Eagles are 4-4 and travel to Lafayette Central Catholic Friday to finish the regular season.

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Basketball

108 vie for spot on Noblesville Mad Ants

By **RICHIE HALL**
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NOBLESVILLE – As Noblesville gears up to welcome an NBA G League team, the city got a sneak preview of who could be on the Mad Ants team Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Mad Ants hosted its annual free agent tryout that day at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club. A total of 108 prospective basketball players participated in the tryout, with those players vying for a spot on the Mad Ants, who will play at the New Noblesville Events Center beginning with the 2025-26 season.

The players were divided up among 12 teams, which played two games during the afternoon. Each game consisted of two 20-minute halves using mostly running clocks. Players came from all across the country, including local athletes from Butler University and IUPUI, as well as nearby high schools like Ben Davis, Lawrence Central and Covenant Christian.

“Indiana’s a basketball state,” said Mad Ants head coach Tom Hankins. “If you tell people you’re going to open the doors and give them a chance to try out to make some money playing basketball, a lot of people show up. The G League’s popularity has grown so much in the last few years, there’s a lot of people that want to be a part of it.”

In addition to the local players, other G League hopefuls came from across the country, ranging from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and the University of Tex-



Jamel McGowan (right) and Tim Cameron were among the 108 basketball players that participated in the Mad Ants tryout Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club.

as-San Antonio (UTSA) to Pittsburgh State and North Carolina A&T.

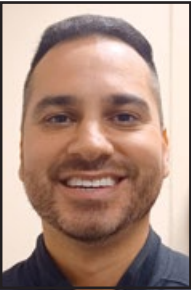
“There’s guys from all over the country,” said Hankins. “I just watched a really good player from Louisiana.”

Hankins was speaking while games were going on across three courts. He said that “size and athleticism” were the number one priorities and noted that “the better ones will rise up” during the course of the afternoon.

An official announcement on those recommendations will not be made for another week or two. Mad Ants general manager Chris



Hankins



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Taylor told the Reporter on Wednesday that’s because the talent level of those who tried out was very high.

“A lot of notes and discussions on high-level talent is taking place,” said Taylor.

“We have coaches that we trust coaching every team,” said Hankins. “We’ll get a lot of input from 15 different people here that know what we’re looking for.”

The tryout was also a good opportunity for basketball fans, especially young ones, to check out the speed and intensity of G League basketball. There was no charge for spectators.

“It’s really exciting

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton County High School Football, Week 8

Carmel falls to Warren Central

The REPORTER

Carmel dropped a 32-3 game at Warren Central last Friday.

The Greyhounds got their points in the second quarter, when Lukas Krishtanmoorthy kicked a 20-yard field

goal. Carmel was frustrated by the Warriors’ defense, which held the Hounds to three yards rushing and 37 yards passing.

The Greyhounds are 3-5 and host Lawrence Central Friday.

Royals falter at Franklin Central

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern hit the road last Friday to Franklin Township to face the Flashes. The Royals held the lead late, but the host Flashes scored late to secure the win, 14-10.

After a scoreless first quarter, both teams got on the board in the second.

The Flashes scored just past the midway point of the second on a rushing touchdown for a 7-0 lead.

Hugo Belmonte put HSE’s first points up with a 39-yard field as time expired and the Royals trailed 7-3 at halftime.

Toward the end of the third, Southeastern went 64 yards in eight plays and capped off the scoring drive to take the lead 10-7 when

Graham Toner caught a six-yard touchdown pass from Chandler Weston.

HSE held the slim lead for a majority of the fourth. Franklin Central grabbed the lead 14-10 when Nevan Tutterow threw a touchdown pass with 29 seconds left to give the Flashes the upset win.

Carter Reed was the leading rusher with 51 yards on 16 carries. Chandler Weston went 13 of 23 for 142 yards.

Graham Toner caught three for 33, Liam Boyd five for 28 and Callen Okerson one for 37.

No. 8 Hamilton Southeastern (5-3, 3-3 HCC) will host Brownsburg (8-0, 6-0 HCC) Friday. The Bulldogs held off Noblesville last Friday, 22-18.

Millers put scare in Brownsburg, but Bulldogs come back

The REPORTER

Noblesville put an early scare into Brownsburg last Friday before the Bulldogs came back to win 22-18 at Brownsburg’s Roark Field.

The Millers scored in the first quarter when Ty Holmes punched the ball in from the one-yard line. It was Israel Oladipupo’s turn in the second period, as his one-yard TD run got Noblesville ahead 12-0. Caden Lydle kicked a 37-yard field goal to finish the first half scoring, and the Millers led 15-0 at the break.

Brownsburg came back to tie the game in the third quarter with two passing touchdowns, and a two-point conversion pass knotted the contest at 15-15. Lydle kicked a 22-yard field goal to push Noblesville ahead 18-15, but the Bulldogs made a five-yard touchdown run to retake the lead and held on from there.

Brody Gump led the Millers’ rushing with 115 yards.

Noblesville is 2-6 for the season and hosts Avon Friday.

Unified Flag Football



Photo provided

The Carmel Unified flag football team won the Mooresville regional last Saturday, earning a place in this Saturday’s state finals at Grand Park.

Carmel headed back to state

The REPORTER

The Carmel Unified flag football team is heading back to the state finals.

The Greyhounds won the Mooresville regional last Saturday, claiming their second consecutive regional crown. Carmel beat Southport 32-28 in the

semifinals, then won another close game in the championship, beating Franklin Central 28-24.

Earlier in the month, the Hounds won their fifth consecutive sectional championship with three victories at Lawrence Central on Oct. 5. Carmel beat Hamilton

Heights 40-20 in the quarterfinals, the host Bears 40-28 in the semifinals and edged out Fishers 38-37 in the championship game.

The Tigers advanced to the final with wins over Hamilton Southeastern 44-36 in the quarterfinals and Warren Central 45-37 in the

semis. The Warriors won over Noblesville 47-27 in the quarters, while LC won over Westfield 42-20 in another quarterfinal.

Carmel will try to defend its state championship Saturday when it takes on Fort Wayne Carroll at 1 p.m. at Grand Park.

Cross Country

Huskies take home trophy from Hoosier Conference tournament

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls cross country team won the Hoosier Conference tournament, which took place last Saturday at Rensselaer Central.

The Huskies scored 27 points, had the top two finishers and placed five runners in the top 15. Allie Bushey won the race in 18 minutes, 54.00 seconds, while Anna Monnin was the runner-up in 19:50.04.

Other Heights runners were: 4. Amira Leer 20:17.52, 9. Kendall Moe 20:55.60, 11. Ayla Madara 21:10.52, 22. Hattie Graham 22:41.56.

Hamilton Heights’ boys team placed third, scoring 60



Photo provided

The Hamilton Heights girls cross country team won the Hoosier Conference meet last Saturday at Rensselaer Central.

points. Western won the meet with 47 points and West Lafayette was second with 51 points.

Rudy Bowman placed fourth to lead the Huskies boys, clocking in at 16:27.87. Isaiah Heuer finished fifth in 16:33.44. Other Heights runners were: 16. Hudson Holt

17:32.03, 17. Will Monnin 17:33.53, 18. Aiden Clarke 17:41.34, 37. Max Bowman 18:43.76, 41. Charles Wedmore 18:50.89.

Volleyball sectional pairings announced by IHSAA

The REPORTER

The IHSAA announced pairings for the volleyball sectional tournaments Sunday, Oct. 6.

Westfield will host Class 4A Sectional 8 this year. The event begins Thursday with two first-round matches: Fishers plays Noblesville at 6 p.m., then Carmel takes on Zionsville at 7:30 p.m.

The semifinals take place Saturday, with Westfield hosting the Fishers-Noblesville winner at 11 a.m. and two-time defending state champion Hamilton Southeastern playing the Carmel-Zionsville winner at 12:30 p.m. Semifinal winners will play the championship match at 6 p.m. that night.

In Class 3A, Hamilton Heights plays in Sectional 24 at New Castle. This is a five-team sectional, and the Huskies play the host Trojans at 7 p.m. Thursday in the lone first-round match.

The semifinals begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, with Connorsville taking on Jay County, then Delta playing the Heights-New Castle winner. The championship match is set for 6 p.m. that evening.

Guerin Catholic travels to Brebeuf Jesuit for Sectional 25. This seven-team sectional begins on Tuesday with Lebanon playing Tri-West. First-round matches continue at 5:30 p.m. Thursday; Frankfort plays the host Braves, then the Golden Eagles take on Crawfordsville.

In the Saturday semifinals, Danville plays the Lebanon-Tri-West winner at 11 a.m., followed by the Frankfort-Brebeuf winner taking on the Guerin Catholic-Crawfordsville winner. The championship match begins at 6 p.m. that night.

In Class 2A, Sheridan plays in Sectional 39 at Taylor. The host Titans open play at 6 p.m. Thursday by taking on Lapel, then the Blackhawks face Elwood at 8 p.m.

In semifinal action, Frankton plays the Taylor-Lapel winner at 11 a.m. Saturday, then Tipton faces the Sheridan-Elwood winner afterwards. Semifinal winners advance to the championship match at 6 p.m. that evening.

University travels to Cardinal Ritter for Sectional 42. The Trailblazers open the tournament at 6 p.m. Thursday against Monrovia, followed by a 7:15 p.m. match between Covenant Christian and the host Raiders.

Matches continue Saturday with the semifinals. Riverside plays the University-Monrovia winner at 11 a.m., followed by Park Tudor taking on the Covenant-Ritter winner at 12:30 p.m. The championship match takes place that evening at 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer Sectional Championships

Royals clinch first sectional title in six years

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

FISHERS – No tie this time.

During their regular-season meeting last month, Class 3A No. 2 Hamilton Southeastern and No. 9 Fishers battled to a 1-1 draw.

On Saturday night with the Sectional 8 title and their potential first championship since 2018 on the line, the Royals simply found a way – with a little encouragement from the past.

“It’s been a while. We talked about that. One of the former players (Sean Williams) sent me a text from that last championship team, and it said, ‘Hey, coach remind them. Pressure is a privilege,’ and we talked about

that coming into tonight,” HSE head coach Chris White said. “If you’re not expected to do something, there’s no pressure. This is a great team that stood up to every challenge and accepted the pressure to come after it. They wanted it.”

The unbeaten Royals (13-0-5) played to their strengths to win 1-0 against Fishers (10-5-3), which reached its second straight sectional final after losing to eventual state champion Noblesville, 1-0, in 2023.

“Our big motto in the locker room all year has been, ‘Play together, play with toughness and have some fun.’ If we can do those three things, mistakes will happen, but the results will take care of themselves,” White said.



Photo by Richard Torres

The Hamilton Southeastern boys soccer team won its first sectional championship since 2018 last Saturday, beating Fishers 1-0.

Their shutout win over Fishers was set in motion during the eighth minute on a corner-kick set piece that the Royals executed perfectly.

Sophomore Cooper Perez fired a kick into the box and senior Caden Joniec soared above the rest to connect for a header goal, while goalkeeper Cam Joniec and the defense held strong.

“We’ve connected at least three times this season for goals in corners, so we’ve definitely practiced it,” Caden Joniec said. “I think a lot of our team goals versus

big teams have come off set pieces, and I think it’s one of the reasons why we’re who we are and why we’re undefeated, we persevere and don’t lose big games.”

They refused to let this one slip away after a grueling week that demanded a 4-2

win over Pendleton Heights in the quarterfinals and a 4-2 overtime victory in the semifinals against a feisty Mt. Vernon team that charged back from a 2-0 deficit to force two bonus periods.

See Royals . . . Page B4

Greyhounds make it four titles in a row

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – The Carmel boys soccer team ran its sectional championship streak to four last Saturday, and that fourth title will be remembered as one of the more memorable wins for the Greyhounds.

Carmel played Noblesville, the three-time defending Class 3A state champion in the final of Sectional 8 at Murray Stadium. The game was scoreless after regulation and overtime, sending it to penalty kicks.

The Greyhounds had been in that position just a few days ago in their semifinal win over Brebeuf Jesuit. Carmel was perfect in PKs then and it stayed perfect in the final, stunning the Millers with a 5-3 penalty kick victory to claim the sectional title. The official score is 1-0.

Noblesville had won the regular-season game over the Hounds 4-1 in the regular season, and Carmel coach Shane Schmidt said the team “changed our formation” for this game.

See results from earlier sectional games on our website, ReadTheReporter.com.

“Last time we played them, we played them three in the back, and we changed our formation to be a little bit more of a defensive posture that would allow us then to get up involved into the attack,” said Schmidt. “They executed it, man. They worked super hard and super proud of them.”

Both teams had their scoring chances, with several corner kicks and close shots, some hitting the crossbar. But neither team could get a ball in, so it went to penalty kicks.

Carmel made all five kicks: in order, the list was Charles Pishkur, Tyler Schilt, Matthew Schilt, Aidan McLaughlin and Joseph Wrobel. It was the same group that made all five penalty kicks against Brebeuf in the semifinal.

“They did a good job with it, man,” said Schmidt. “I can’t be more proud of a group of guys, all of them,



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel boys soccer team claimed its fourth consecutive sectional championship last Saturday, stunning three-time defending state champion Noblesville in a 5-3 penalty kick round.

everybody in there. I can’t be more proud.”

While Carmel was perfect with kicking, it was sophomore goalkeeper Aidan Gostomelsky who made the biggest play of all during the PKs. He blocked one of Noblesville’s attempt and that would turn out to be the difference.

Gostomelsky said that while he’s in the net, he is “really just in my own head, reading his hips,

reading the foot and that’s about it. You just have to be in your own mind space, I think. You can’t let other people affect you.”

Noblesville’s penalty kicks came from Deklan Jenski, Ben Hewitt and Caden Rice. The Millers finished their season 11-2-6 and saw their remarkable run of three consecutive state championships come to an end.

“The more it stayed 0-0, the more confidence Carmel

got,” said Noblesville coach Ken Dollaske. “They were able to do well with their counter attacks, which in turn made us more tired, and so we weren’t able to do the things that we wanted to do. Credit to them for being scrappy, for having a defensive game plan and sticking to it with three in the back plus a sweeper and frustrating our forwards to the point where we couldn’t get the best shots that we wanted. Credit to Shane and

his boys.”

The Greyhounds improved to 7-7-3 with the victory and claimed their 17th sectional championship in program history. They will play Lawrence North Thursday in the regional semifinal.

University fell to Covenant Christian 4-0 last Saturday in the final of Class 1A Sectional 40 at Southmont.

The Trailblazers finished their season 7-11.

Boys Tennis Regional & Semi-State Championships

Millers going back to state, Tigers defends regional title

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys tennis team is heading back to the state finals.

The No. 18-ranked Millers claimed their second consecutive semi-state championship last Saturday, beating No. 19 Fort Wayne Carroll 4-1 at the Homestead 1 semi-state. Noblesville won all four of their matches in straight sets.

In singles play, No. 2 Zane Panning won 6-1, 6-3 and No. 3 Max Habel was victorious 6-4, 6-3. In doubles, No. 1 Jack Brenneman and Dane Campbell were 6-3, 6-2 winners and No. 2 Parker Stallings and Dustin Turpin won 6-2, 6-1.

The Millers will take on No. 6 Jasper at 10 a.m. Friday in the state quarterfinals, at North Central’s Barbara Wynne Tennis Center.

Over at Center Grove, No. 21 Fishers dropped a 4-1 semi-state match to the host and No. 4-ranked Trojans last Saturday.

Regional champs again

The Millers got past a tough Delta team 3-2 in the regional final at the Noblesville Tennis Complex last Wednesday.

The Millers swept the two doubles matches, with Brenneman and Campbell winning 6-4, 6-4 and Stallings and Turpin getting a 6-4, 6-3 victory. Noblesville coach Chris Pyle said the doubles teams got off to “a little bit of a slow start, but that’s why you play multiple sets, right? They ended up figuring it out.”



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield’s Parker Paramoure won the individual sectional championship last Thursday at Noblesville.

Habel was the clincher, turning things around to run away with his match 1-6, 6-3, 6-0.

“We just told him to slow down,” said Pyle. “He was doing too much. And sometimes if you do too much, you end up making costly errors and too many errors than you’re normally used to and it starts to snowball.”

But the coaches had Habel settle down and adjust his game plan a little bit.

“Worked in the second set, and we just said ‘Keep going until he beats it in the third set,’ and he won 6-0,” said Pyle. “Credit to him for slowing down a little bit.”

Noblesville beat Frankton 4-1 in the regional semifinals last Tuesday.

“Honestly, everyone played pretty well,” said Millers coach Chris Pyle. “Little slower starts at our singles spots. Doubles was fantastic the whole time,

but I think there were a little nerves in the beginning.”

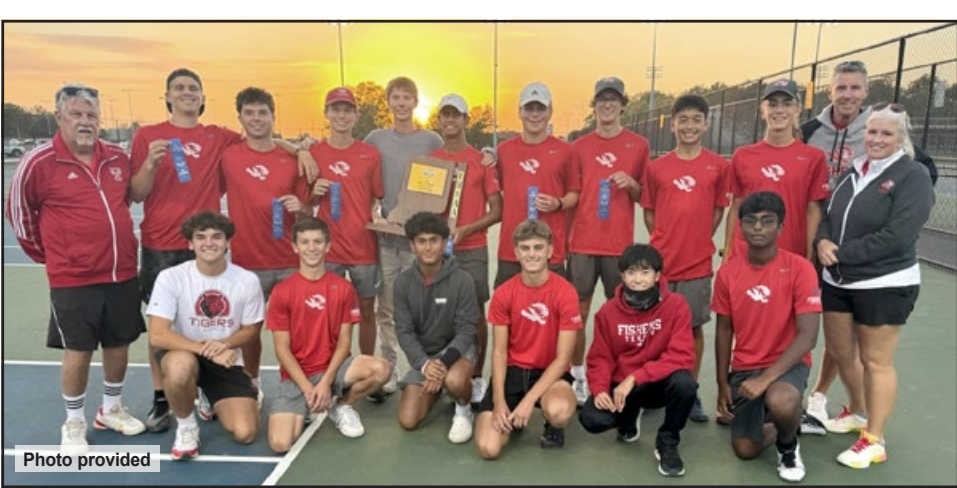
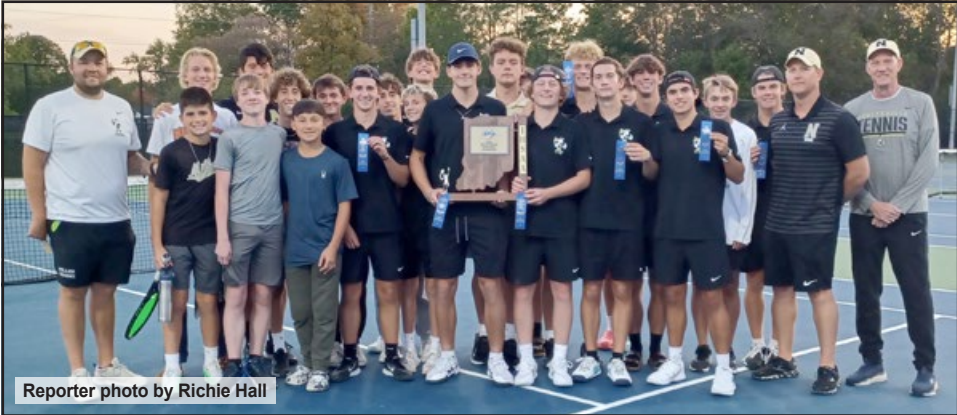
The Millers won all of their matches in straight sets, including 6-0, 6-0 shutouts in both doubles matches.

In singles play, Panning won his match 6-2, 6-0, while Habel was a 6-4, 6-2 winner. No. 1 singles Ethan Feliciano played a tough match with the Eagles’ Aaron Hartley: Feliciano won the first set 6-2, then Hartley took the second set 6-3. Despite battling cramps, Feliciano pushed Hartley all the way to a tiebreak in the third set, with Hartley winning the tiebreak 7-5.

“He started cramping in the second set,” said Pyle. The coaches tried to get him hydrated to go to the full third set.

“Still got it to a breaker somehow,” said Pyle. “But he’ll be all right. He’s happy. Everyone’s moving on.”

Meanwhile, Fishers



(TOP) The Noblesville boys tennis team defended its regional (pictured) and semi-state championship last week and will play Friday at the state finals. (ABOVE) The Fishers boys tennis team also defended its regional title, beating New Palestine 4-1 to win the Mount Vernon regional last Wednesday.

claimed the Mount Vernon regional title with a 5-0 win over Centerville in the semifinals and a 4-1 victory over New Palestine in the championship.

The Tigers swept all three singles matches in straight sets. No. 1 Aidan Foley was a 6-1, 6-2 winner, No. 2 Gavin Conrad scored a 6-0, 6-0 shutout and No. 3 Dylan Campbell won 6-2, 6-3. Fishers also won at No. 2 doubles, with Jackson Hunley and Beau Wolf coming back to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Carmel falls to Brebeuf

Carmel took a tough loss Tuesday in the semifinals of the Lebanon regional, as the No. 3 Greyhounds fell 3-2 to No. 1 Brebeuf Jesuit.

Carmel won both doubles matches to go up 2-0, but the Braves won all three of the singles matches in straight sets. The Greyhounds’ No. 1 doubles team of Michael Bao and Grant Mu will advance to the individual doubles tournament.

Individual play

Westfield’s Parker Par-

amoure won the individual sectional at Noblesville. He won his first match 6-3, 6-4 last Tuesday, then beat Alexandria’s Owen May 6-2, 6-0 in the semifinals last Wednesday. Paramoure defeated Delta’s Kody Vest 6-4, 6-0 last Thursday for the championship.

Hamilton Southeastern’s No. 1 doubles team of Tyler Rich and Landon Osswald beat New Palestine 6-4, 7-5 for the Mount Vernon individual doubles title. The Royals play at the Fishers regional on Saturday.

Girls Soccer Sectional Championship

Millers win sixth straight sectional crown

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – As soon as the ball left senior Kaydence Fleck’s right foot in the 67th minute on Saturday, Meredith Tippner raised both arms.

Finding Fleck open in the box while the top-ranked Hamilton Southeastern Royals (15-1-3) shifted over to swarm Tippner, a left-footed cross pass by the Noblesville senior was the knockout blow the second-ranked Millers needed during the Class 3A Sectional 8 championship.

In what Noblesville head coach Mike Brady coined a heavyweight bout between two of the nation’s top girls soccer programs, the difference was spacing, and the defending state champion Millers (15-0-2) found just enough to win their sixth straight sectional title, 1-0.

“It honestly started with the combination we’d been looking for. Connect, connect, you get me on the run facing forward, I get into space, and we’d been asking to get people in the box, crash, crash, crash,” Tippner said. “That’s what the Millers do, and I’m so proud of us.”

The fifth sectional final meeting between HSE and Noblesville since 2016 – and ninth straight year the programs have clashed in the postseason – lived up to the hype.

In 2020, the Millers won 2-1 in the sectional finals. In 2019, Noblesville won 3-1 in the sectional championship.

In 2017, a 3-2 regular-season victory by the Millers led to a 1-0 sectional final victory. The year prior, Noblesville swept both 2016 meetings with a 1-0

win in the finals.

HSE, which ranked No. 1 in the nation this season, beat Noblesville 3-2 in the regular season last year, the first time since 2014, and came back to tie 1-1 on Aug. 31 last fall.

However, in the past three postseason meetings, the Millers have prevailed twice in the semifinals and in the quarterfinals by margins of one goal.

Saturday’s win made it four for the Millers, who are ranked third in the nation.

“That’s what a great team does. They play a full 80 minutes. We did. We did the full 80, and we don’t want anyone else at keeper spot protecting our goal. Again, our defense just staying disciplined,” Tippner said. “I think everyone showed up to play, and that’s all you can ask.”

Ohio University commit Bella Wyatt was up to the task in goal, finishing with nine saves, as HSE peppered her to equalize.

During their regular-season game, the Millers struck first, 1-0, off an Atley Pittman free-kick goal in the 71st minute, but the Royals rallied back and tied it up in the 77th minute.

In the rematch, the same scenario nearly replayed itself.

HSE attacked. A pair of shots hit off the crossbar in the final two minutes, including a free-kick liner by junior Blair Satterfield and a header by junior Sloane May, a Michigan recruit, with 55 seconds remaining.

“The last couple of minutes are obviously always the hardest. They’ve been a good team, scoring in the last two minutes. They probably went on a five-game streak of scoring in the last two minutes, so I



Reporter photos by Julie Brown

(ABOVE) The Noblesville girls soccer team won its sixth straight sectional championship last Saturday, beating Hamilton Southeastern 1-0 at the Millers’ Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex. (BELOW LEFT) Noblesville goalkeeper Bella Wyatt made nine saves during the championship game. (BELOW RIGHT) Southeastern’s Gracie Pyle (right) defends while Noblesville’s Ashlyn McNitt takes control of the ball.

had to focus, keep my head down and keep working,” Wyatt said.

“We have the mentality of you have to give everything. The other teams obviously understand it, but they don’t understand it as well because we’ve been there before. We know what we have to put in to get there.”

The Millers have won four state titles in the past five years, and outscored Anderson and Mt. Vernon 15-1 this week to reach the sectional final at the Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

Despite their recent success, the Millers entered the game as the underdog in the rankings.

“We just want to be the best team we can be, and I thought we took a big step that way today, and we had to be because that’s a really good soccer team that we beat today. That’s a really good soccer team that left it on the field,” said Millers head coach Mike Brady, who netted career win No. 307. “Again, we’ve been here before,



so we don’t really think in terms of what our ranking is. We have at this point one goal, and we took a step toward that today.”

Fleck wasn’t worried about anything other than connecting, or as Brady explained: cool, calm and collected spelled with Ks.

“Meredith had an amazing cross, and I felt like I had a lot of space, so I had enough time to get it under control and I put it where I needed it,” Fleck said. “I just knew if I hit it, it probably was not going to go in, so I had to get that good touch, and I stay composed.”

From there, the Noblesville defense held for 13

minutes in arguably the state’s toughest sectional tournament field.

“We had what it took this year, so the simple answer is the opportunities that we have just need to go into the back of the net instead of an almost post. Did we hit the post six times in this game? ... there’s the difference,” HSE head coach Greg Davidson said. “The better team did not win today. We are a better team than them. Congratulations that they get to move on, but I’m devastated for my team that we’re not moving on because we’re better than Noblesville.”

HSE hasn’t won a sec-

tion title since 2012, while the Millers have netted eight in that time and 15 in program history overall.

“We needed that goal. Meredith, a few minutes before than was trying to do a little too much even for her. We got her off the field. She understood that she wasn’t going to do it by herself. The next time she got the ball, she laid it off, and Kaydence Fleck showed all the poise,” Brady said.

“Again, they just fought. That’s this team. It would have been easy to let them back in. We knew they were going to fight, and boy did they fight all the way until the end.”

ROYALS

“We’ve kind of had a target on our back. We saw it last game with Mt. Vernon. We came out strong and some things didn’t go our way, and the game got really hard, really chippy because teams see us as a team they want to beat,” HSE senior Jack Anderson said. “That target on our back has really been an issue, but we’ve been able to overcome it. If we keep overcoming that then I don’t think there’s anything in our way.”

The Tigers did their best to upend the Royals once again.

Fishers eliminated the Royals 3-2 in last year’s sectional semifinal round. They beat HSE 3-1 in the quarterfinals three years ago and lost 4-2 in the 2022 semifinals. In 2020, the Tigers beat the Royals 1-0 in the finals for their last title.

“They’ve improved a ton, and they came to battle. We struggled breaking the pressure and keeping our composure at times, but that’s one thing about this team all year. They find ways,” White said. “Sometimes, it’s really pretty, incredible soccer. It’s like, ‘Man, why can’t we do that all the time?’ But they find ways. It’s just a high-character team. I can’t say enough about our guys.”

Togetherness has been the secret formula, in addition to six seniors in the lineup Saturday and a six-save performance by Cam Joniec, who fended off nearly 20 attacks and several shots by Tigers’ top scorers including senior Reid Spittler (14 goals).

“That’s been the story all year,” White said. “They have that guy, and a lot of teams do. We don’t. It’s one of the things that makes it tighter in games like this sometimes, but it’s also one of the things that makes us

pretty dangerous because we have a lot of guys that put it in the back of the net, and it’s just about us being on the same page and being together.”

Caden Joniec’s goal gave the Royals some early reprieve, but nothing was certain until the clock hit zero. Not against their top Mud-sock rival.

“It’s been a long time. We’ve been talking in the program about how meaningful this would be. We put in the work. We started all the way back in January with morning practices, so this group has been really tight, playing really hard together. It was just a culminating moment to bring it all together and win the sectional,” Anderson said. “I think it just speaks of our character. We don’t have one guy that does everything. It’s just our group that works really well together.”

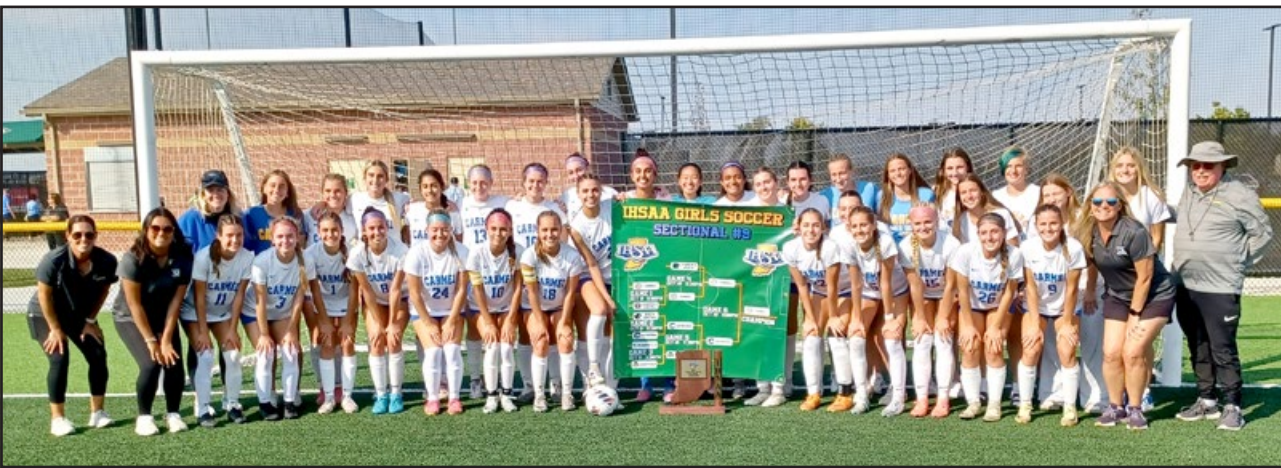
It was a proud moment for Caden and Cam, as the two brothers shared the spotlight but were quick to spread around the credit.

“I think we have the best defense in the state,” Cam Joniec said. “I haven’t had a clean sheet against Fishers yet, so I’m really excited to have it. Every big game it hasn’t been just me. It’s everybody.”

“It goes beyond just me and Cam being family,” Caden added. “I think our whole team is like a family. We’ve been so close than other years. All of us know each other so well on and off the field.”

In Thursday’s regional semifinal, once again at Royals Soccer Stadium, they’ll need the same cohesiveness to advance and vie for a potential first title since 2012 in 2A.

“We don’t care who gets the glory, we just care about the win,” White said.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) The Carmel girls soccer team cruised to its fourth consecutive sectional title last Saturday, beating Cathedral 3-1 for the Sectional 9 championship at Zionsville. (BELOW) Guerin Catholic’s Annie DeBone makes a kick for the Golden Eagles during their sectional final game last Saturday at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Never ceding control, Carmel secures fourth consecutive title

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

ZIONSVILLE – The Carmel girls soccer team cruised to its fourth consecutive sectional title last Saturday, beating Cathedral 3-1 for the Class 3A Sectional 9 crown at the Zionsville Athletic Complex.

The Greyhounds were in control for the entire game. Elsie Flanders put in Carmel’s first goal during the 19th minute, then scored a second time with 5:45 left in the first half. Meanwhile, the Greyhounds’ defense was doing its job, not allowing the Irish a shot until the 33rd minute.

“We were all hyped on the bus and we were getting ready,” said Flanders. “We were just really excited to play.”

“I don’t think I’ve ever been on a bus like that,” said Carmel coach Frank Dixon. “Music was blasting, they were just jumping. I thought when we got here, we would have no adrenaline left at all, that we would use it all up on the bus. They came right out and settled down and played our game and it

was great to watch.”

Carmel continued to roll in the second half, with Olivia Cebalo kicking in the Greyhounds’ third goal with 15:14 left. Cathedral scored its lone goal 55 seconds later, but the Hounds clamped down for the remaining 14 minutes. Carmel wound up outshooting Cathedral 16-4.

The Greyhounds improved to 14-3-2 with the victory, their 20th sectional title in program history. Carmel advances to the regional semifinal, which the Hounds will play Wednesday at Brownsburg.

Guerin, Sheridan fall

Guerin Catholic, last year’s Class 2A state champion, fell in the final of Sectional 26 last Saturday, 2-0 to host Brebeuf Jesuit.

The Golden Eagles finished their season 8-5-4.

Sheridan fell in the final of Class 1A Sectional 38 at Lafayette Central Catholic last Saturday, 2-0 to Faith Christian.

The Blackhawks finished their season 12-5-1, also winning the Hoosier Heartland Conference championship.



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Public Notice

Lennar Corporation (11555 N. Meridian St, Suite 400, Carmel, IN 46032) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction related activities associated with the Noble West Townhomes project, located in Hamilton County, Indiana. More specifically, the project is located at the northeast corner of Hazel Dell Road and Edenshall Lane, part of the SW Quarter of Section 15, Township 18N, Range 4E. Kirkendall Creek is the receiving water for this project site. Please direct questions to David Welch, PE of American Structurepoint at 317-547-5580 or by email at dwelch@structurepoint.com.

R5101 10/14/24

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
J. S. McCarty Drain, Phase 3 Reconstruction
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the J. S. McCarty Drain, Phase 3 Reconstruction on October 28, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Historic Courtroom, Hamilton County Historic Courthouse 2nd Floor, 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Hamilton County Drainage Board

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
R5104 10/14/24

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT)
CIVIL DIVISION, Room 2)
CAUSE NO 29D02-2406-DN-006593)
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:)
OLAYEMI DOLAPO ADEDAYO,)
Petitioner,)
and)
RODNEY WILLIAMS REID,)
Respondent.)
SUMMONS
This summons is to the Respondent above-named, and to any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Hamilton Superior Court, Hamilton County, Indiana in an action entitled In Re the Marriage of Olayemi Dolapo Adedayo and Rodney Williams Reid Cause No: 29D02-2406-DN-006593 the person named above as Petitioner. This summons by publication is specifically directed to Respondent above whose current address and whereabouts are unknown.
The named Petitioner is represented by Swaray E. Conteh, Attorney at Law, The Law Office of Swaray Conteh, 1058 Winterthur, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260.
The nature of this suit against you is a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
An answer or other response in writing to the petition must be filed either by you or your attorney within 30 days after the third notice of suit, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded by Petitioner.
If you have a claim for relief against the Petitioner arising from the same transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer or response.
Dated: 6/18/2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
R4994 9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 29D03-2408-DN-9610)
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:)
Quita Yvette Knazze)
Petitioner)
v)
Charles Patrick Orrison)
Respondent)
SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to Respondent: Charles Patrick Orrison 413-A Cecil St Durham, NC. 27707 (954) 616-7928
You have been sued by your spouse for dissolution of marriage. The case is pending in the Court named above. If this Summons is accompanied by an Order Setting Hearing, you must appear in Court on the date and time stated on the Order Setting Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT. If a Temporary Restraining Order is issued, it is effective immediately upon your receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney to represent you in the matter, it is advisable to do so before the date stated on the Notice of Provisional Hearing.
If you take no action in this case after receipt of this Summons, the Court can grant a Dissolution of Marriage and/or make determinations that may include but not limited to any of the following: paternity, child custody, child support, maintenance, parenting time, property (real or personal), and other distribution of assets and debts, attorney fees and costs.
Dated: August 27, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk of Courts
R5022 9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2407-MI-7670)
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Kimberly Ann Frederici)
Petitioner)
NOTICE OF HEARING
Kimberly Ann Frederici, whose mailing address is: 912 Nevelle Ln, Carmel, IN 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Kimberly Ann Frederici has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Kimberly Ann Kiely.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Kimberly Ann Frederici
Petitioner
Date: July 19, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5070 10/7, 10/14 10/21/24

29D03-2409-EU-000424)
STATE OF INDIANA)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF JAMES F. ACRES,)
Deceased.)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on September 30, 2024, Jerry W. Acres was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of James F. Acres, deceased, who died on May 8, 2024.
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 from the date of Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on September 30, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
CLERK, Hamilton Superior Court
Jeanette C. Kassebaum
Attorney
P.O. Box 221
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Fishers, IN 46038
(317) 578-4550
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29D02-2410-EU-000437)
Hayden C.T. Parsons, #37938-71)
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P.O. Box 691)
Noblesville, IN 46061)
(574) 250-1761)
hayden@hctplaw.com)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
In the Hamilton Superior Court 2, Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Tina Marie Edwards was, on October 6, 2024 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mark Augusta Edwards, deceased, who died on September 17, 2024.
All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this October 6, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court 2
Hamilton County, Indiana
R5083 10/14/24, 10/21/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
COURT)
CASE NO. 29C01-2404-MI-003683)
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp)
Petitioner.)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp, whose mailing address is: 196 Amys Run Drive Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Jo Ann Marie Brokamp has filed a petition in the Hamilton- County Circuit Court requesting that their name be changed to Jo Ann Marie Sparks.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: December 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp
Petitioner
Date: August 9, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5004 9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
COURT)
CASE NO. 29C01-2404-MI-003682)
IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
Emma Faith Brokamp)
Name of Minor)
Jo Ann Marie Brokamp)
By Next Friend)
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME**
Notice is hereby given that, Jo Ann Marie Brokamp, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on March 23, 2023 to change the name of Emma Faith Brokamp to Emma Faith Sparks.
The Petition is schedule for hearing in the Hamilton County Circuit Court on December 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.j 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.
Date: August 9, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R5003 9/30/24, 10/7/24, 10/14/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2409-EU-000416)
IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE)
ESTATE OF MARK DERBIQUE,)
DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
In the matter of the Estate of Mark Derbique, deceased.
CAUSE NUMBER: 29D02-2409-EU-000416
Notice is hereby given that Bridget Derbique was on September, 2024, appointed personal representative of the estate of Mark Derbique, deceased, who died on June 19th, 2024.
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, this September 26, 2024.
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court
Prepared by: Ethan Runnebohm, Atty #36217-49
Moore Law, LLC
104 Aspen Drive
Batesville, Indiana 47006
(812) 932-1227
R5063 10/7/24, 10/14/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY)
SUPERIOR COURT)
CAUSE NO 9D03-2409-GU-000206)
IN RE: THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:)
GABRIEL FELIPE ARENAS DIAZ,)
Minor)
NOTICE OF SUIT
To the biological father, Albeiro Arenas Sanches, or any other interested person:
Petitioner, Marl Yiset Diaz Mondragon, has filed a Petition for Appointment of Guardian Over Person of Minor in the Hamilton Superior Court. A hearing on said Petition is scheduled on November 19, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. in the Hamilton Superior Court, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.
At the hearing, the Court will decide whether the individual, Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz, is a minor under Indiana law. The Court will also decide whether the Petitioner, Marl Yiset Diaz Mondragon should be appointed guardian of the person and estate of Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz. This proceeding may substantially affect the rights of Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz. The Court will hold this hearing for the purpose of determining whether a Guardian should be appointed for Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz.
The Court may, in its discretion, appoint another qualified person as Guardian. The Court also may, in its discretion, limit the powers and duties of the Guardian to allow the minor, Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz, to retain control over certain property and activities.
Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz may attend the hearing and be represented by an attorney. The Petition may be heard and determined in the absence of Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz, if the Court determines that his presence is not required. If Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz attends the hearing, opposes the Petition, and is not represented by an attorney, the Court may appoint an attorney and/or a Guardian Ad Litem to represent Gabriel Felipe Arenas Diaz at the hearing.
The Court may, on its own motion, or on request of any interested person, postpone the hearing to another date and time. You may appear at this hearing and be heard by the Court. If you do not appear, the Petition will be heard and acted upon by the Court in your absence.
Dated: September 30, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of Hamilton County
This instrument prepared by Catherine S. Christoff, #11571-02
CHRISTOFF & CHRISTOFF
130 West Main Street, Suite 22
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
(260) 422-1561
Fax: (260) 422-1563
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COUNTY

Request for Qualifications
Hamilton County Special Projects for 2025 and 2026
Construction and General Contracting Services
Project Location: Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, Hamilton County Jail Complex, Hamilton County 4H Campus, Hamilton County Highway Department and the Hamilton County Health Department.
Response Due Date: October 25, 2024 by 4:00 PM
Tentative Selection Date: November 12, 2024
Hamilton County is requesting qualifications (the "RFQ") for professional Construction Management Services ("CM Services") for the following interior and exterior renovations:
• Exterior brick work, renovation, and rehabilitation
• Repair and/or replace windows
• All other special projects approved by Buildings and Grounds for 2025 and 2026
• Install a new HVAC system and remove the existing HVAC system
These services are being requested at the following locations (a non-exhaustive list): the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, Hamilton County Jail Complex, Hamilton County 4H Campus, Hamilton County Highway Department and the Hamilton County Health Department. The RFQ is being issued to solicit certain documents from qualified firms to perform professional services for the above-mentioned project as outlined in this RFQ.
A response to this RFQ is not a guarantee that the firm responding will be awarded a contract to perform CM Services, but only that the responding firm wishes to be considered.
Contact for questions regarding this RFQ:
Mr. Steve Wood
Title: Building and Grounds Superintendent
Phone Number: 317.776.8446
Email: steve.wood@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
INTRODUCTION
Potential firms shall be required to submit the following documents:
1. A response to this RFQ as outlined herein.
2. One (1) original, three (3) copies, and one disc or flash drive of the response are to be submitted.
3. All submittals shall be titled: Request for Qualifications for the Hamilton County Special Projects for 2025 and 2026: Construction and General Contracting Services
4. All submittals shall be made to: Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
c/o Mr. Lee Buckingham
Title: Director of Administrations
Address: 1 N. 8th St., #157
Noblesville, IN 46060
Pre-selection information:
1. The firm shall be properly licensed in Indiana to provide the CM Services requested.
2. A contract with terms similar to a standard contract terms will be executed between the selected firm and the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners. The County reserve the right to modify, amend, or replace the contract with a County drafted contract.
3. The County reserves the right to reject any or all RFQs, to waive any informality or irregularity in any RFQ received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective RFQs received.
Section 1: The Project.
The Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County (the "Commissioners"), Indiana seeks CM Services to begin a project for the renovation and modernization of existing space to accommodate the needs for the County government's continued growth, updating existing systems, updating and installing new HVAC systems, removing old HVAC systems, brick work, and other similar construction services (the "Project").
The scope of Project is:
a. Update and/or replace certain mechanical systems at the current historic courthouse, judicial center, health department center, jail complex and 4-H.
b. Exterior and roof repairs and replacement at various buildings throughout the County.
c. Misc. interior renovations at the County facilities.
d. Work with design and architect team to design miscellaneous mechanical upgrades throughout the County.
e. Coordinate all permitting requirements with Authorities Having Jurisdiction.
f. All of the scope of the Project will likely be performed and completed while continuing the operations of the Hamilton County government at all Project locations/sites.
In order to complete the project, the Commissioners are seeking a qualified professional CM Services firm with experience in the construction, renovations and modernizations of judicial facilities and design of government use space. The potential firm must have the experience to ensure the continued operations of Hamilton County throughout the duration of the Project. The Commissioners expect that the selected firm will provide recommendations and services to work with the conceptual design, prepare construction documents and specifications of the renovations and structures.
The final project scope will be determined through a scoping period with the selected firm, during which the selected firm will be required to provide site analysis, design, operation of the project site during construction, and construction analysis to create a final scope and budget. The scoping period is anticipated to be a very intense and fast-paced process, with the goal of achieving a final budget in the fall of 2024.
Upon receiving a satisfactory scoping schedule from the selected firm, the County will move forward with the Project and selected firm. If the selected firm is unable to produce satisfactory deliverables and budget, the County will begin a new scoping period with another firm or cancel the RFQ process all together. All funding subject to budget approvals for 2025 and 2026.
Section 2: Qualification Information Required (10-pages maximum)
1. Informational Cover Letter
2. Identification, Qualifications and Key Staff
a. Provide the firm name and office location from where the work will be performed. Include the name and contact information for the person authorized to negotiate the proposed contract.
b. Describe the project team, organizational structure and individuals responsible for the delivery of the key tasks.
c. Include a listing of the proposed subconsultants and the tasks to be completed by the prime and each subconsultant.
d. Describe the capacity of the team to complete the required work elements.
3. Describe experience in the construction and construction management of courthouse construction/renovations, or other similar projects, projects and a description of space for other government uses. Include references for the projects noted. List up to four county courthouse projects and similar government projects.
a. Provide references for projects included in the project experience section.
4. Your firm's project understanding and approach to the project.
a. Address your firm's understanding of the services requested and approach to completing the design requirements. Describe your proposed innovative ideas, cost containment measures, energy efficiency and/or sustainable design suggestions, staging and sequencing of work to accommodate operating government offices, seamless design of building additions, quality control procedures, etc.
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NOBLESVILLE

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:
By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060
Project: Flasher Sign Replacement
Until: 09:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:
SEALED BID: Flasher Sign Replacement
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M. local time, Tuesday, October 29, 2024.
Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Traffic Control: Signal Installation and Sign Installation"
The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of:
Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of Removal and replacement of various school zone flasher assemblies and pedestrian crossing RFRB assemblies.
Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.
Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after October 14, 2024. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to rgulley@noblesville.in.gov and dochoa@noblesville.in.gov requesting instructions to download project documents.
Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville - Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:
Andrew Rodewald, PE
City of Noblesville Engineering Department
Email: arodewald@noblesville.in.gov
Carbon Copy Question To:
Rene Gulley
Street Department
Email: rgulley@noblesville.in.gov
Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.
Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.
Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must state that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.
All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
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FISHERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
In accordance with Ind. Code §§5-3-1 and 5-23 et. seq., the City of Fishers Board of Public Works & Safety ("Board") will hold a public hearing on Tuesday October 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., at the City of Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038 to consider a recommendation to award a public-private agreement to Meyer Najem Construction LLC ("Meyer Najem") for Meyer Najem to design, build and transfer to the City the Fishers Phase 1 of the Fishers White River Park. The Board will hear and receive comments from all interested persons. Proposals and an explanation for the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours at Fishers City Hall, Administrative Office, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038.
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COUNTY

NOTICE
Project: Hamilton County Special Projects 2024
Bid Package: 15 4H Expo and Historic Courthouse Roof Replacement
Scope of work: Flat roof replacements for the Hamilton County 4H Expo Center building and the Historic Courthouse. There will be an alternate to repair slate roofs on the Historic Courthouse; contractor must submit 3 projects with slate roof repairs in the last 5 years to be qualified.
Contractor Bids: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the historic courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 11:30 a.m. on October 28th, 2024. After 11:30 a.m. bids may be delivered to the historic courtroom located on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28th, 2024.
Project Information: To request project documents (drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com and access will be provided.
Subcontractor walkthrough: Contact Mitch Imler at HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com to schedule.
Questions: All questions and correspondence should be directed to HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com.
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SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS: HAMILTON COUNTY)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA)
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2302-MF-001830)
WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL)
ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL)
CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA)
TRUST 2014-2)
PLAINTIFF)
vs)
JACQUELINE LEVELL; STEPFON LEVELL;)
SUMERLIN TRAILS HOMEOWNERS)
ASSOCIATION, INC.; MARINER FINANCE, LLC)
SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PERSONAL)
FINANCE COMPANY; STATE OF INDIANA)
DEFENDANTS)
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on **06/09/2023**, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on **November 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:
Lot 256 Sumerlin Trails at Hoosier Woods, Section Six, recorded June 8, 2004, as Instrument No. 04-39494, in Plat Cabinet 3, Slide 418 Certificate of Correction recorded as Instrument No. 2004-56156, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 11154 Schoolhouse Road, Fishers, IN 46037
State Parcel Number: 29-11-33-013-035.000-020
Township: Fall Creek
This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).
It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.
Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of MFRA Trust 2014-2. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisal laws.
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Attorney for Plaintiff
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579
15-23-00081
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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ARCADIA

NOTICE OF PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER CONSTRUCTION
Horvath Towers VI is planning to construct a communications tower in Arcadia, Indiana. Horvath Towers VI has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for an Antenna Structure Registration utilizing Form 854 with a filing number of A1300371. The tower is located with an approximate address of +/- 8582 E. 256th Street, Arcadia, IN 46030. Coordinates of the location are 40° 09' 41.59" N, -86° 01' 15.91". The project consists of the construction of a 170' tall monopole tower plus appurtenances for an overall height of 175'. The ground space will be developed with a fenced in compound measuring 100' x 100'. The tower will not be lit. Interested persons can review this application by going to: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 file number of A1300371. Persons who may have environmental concerns about this structure are able to raise such concerns by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. The Federal Communication Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file a Request for Environmental Review. Interested persons can file a Request for Environmental Review at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. If you would rather mail in a paper copy you can do so to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.
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— WESTFIELD —

**CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR AUDITING SERVICES
Proposals Due: October 25, 2024**

The City of Westfield, Indiana is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants, in accordance with the provisions of the Indiana General Statutes, to conduct an examination and to render an opinion on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the City of Westfield.

Proposals will be received 3:00 pm on October 25, 2024, at which time no further proposals will be considered.

Information concerning this Request for Proposals may be obtained by contacting John Rogers, Director of Enterprise at (317) 804-3007. The City of Westfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General Information

The City of Westfield (the City) is requesting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024, 2025, & 2026. These audits are to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards set forth for financial audits in the General Accounting Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards (1994), the provisions of the Federal Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended in 1996, and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations, and the provisions of Sections 4-230 through 4-236 of the Indiana General Statutes concerning the State Single Audit Act.

The auditor(s) shall state that the primary purpose of the audit is to express an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole and that the audit is subject to the inherent risk that errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for the City of Westfield to reimburse firms for any expenses incurred in preparing proposals in response to this request.

To be considered, an original and five (5) copies of a proposal must be received by the City of Westfield, before 3:00 pm October 25, 2024. The City of Westfield reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted. Proposals submitted will be evaluated by accounting personnel, City administrators and Audit Committee members.

During the evaluation process, the selection personnel and the City of Westfield reserve the right, where it may serve the City of Westfield's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from proposers, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions. At the discretion of the City of Westfield or the selection personnel, firms submitting proposals may be requested to make oral presentations as part of the evaluation process.

The City of Westfield reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas in a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposals, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the City of Westfield and the firm selected.

It is anticipated the selection of a firm will be completed no later than November 12, 2024. Following the notification of the selected firm, it is expected that an engagement letter will be executed between both parties within 30 days of approval.

B. Term of Engagement

Contract Period - The agreement shall be for a three-year period and shall become effective immediately upon execution by all parties with implementation of all specified services to take place for the audit of fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. The contract entered into between the City and the firm shall extend for term through and including the audit for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. The agreement may be extended at the discretion of the Audit Committee.

Compensation - Compensation for services shall be a fixed price for each year of the three-year term of the agreement. The fixed fee shall include a minimum number of hours to be allocated to the partner-in-charge, supervising manager, and field staff. Upon request the firm will provide the City with a statement of chargeable hours to substantiate billings. Any annual optional extensions shall be performed at prices to be negotiated before the option is exercised.

Termination of Contract - Following implementation, should the Audit Committee find that the firm has failed in any material respect to perform its obligations under the agreement; the Audit Committee may cancel the agreement. The firm shall be liable for damages from such breach including reasonably foreseeable incidental and consequential damages. Should the City find that the provision of auditing services under the terms of the agreement precludes the City from administering its duties in an effective and efficient manner; the Audit Committee may cancel the agreement upon 180 days written notice to the firm. In such event the City shall compensate the firm at the pro rata hourly rate for services performed through the effective date of the cancellation which shall be in full and complete satisfaction of the firm's claims. The firm shall promptly return all workpapers and work in progress to the City. The firm shall provide the City at least 180 days prior written notice of its intent to terminate any agreement.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE GOVERNMENT

A. General

The auditor's principal contact with the City of Westfield will be Marla Ailor, Clerk Treasurer, or a designated representative, who will coordinate the assistance to be provided by the City of Westfield to the auditor.

B. Background Information

The City has an elected Mayor, elected Clerk Treasurer and an elected Common Council. Westfield's City Council has seven members, two at large and five that represent districts.

Cities are authorized to establish any executive departments which they consider necessary to "efficiently perform the administrative functions that will fulfill the needs of their citizens" (IC 36-4-9-4).

The City of Westfield serves an area of 32.97 square miles with a population of an estimated 59,000. The City of Westfield's fiscal year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

The City of Westfield provides the following services to its citizens: Development & Planning Services, Fire Protection & Ambulance Services, Police, Parks and Recreation, Public Works Services, including Road Repair & Snow Removal, and General Government Services. The City provides a stormwater system. Utilities, Trash & Recycling services are provided by third parties.

The City of Westfield is organized into several departments. All funds are under the administrative control of the Mayor's Office.

C. Fund Structure

The City of Westfield uses all the funds included in the budget and the ACFR under general ledger control, and account groups in its financial reporting.

D. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The City of Westfield prepares its zero-based budgets on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles except that encumbrances are recognized as a valid and proper charge against an appropriation in the year the purchase order is issued.

E. Pension Plans

The City of Westfield participates in the following pension plans:

1. All full-time City employees, except for those eligible for participation in the 77 Fund and sworn police officers, participate in a contributory single-employer defined benefit pension plan.

III. ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AUDITOR AND REPORT PREPARATION

A. Statements and Schedules and Other Pertinent Information to be Prepared by the City of Westfield

The Clerk-Treasurer, or a designated representative, will prepare or provide the following statements and schedules for the auditor as follows:

- Adjusted trial balance for all funds.
- Detailed schedules of revenues and expenditures, expenses, accounts payable and receivable, and encumbrances.
- Detail of balance sheet and subsidiary account activity.
- Check registers for all funds.
- Bank reconciliations for all accounts.
- Detail of capital projects expenditures
- Analysis of accounts as requested.
- Investment activity schedules.
- Debt schedules.
- Fixed assets schedules.
- Payroll records.
- Tax collection schedules.
- Schedule of compensated absences.
- Latest actuarial reports.
- Completed ED-001 and supporting documents.
- Standard representation letters.
- Individual fund statements for all funds.
- Notes to the combined financial statements.
- Required supplementary information.
- Management's discussion and analysis.
- ACFR statistical tables.
- Schedule of federal and state assistance.

B. General

Workspace will be provided in close proximity to the financial records. Copiers/fax devices will be made available as well as internet access during the engagement. The auditor will be required to provide computer equipment and other office materials as needed.

IV. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. General

The City of Westfield is soliciting the services of qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit its financial statements for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2024, 2025 & 2026. These audits are to be performed in accordance with the provisions contained in this request for proposals.

B. Qualifying Requirements

Qualified Firm:

Firms submitting proposals must be qualified to perform independent audits of municipalities of the State of Indiana. The firm must have been engaged during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, as independent auditors for the purpose of rendering an opinion on the annual financial statements of an Indiana municipality with a population of at least 40,000.

Location:

The auditors must have an office located within the State of Indiana, and resident staff must be able to offer the full range of auditing services required by this Request for Proposals.

Non-Discrimination:

No person shall be denied or subjected to discrimination on account of any services, or activities made possible by or resulting from this agreement on the grounds of sex, race, color, creed, national origin, age (except minimum age and retirement provision), marital status or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical handicap. Any violation of this provision shall be considered a violation of a material provision of this agreement and shall be grounds for cancellation, termination or suspension in whole or in part of the agreement by the City of Westfield and may result in ineligibility for further City of Westfield contracts. The proposer shall at all times in the proposal and contract process comply with all applicable City of Westfield, state, and federal anti-discrimination laws, rules, regulations and requirements thereof.

Reports:

Each proposer shall submit copies of at least two Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports issued by Indiana municipalities in which their opinion is contained. At least one of these reports shall have been awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting within the past three years.

Other:

Supervisory members of the audit team, including the "in charge" field auditor, should be Certified Public Accountants and have a minimum of three (3) years of municipal audit experience in the State of Indiana. The selection personnel intend to strongly consider municipal audit experience and certification in evaluating the proposer's audit team. It is the City's desire to maintain a consistently qualified

team during the term of the engagement.

List the current Indiana municipal clients and the Indiana clients lost and gained during the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023.

C. Scope of Work to be Performed

The City of Westfield desires the auditor to express an opinion on the fair presentation of its basic financial statements, the combining and individual non-major fund financial statements and schedules in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The auditor is not required to audit the supporting schedules, the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison contained in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. However, the auditor is to provide an "in-relation-to" report on the supporting schedules and information based on the auditing procedures applied during the audit of the basic financial statements and the combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules. The auditor is not required to audit the introductory section of the report or the statistical section of the report.

The auditor may also be responsible for the Government-wide Financial Statements. The auditor will be entirely responsible for the printing of 20 ACFRs before June 30th each year for the previous fiscal year.

A PDF or similar file of the ACFR that is able to be posted on the City website will be provided to the City at that time.

D. Auditing Standards to be Followed

To meet the requirements of this request for proposals, the audit shall be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the standards for financial audits set forth in the U.S. Comptroller General's Government Auditing Standards, the provisions of the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended in 1996, the provisions of U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations, and in conjunction and conformity with the Indiana Single Audit Act.

E. Reports to be Issued

Following the completion of the audit of the fiscal year's financial statements, the auditor shall issue, as required by generally accepted auditing standards, and Government Auditing standards, OMB Circular A-133, and the Indiana Single Audit Act, including but not limited to the following:

- A report on the fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- A report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- A report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Financial Assistance.
- A report on compliance and internal control over compliance applicable to each major federal award program.
- A report on the Supplementary Schedule of State Financial Assistance.
- A report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Single Audit Act.
- A report on compliance with the general requirements applicable to state financial assistance programs.
- A report on compliance with specific requirements applicable to major state financial assistance programs.

The auditor shall communicate in a letter to the Finance Committee any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition shall be defined as a significant deficiency in the design or operation of the internal control structure, which could adversely affect the organization's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

F. Special Considerations

1. The City of Westfield will send its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for review in its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program in a timely manner. The City will not allow an extension on submission for this program.
2. The schedule of federal and state financial assistance and related auditor's reports, as well as the reports on the internal control structure and compliance, are to be issued separately from the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
3. The City of Westfield currently anticipates it will prepare one or more official statements in connection with the sale of debt securities which will contain the basic financial statements and the auditor's opinion thereon. The auditor shall be required, if requested by the City's municipal advisor and/or the underwriter, to issue a "consent and citation of expertise" as the auditor and any necessary "comfort letters".

G. Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers

All working papers and reports must be retained, at the auditor's expense, for a minimum of three (3) years, unless the firm is notified in writing by the City of Westfield of the need to extend the retention period. The auditor will be required to make working papers available, upon request by the City of Westfield. In accordance with the requirements of Government Auditing Standards and of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, the auditor is required to provide access to the working papers and photocopies thereof to a federal agency or the Comptroller General of the United States upon their request for their regulatory oversight purposes. If such a request is made, the auditor will inform the Clerk Treasurer prior to providing such access.

In addition, the firm shall respond to the reasonable inquiries of successor auditors and allow successor auditors to review working papers relating to matters of continuing accounting significance.

H. Other Audit Services

Periodically the City of Westfield is required to have separate audits performed. The auditor will be expected to perform these audits and any other audit services requested by the City of Westfield outside of the standard audit at the hourly rate stated in Appendix A.

I. Implied Requirements

All services not specifically mentioned in this request for proposals that are necessary to provide the functional capabilities described by the auditor shall be included in the Scope of Services.

V. TIME REQUIREMENTS

A. Proposal Calendar

The following is a list of key dates up to and including the date proposals are due to be submitted:

B. Schedule for the Annual Audit and Pension Plan Audit

The following timeline is for the 2025 and 2026 audit and should be completed no later than the dates indicated.

1. Interim work
 - The auditor shall complete interim fieldwork by December 31st.
2. Detailed Audit Plan
 - The auditor shall provide the City of Westfield by March 1st both a detailed audit plan and a list of all data requests to be provided by the City of Westfield.
3. Fieldwork
 - The auditor shall complete all fieldwork by May 31st.
4. Draft Report and Significant audit findings
 - The auditor shall provide the City of Westfield with a draft report, listing of audit comments and significant audit findings by June 9th.
5. Exit Conference and Final Repots
 - An exit conference and final reports shall be completed by June 23rd.

C. Report Submissions

Copies of all reports shall be addressed to the City of Westfield, Clerk-Treasurer, Audit Committee, Finance Committee and City Council. The successful proposer will also submit copies of reports as required by state and federal audit requirements.

The final report and 20 signed copies and a thumb drive should be delivered to: City of Westfield
Enterprise Development
2728 East 171st Street
Westfield, Indiana 46074

VI. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

A. General Requirements

- 1) Inquiries

Inquiries concerning the request for proposals and the subject of the request for proposals must be made to: City of Westfield
Audit Committee
2728 East 171st Street
Westfield, Indiana 46074
Attn: John Rogers,
Director of Enterprise Development 317-804-3007

- 2) Submission of Proposals

The following material is required to be received by 3:00 p.m. on October 25, 2024, for a proposing firm to be considered:

- a. The Proposal, five copies, and thumb drive are to include the following:
 - i. Title PageTitle page showing the request for proposal's subject; the firm's name; the name, address and telephone number of a contact person; and the date of the proposal.
- ii. Table of Contents
- iii. Transmittal Letter

A signed letter of transmittal briefly stating the proposer's understanding of the work to be done, the commitment to perform the work within the time period, a statement why the firm believes itself to be best qualified to perform the engagement and a statement that the proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer for the period covered.

- iv. Detailed Proposal

The detailed proposal should follow the order set forth in Section VI B of this request for proposals.

- v. Guarantees and Warranties

Executed copies of Proposer Guarantees and Proposer Warranties attached to this request for proposals (Appendix B).

- vi. Insurance Schedule (Appendix C).
- vii. Audit Services Proposal Letter (Appendix D).

- b. The proposer shall submit an original and five copies of a dollar cost proposal attached to this request for proposals (Appendix A).
- c. Proposers should send the completed proposal consisting of the two (2) separate envelopes, and thumb drive to the following address:
City of Westfield
Director Enterprise Development
2728 East 171st Street
Westfield, Indiana 46074

The envelopes shall be clearly marked as follows:
Envelope #1: Audit Technical Proposal
Envelope #2: Audit Sealed Dollar Cost Proposal (Appendix A)

B. Technical Proposal

1. General Requirements

The purpose of the Technical Proposal is to demonstrate the qualifications, competence and capacity of the firms seeking to undertake an independent audit of the City of Westfield in conformity with the requirements of this request for proposals. As such, the substance of proposals will carry more weight than their form or manner of presentation. The Technical Proposal should demonstrate the qualifications of the firm and of the particular staff to be assigned to this engagement. It should also specify an audit approach that will meet the request for proposals requirements.

THERE SHOULD BE NO DOLLAR UNITS OR TOTAL COSTS INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL DOCUMENT.

The Technical Proposal should address all the points outlined in the request for proposals (excluding any cost information which should only be included in Appendix A). The Proposal should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the proposer's capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the request for proposals. While additional items may be presented, the following subjects, items Nos. 2 through 8, must be included. They represent the criteria against which the proposal will be evaluated.

2. Independence

The firm should provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of the City of Westfield as defined by generally accepted accounting standards and the U.S. Comptroller General's Government Auditing Standards (1994).

The firm should also list and describe the firm's professional relationships involving the City of Westfield or any of its agencies for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest relative to performing the proposed audit.

In addition, the firm shall give the City of Westfield written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement.

3. License to Practice in Indiana

An affirmative statement should be included indicating that the firm and all key professional staff are properly qualified to practice in Indiana.

4. Firm Qualifications and Experience

The proposer should state the size of the firm, the size of the firm's governmental audit staff, the location of the office from which the work on this engagement is to be performed and the number and nature of the professional staff to be employed in this engagement on a full-time basis and the number and nature of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.

The firm shall also provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of its audits during the last three (3) years. In addition, the firm shall provide information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against the firm during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations.

The firm is also required to submit a copy of the report on its most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific government engagements.

5. Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience

The firm should identify the principal supervisory and management staff, including engagement partners, managers, other supervisors and specialists, who would be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether each such person is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in Indiana. Provide information on the government auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional education for the past three (3) years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.

Provide as much information as possible regarding the number, qualifications, experience and training, including relevant continuing professional education, of the specific staff to be assigned to this engagement. Indicate how the quality of the staff over the term of the agreement will be assured.

The proposer should identify the extent to which its staff reflects the City of Westfield's commitment to Affirmative Action.

Engagement partners, managers, other supervisory staff and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted or are assigned to another office. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of City of Westfield. Replacement personnel must have the same or greater level of municipal audit experience as the originally proposed staff, or the City of Westfield will be entitled to a 10% reduction in fees. In any case, the City of Westfield retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Consultants and firm specialists mentioned in response to this request for proposals can only be changed with the express prior written permission of the Audit Committee, which retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Other audit personnel may be changed at the discretion of the proposer provided that replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience or the City of Westfield will be entitled to a 10% reduction in fees.

6. Similar Engagements with Other Government Entities

For the firm's office that will be assigned responsibility for the audit, list the most significant engagements (maximum - 5) performed in the last five years that are similar to the engagement described in this request for proposal. These engagements should be ranked on the basis of total staff hours. Indicate the scope of work, date, engagement partners, total hours, and the name and telephone number of the principal client contact.

7. Specific Audit Approach

The proposal should set forth a work plan, including an explanation of the audit methodology to be followed, to perform the services required in Section IV of this request for proposals. In developing the work plan, reference should be made to such sources of information as the City of Westfield's budget and related materials, organizational charts, manuals and programs, and financial and other management information systems.

Proposers will be required to provide the following information on their audit approach:

- a. Proposed segmentation of the engagement
- b. Level of staff and number of hours to be assigned to each proposed segment of the engagement. NO DOLLARS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL
- c. Sample size and the extent to which statistical sampling is to be used in the engagement.
- d. Extent of use of EDP software in the engagement.
- e. Type and extent of analytical procedures to be used in the engagement.
- f. Approach to be taken to gain and document an understanding of the City of Westfield's internal control structure.
- g. Approach to be taken in determining laws and regulations that will be subject to audit test work.
- h. Approach to be taken in drawing audit samples for purposes of tests of compliance.
8. Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

The proposal should identify and describe any anticipated potential audit problems, the firm's approach to resolving these problems and any special assistance that will be requested from the City of Westfield.

9. Report Format

The proposal should include sample formats for required reports.

NO DOLLAR AMOUNTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

- C. Sealed Dollar Cost Proposal

1. Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price

The dollar cost proposal should contain all pricing information relative to performing the audit engagement as described in this request for proposals. The total all-inclusive maximum price to be bid is to contain all direct and indirect costs including all out-of-pocket expenses.

The City of Westfield will not be responsible for expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the technical proposal or the dollar cost proposal. Such costs should not be included in the proposal.

2. Fixed Fees by Category

The dollar cost proposal should include a schedule of professional fees and expenses, presented in the format provided in the attachment (Appendix A), that supports the total all-inclusive price.

3. The dollar cost that would be charged to create the Government-wide Statements using the information provided. The total all-inclusive maximum price to be proposed is to contain all direct and indirect costs including all out-of-pocket expenses.

4. Rates for Additional Professional Services

If it should become necessary for the Audit Committee to request the auditor to render any additional services requested in this request for proposals or to perform additional work as a result of the specific recommendations included in any report issued on this engagement, then such additional work shall be performed only if set forth in an addendum to the contract between the City of Westfield and the firm. Any such additional work agreed to between the City of Westfield and the firm shall be performed at the same rates set forth in the schedule of fees and expenses included in the dollar cost proposal in Appendix A.

5. Manner of Payment

Progress payments will be made on the basis of hours of work completed during the course of the engagement in accordance with the firm's dollar cost proposal. Interim billings shall cover a period of not less than a calendar month. The City reserves the right to withhold ten percent (10%) from each billing pending delivery of the firm's final reports.

VII. EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. Selection Personnel

Proposals submitted will be evaluated by the Audit Committee.

B. Evaluation Criteria

The following represent the principal selection criteria which will be considered during the evaluation process of proposals.

1. Mandatory Elements
 - a. The audit firm is independent and licensed to practice in Indiana.
 - b. The audit firm's professional personnel have received adequate continuing professional education within the preceding three years.
 - c. The firm has no conflict of interest with regard to any other work performed by the firm for the City of Westfield.
 - d. The firm submits a copy of its most recent external quality control review report, and the firm has a record of quality audit work.
 - e. The firm adheres to the instructions in this request for proposals on preparing and submitting the proposal.
 - f. The firm submits copies of at least two Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports issued by Indiana municipalities in which their opinion is contained. At least one of these reports shall have been awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting within the past three years.
2. Technical Qualifications
 - a. Expertise and Experience
 - i. The firm's past experience and performance on comparable government engagements.
 - ii. The quality of the firm's professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the firm's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation.
 - iii. Experience with the preparation of federal and state financial assistance and related reports.
 - iv. Experience in providing assistance to meet the requirements of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program.
 - b. Audit Approach
 - i. Service Delivery Plan: Describe how the firm intends to conduct the audit in the first year versus subsequent years. Describe the service delivery system including what will be done, by whom, how and where. Provide detail on staffing requirements. Describe how the services will be coordinated and monitored and how access to them will be ensured through entrance conferences, progress reporting, and exit conferences.
3. Price - Cost will not be the primary factor in the selection of an audit firm.

- C. Oral Presentations

During the evaluation process, the selection personnel may, at their discretion, request any one or all firms to make oral presentations. Such presentations will provide firms with an opportunity to answer any questions the selection personnel may have on a firm's proposal. Not all firms may be asked to make such oral presentations.

- D. Final Selection

The selection personnel will recommend a firm for approval by the Audit Committee. It is anticipated that a firm will be selected by November 12, 2024. Following notification of the firm selected, it is expected a contract will be executed between both parties within thirty (30) days of approval.

- E. Right to Reject Proposals

Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in this request for proposals unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the City of Westfield and the firm selected.

The City of Westfield reserves the right without prejudice to reject any or all proposals or parts thereof for any reason, to negotiate changes to proposal terms and to waive minor inconsistencies with the request for proposal.

CARMEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA
Notice is hereby given to the residents and taxpayers of the City of Carmel, Indiana (the “City”), that the Common Council of the City (the “Council”) will hold a public hearing at 8:00 a.m. (local time) on October 30, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at One Civic Square Drive, Carmel, Indiana, on the matter of appropriating a portion of the proceeds of certain general obligation refunding bonds of the City, to be issued in one or more series (collectively, the “Bonds”), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,000,000.
The proceeds received by the City from the sale of the Bonds, together with all interest earnings thereon, will be used by the City to the refinancing of all or a portion of into certain master lease agreements or lease-purchase agreements (the “Prior Leases”) previously entered into by the City for the acquisition of certain capital equipment for the use of the City (the “Equipment”) in order to (i) lower the interest costs associated with the Prior Leases and thereby provide a savings to the City’s General Fund and Ambulance Fund, respectively, and (ii) change the source of security to finance the cost of such Equipment (collectively, the “Refunding”), all as identified by the Council in an ordinance of the Council approving the issuance of the Bonds, and to pay all or a portion of the costs or expenses incurred in connection therewith.
Said appropriation is in addition to any appropriation provided for in the existing budget and tax law or on any other date. Funds to cover said appropriation are to be provided from a portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, and interest earnings thereon in the amount set forth in this notice. At said public hearing, all persons shall have the right to appear and be heard on the necessity of said appropriation.
Dated this 14th day of October, 2024.
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA
R5106 10/14/24

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2406-MI-6298
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Hillary Layne Marcum
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Hillary Layne Marcum, whose mailing address is: 139 3rd Street NE, Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Hillary Layne Marcum has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Hillary Layne Warner.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: November 8th 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
Hillary Layne Marcum
Petitioner
Date: November 8, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5074 10/7, 10/14 10/21/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE MARION COUNTY)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 49C01-12410-MI-044859
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Valerie Clayton Sigrist
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Valerie Clayton Sigrist, whose mailing address is: 4454 Crittenden Ave. Indianapolis, Indiana 46205, in the Marion County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Valerie Clayton Sigrist has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Valerie Clayton Sigrist.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: *Valerie Clayton Sigrist*
Petitioner
Date: October 2, 2024
Katherine Sweeney Bell
Marion County Clerk
R5075 10/7, 10/14 10/21/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-10543
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Rand Hasan Rashid
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Rand Hasan Rashid, whose mailing address is: 15725 Cobbs Creek Ln Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Rand Hasan Rashid has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Rand Juboori.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: January 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Rand Hasan Rashid
Petitioner
Date: September 23, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5073 10/7, 10/14 10/21/24

29D01-2410-EU-000443
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
n re the Estate of Ilene K. McHone
ADLER ATTORNEYS
Raymond M. Adler, P.C., #2336-29
136 South 9th Street
Noblesville, IN 46060-2614
(317) 773-1974
ray@noblesvilleattorney.com
In the Superior Court 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana
Notice is given that Mike McHone, on October 9, 2024 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of the above-named Decedent, who died on September 20, 2024. 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: October 9, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk for Hamilton County, Indiana
R5096 10/14/24, 10/21/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-11079
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Larissa Merjevskaya Clinton
Petitioner
NOTICE OF HEARING
Larissa Merjevskaya Clinton, whose mailing address is: 738 Barkwood Court Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Larissa Merjevskaya Clinton has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Circuit Court requesting that name be changed to Larissa Merjevskaya Kenney.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on: February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Larissa Merjevskaya Clinton
Petitioner
Date: October 7, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5098 10/14, 10/21 10/28/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2407-MI-7559
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Lillian Ivey Lightcap
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Lillian Ivey Lightcap, whose mailing address is: 738 Barkwood Court Carmel, Indiana 46032, in the Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby gives notice that Lillian Ivey Lightcap has filed a petition in the Hamilton County Court requesting that name be changed to Jayden Lillian-Ivey Lightcap.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on:
Lillian Ivey Lightcap
Petitioner
Date: July 10, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5099 10/14, 10/21 10/28/24

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NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
October 8, 2024
Hamilton County Commissioners
1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 157
Noblesville, Indiana 46060 (317)776-8493
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Hamilton County Commissioners.
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about November 1, 2024, the Hamilton County Commissioners, on behalf of HAND, Inc., will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project currently known as Stony Creek Cottages, Phase 2 for the purpose of acquisition of property located at 1488 Greenfield Avenue, in Noblesville, Indiana, for the development of up to six duplexes available to low- to moderate-income households.
FINDING OF NO SIGNICANT IMPACT
The Hamilton County Commissioners have determined the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Noblesville Housing Authority office, located at 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville, Indiana, and may be examined or copied weekdays, 9:00A.M to 4:00P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Noblesville Housing Authority, 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville, Indiana, or via email to michelle@gonha.org. All comments received by November 1, 2024, will be considered by the Hamilton County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The Hamilton County Commissioners certify to HUD that Mark Heirbrandt, in his capacity as President for the Commissioners of Hamilton County, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows HAND, Inc. to use Program funds.
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hamilton County Commissioner’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Hamilton County Commissioners; (b) the Commissioners have omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD-Community Planning and Development at 575 N. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 655, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Potential objectors should contact HUD/ State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
Mark Heirbrandt, President, Hamilton County Commissioners
R5091 10/14/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Noblesville, Indiana
As required by Indiana Code 5-23-5-9, notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville, Indiana, Board of Public Works and Safety (the “Board”) will hold a public hearing at its meeting on October 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. concerning the recommendation to award a public-private agreement (the “BOT Agreement”) for the design, construction, renovation and equipping of the City’s wastewater treatment plant, North Sludge Building, Sludge Storage Barn and the Headworks all located at 197 Washington Street in the City (the “Project”) in accordance with Indiana Code 5-23, as amended. The hearing will be held in person at the Noblesville City Hall, City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 (the “City Hall”).
Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-23, as amended, the Board issued a request for proposals and qualifications for the design, construction, renovation and equipping of the Project and related improvements to be located in the City of Noblesville, Indiana. After review and analysis of proposals received, a recommendation has been made to the Board to award the BOT Agreement to Thieneman Construction, Inc. Copies of the proposals and a written explanation of the basis upon which the recommendation is being made are with the Board, and are available for public inspection and copying at the City Hall, by appointment made during regular business hours by calling Jonathan Mingeaux, PE, Director, Utilities Department, at 317-776-6353, extension 3001. The public is invited to comment on any of the matters herein permitted, and all taxpayers, residents, or interested parties who appear (in person or via zoom) will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the recommendation.
Dated this 10th day of October, 2024.
R5093 10/14/24

NOTICE
The Board of Trustees of the Hamilton East Public Library will meet in executive session at 5:15 pm on October 24, 2024 at the Noblesville Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville IN, in accordance with I.C.S-14-1.5-6.1(b) (2)(b) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, “litigation” includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
R5095 10/14/24

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Noblesville, Indiana (“City”) that the Common Council of the City will meet in the Noblesville City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. (Local Time) on October 29, 2024, to conduct a public hearing and consider an appropriation of the proceeds of the Capital Projects Short-Term General Obligation Bonds of 2024, Series A in the estimated amount of \$6,230,000, but not to exceed the amount of \$6,350,465, for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of funding capital improvements to City owned property and the acquisition of capital equipment to serve City needs, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements, equipment and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and the incidental expenses in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of certain general obligation bonds therefor. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of such bonds by the City.
The foregoing appropriations are in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy.
Taxpayers of the City appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to said additional appropriations.
Dated October 16, 2024.
/s/Jeff Spalding, Controller
City of Noblesville, Indiana
R5102 10/14/24

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Noblesville, Indiana (“City”) that the Common Council of the City will meet in the Noblesville City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. (Local Time) on October 29, 2024, to conduct a public hearing and consider an appropriation of the proceeds of the Capital Projects Short-Term General Obligation Bonds of 2024, Series B in the estimated amount of \$3,419,402, but not to exceed the amount of \$13,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the costs of funding capital improvements to Pleasant Street, a significant east-west thoroughfare in the City and other road and street capital projects within the City limits , together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements, equipment and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and the incidental expenses in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of certain general obligation bonds therefor. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the issuance and sale of such bonds by the City.
The foregoing appropriations are in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy.
Taxpayers of the City appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to said additional appropriations.
Dated October 16, 2024.
/s/Jeff Spalding, Controller
City of Noblesville, Indiana
R5103 10/14/24

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 4th day of November, 2024. This hearing, to discuss application **BZNA-0200-2024** and **BZNA-0207-2024**, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Cory King requests that approval be granted to: (a) Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO § 9.B.2.C.2.a to allow the construction of a barn that exceeds the maximum height permitted; and (b) Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO § 9.B.2.C.2.a to allow the combined square footage of all accessory structures to exceed the maximum square footage permitted on the property located at **9881 Riverwood Avenue**.
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.
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 the Department of Planning website, http://www.noblesville.in.gov/planning, by clicking the Boards & Committees button, clicking the icon on the map relating to this location and selecting the application materials link.
Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals
Caleb Gutshall, Secretary
R5108 10/14/24

COUNTY

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD
IN THE MATTER OF
Hortonville Drain
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the Hortonville Drain on October 28, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. in the Historic Courtroom, Hamilton County Historic Courthouse 2nd Floor, 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.
Hamilton County Drainage Board
Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
R5105 10/14/24

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SHERIFF’S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D03-2001-MF-000196 wherein *Deutsche Bank National Trust Company As Trustee For IndyMac INDA Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-ARI, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-ARI* was Plaintiff, and Ronald Sheppard, Nadine L. S. Sheppard, The United States of America, Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, AEL Financial LLC, State of Indiana, Department of Revenue and CIT Bank, National Association FKA Indymac Federal Bank, FSB., A Federally Chartered Savings Bank were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **November 21, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, or as soon as thereafter as is possible, at Sheriff’s Office at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 1 and Block One “A” (1-A) in Sheppards Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 14, pages 83-85, Certificate of Revision dated November 18,2002 and recorded December 2, 2002 as Instrument Number 200200091867, by Allan H. Weihe, in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana and Certificated of Correction dated July 15, 2004 and recorded July 16,2004 as Instrument Number 200400049929. Together with an undivided 1/24th interest in common area as disclosed in Warranty Deed recorded as Instrument Number 200000036374, which said undivided 1/24th interest shall run with the title to Lot 1.
EXCEPTING from Block 1A real estate as set forth in Warranty Deed to the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, dated January 22, 2004 and recorded February 25, 2004 as Instrument Number 200400011579 and further described as follows:
A part of the North Half of Section 1, Township 17 North, Range 5 East, Hamilton County, Indiana, and being that part of the grantors’ land lying within the right-of-way lines depicted on the attached Right-of- Way parcel Plat marked EXHIBIT “B”, described as follows:
Beginning on the eastern line of White Pine Cove at a point North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 15.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Lot 3 in Said White Pine Cove, a subdivision in the Northeast Quarter of said Section 1, the plat of which is recorded in Instrument 8802379, Plat Book 15, page 50 in the Office of the Recorder of said county, which POINT OF BEGINNING is designated as point “41” on said parcel Plat; thence continuing North 20 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds East 25.00 feet along said eastern line to the center line of 113th Street; thence along said center line Southeasterly 95.03 feet along an arc to the left and having a radius of 3.176.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing South 71 degrees 33 minutes 53 seconds East and a length of 95.02 feet to a point “9” designated on said Parcel Plat; thence South 72 degrees 25 minutes 19 seconds East 1.90 feet along said center line to the northwestern shore line of Thorpe Creek; thence South 27 degrees 06 minutes 29 seconds West 25.35 feet along said shore line to point “42” designated on said Parcel Plat; thence northwesterly 93.89 feet along an arc to the right and having radius of 3,201.50 feet and subtended by a long chord having a bearing of North 71 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds West and a length of 93.88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.055 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.020 acres, more or less for a net additional taking of 0.035 acres, more or less.
Commonly known address: 14350 East 113th Street, Fishers, IN 46040
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Township: Fall Creek
Parcel No./ Tax Id #: 29-15-01-015-001-0020
J. Dustin Smith (29493-06)
Manley Deas Kochalski LLC
P.O. Box 165028
Columbus OH 43216-5028
Telephone: 614-220-5611
Attorney for Plaintiff
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein
R5058 10/7/24, 10/14/24, 10/21/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2402-MF-001793 wherein *Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC* was Plaintiff, and Jason A. Breitwieser, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, American Express National Bank, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and State of Indiana were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the **21st day of November, 2024**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SQUARE 4 IN J.L. EVANS ADDITION, RUN WEST 37 FEET, SOUTH 132 FEET, EAST 37 FEET, NORTH 132 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More commonly known as 1195 Conner St, Noblesville, IN 46060-2831
Parcel No. 29-07-31-174-009.000-013
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff

/BRYAN K. REDMOND
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney # 22108-29
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C.
8415 Allison Pointe Boulevard, Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(317) 237-2727
Noblesville Township
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
NOTICE
FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR.
R5059 10/7/24, 10/14/24, 10/21/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2404-MF-004505, wherein *NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing* was Plaintiff, and David Veschak, The Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc, and Discover Bank were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on the **21st day of November, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** local time, of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
LOT 74 IN THE RIDGE, SECTION 2B, A SUBDIVISION IN NOBLESVILLE IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED DECEMBER 21, 2010 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 2010069100 IN PLAT CABINET 4, PAGE 661 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
More Commonly known as: 7559 Pacific Summit, Noblesville, IN 46062
Property ID Number: 11-06-26-00-20-006.000
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisalment laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County, Indiana
Noblesville Township
Township of Property Location
559 Pacific Summit
Noblesville, IN 46062
Street Address
Andrew Kraemer, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney No. 14872-71
Johnson, Blumberg and Associates, LLC
500 West Lincoln Highway, Suite J
Merrillville, IN 46410
312-541-9710
October 02, 2024
Date
The Sheriff’s Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R5060 10/7/24, 10/14/24, 10/21/24

ARCADIA

NOTICE
The Arcadia Town Council will met in an Executive Session on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6 p.m. located at 208 W Main Street Arcadia to discuss: 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. 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.
R5094 10/14/24

WESTFIELD

Westfield City Council
Notice is hereby given that the Westfield City Council, being the governing body of the City of Westfield, will conduct a public hearing on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, and in a virtual format viewable at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed 100% voluntary annexations.
• Ord. 24-63; Midtown at Westfield, Phase I; The proposed voluntary annexation consists of two (2) parcels approximately 39 acres +/- The area to be annexed is generally located on the south side of 191st Street, East of N. East Street, and adjacent to the existing corporate limits along west boundary of the parcels. The Hamilton County tax identification numbers are Parcel Nos. 08-06-30-00-00-014.001 and 08-06-30-00-00-014.000.
The properties will be annexed into the City of Westfield Corporate limits.
Written remonstrances against the proposed annexations may be filed at any time before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024, at the offices of the Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana.
At the public hearing, the City Council will hear any person who has filed a written remonstrance during this filing period, and receive and hear any remonstrances or objections from persons interested in or affected by the voluntary annexations.
At the public hearing, the City Council will also determine whether the proposed voluntary annexations are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Ordinance and whether the Ordinance, as amended, conforms to the Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan.
A more detailed description of the areas under consideration for 100% voluntary annexation may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, or by calling (317) 804-3170.
Dated this 9th day of October, 2024.
R5097 10/14/24

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p,W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St
Fishers, in 46038 Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

Navy Club Ship 29
Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Resources You Might Need

Grants for Disabled

<https://grantsfordisabled.org/> is a website that lists many useful benefits, programs and options for our whole community and our Veteran population
<https://grantsfordisabled.org/grants-for-disabled-veterans-in-the-united-states/>

Find Out Who Is On Your Ballot

Find out who is on your ballot and what each candidate says they will do for you if they are elected. Go to <https://www.vote411.org/> and select “Find What’s On Your Ballot” and type in your address to select your candidates. You may print it to take with you when you vote. So go VOTE!!

Hamilton County Military Veteran

American Legion & VFW Post & Restaurant Hours

Carmel Legion
M-T 3-10pm, W-Th10a-10p, F 10a-11p, Sa81-11p, Su 8a-8p. **Restaurant –Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p, Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p**

Carmel VFW
Su-Th 11a-10p, F-Sa 11a-12a. **Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd&4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Cicero Legion
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p. **Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm**

Fishers Legion
M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty. **Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Sun 8-12, Food Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p**

Noblesville Legion
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p **Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

Noblesville VFW
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p **Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

Sheridan Legion
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p **Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till close**

Cicero American Legion Post 341 Hog Roast Oct 19th

CICERO AMERICAN LEGION

HOG ROAST

SATURDAY
OCT 19
4PM - 8PM
\$15 PER PERSON

Noblesville VFW Post 6246 Family Halloween Party

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Costume Contest for the Kids with Prizes
CRAFTS - GAMES - PRIZES - FUN FOR ALL AGES

Noblesville VFW Post 6246 Adult Halloween Party

NOBLESVILLE VFW POST 6246

ADULT HALLOWEEN Party

Open Jukebox
ADULT COSTUME CONTEST
Taco/Nacho Bar !!

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 26TH
6PM

Fishers American Legion Post 470 Halloween Party

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

October 25
8 – 11pm

The American Legion
852 W Main st. Carmel, Indiana

Drinks, Live Music and Games

Join us in a fun time with friends!!

Activities & Events

Noblesville American Legion Post 45 Taco Tuesdays



Two Taco Meal \$11
2 hard or soft tacos with choice of ground beef or chicken with lettuce and cheese served with charro beans and spanish rice

Taco Salad \$12
Iceberg lettuce with choice of ground beef or chicken, tomato, cheese, black olive, jalapeno, tortilla strips, salsa, and zesty ranch

Loaded Nachos \$14
Tortilla chips covered in queso with choice of ground beef or chicken, lettuce, jalapeno, charred corn, green onion, sour cream and salsa

Burrito \$14
Flour tortilla stuffed with chicken, rice, pinto beans and cheese and topped with queso

Chef Susan's Custom Catering

And Post 45's Sunday Game Day Specials



BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP
Served with celery sticks and tortilla chips \$7.00

GIANT SOFT PRETZEL
Served with beer cheese & spicy mustard \$9.00

POTATO SKINS
Bacon, cheese & green onion served with sour cream \$9.00

BOSCO STIX
Pepperoni & cheese stuffed served with nacho cheese sauce \$9.00

BUFFALO, BBQ OR PARMESAN GARLIC JUMBO WINGS (8)
Served with celery sticks and ranch or blue cheese \$15.00

NACHOS
Chicken, queso, lettuce, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream, chipotle cream \$12.00

LOADED FRIES
Melted cheddar, bacon bits, green onion and chipotle cream \$12.00

SLIDER BASKET (2)
Caramelized onion and bacon jam, served with fries \$14.00

ONION RING BASKET \$8.00

FRENCH FRY BASKET \$8.00

BREADED MUSHROOM BASKET \$8.00

JALAPENO POPPERS BASKET \$8.00

Chef Susan's Custom Catering

Carmel American Legion Post 155 3rd Tues Trivia

TRIVIA NIGHT

AMERICAN LEGION

Tuesday Night
Sept 17th & Oct 15th @ 7pm

Carmel American Legion Post 155
852 W. Main Street
Carmel, IN 46032

Last Saturday Coffee With a Vet - 8am

INDY WARRIOR PARTNERSHIP

Veterans Coffee Social

A gathering to get to know veterans in our community

Last Saturday of the month, 8am-9am
@ Schoolhouse 7 Cafe
12125 Cyntheanne Rd,
Fishers, IN

SCHOOLHOUSE 7 CAFE

AMERICAN LEGION

Thank you to our sponsor: Cliff Morlan, University Veterans Post 360

CROSSER - LAMBERT - RICHARDSON

TRUSTED & EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP

VOTE !

CROSSER-LAMBERT-RICHARDSON are the the only candidates ENDORSED by the Noblesville Teacher's Forum

Teachers and Staff
We value the recruitment and retention of exceptional teachers and staff by supporting a positive school culture and competitive compensation.

Students
We are committed to the success of all students by fostering excellence in academics and workforce development and prioritizing student outcomes through continuous improvement and growth.

Fiscal Stewardship
We remain steadfast in our commitment to further reducing the school tax rate for the sixth consecutive year, all while maintaining our state-of-the-art facilities.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

The Choice Is CLR!

Christi CROSSER
Stephanie LAMBERT
Bret RICHARDSON

PAID FOR BY: CHRISTI CROSSER FOR NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD, STEPHANIE LAMBERT FOR NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD, BRET RICHARDSON FOR NOBLESVILLE

✓Vote! CROSSER, LAMBERT, RICHARDSON
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
Early Voting Available October 8th through November 4th

Meet the Candidates

Dear Readers,

The general election is just around the corner, and we have a fine selection of local candidates for you to get to know.

In these pages you will read all about the candidates who have chosen to respond to The Hamilton County Reporter's request to share their information and help you make an informed decision at the polls on or before Nov. 5.

Candidate information is presented as it was submitted. The Reporter takes no responsibility for any typographical, grammatical or factual errors. These are the

candidates speaking to you in their own words (or in the words of duly designated campaign staff). The only edits we have made have been to cut down those statements that were submitted over the 200-word limit we set to ensure everyone had equal space in our pages.

Any candidates vying for the same office are grouped together in a shaded box.

On the final two pages, you will find a current list of polling locations and the full list of all candidates who will appear on ballots for this general election.

Sincerely, The Hamilton County Reporter

SCHOOL BOARDS

Christi Crosser

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

I am the current Noblesville School Board President. My husband Craig and I have lived in Noblesville for 25 years. Both of my children graduated from Noblesville High School. I'm a small business owner in Noblesville and I serve on nonprofit boards in our community. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of Noblesville Schools over the past four years. The fiscal responsibility of Noblesville Schools is essential. The S&P rating has increased two times over the past four years. The current rating is AA and Noblesville Schools are only one of four school districts in the state with this rating. Noblesville Schools have lowered their tax rate for five consecutive years and are on track to be lower for a sixth year. I champion meeting students' needs to be successful after graduation. This includes college, workforce and military. The expansion at Noblesville High School will add STEM programming through a bond with no increase to the tax rate. I support teachers and staff of Noblesville Schools. They need to be paid well, have the benefits they deserve and be treated as the professionals that they are. Noblesville Schools was named in Forbes Magazine as one of America's Best Midsize Employers.

Connect with Crosser on Facebook or at [ChristiCrosserForNoblesvilleSchoolBoard.com](https://www.facebook.com/ChristiCrosserForNoblesvilleSchoolBoard.com).



David Dawson

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

An educated citizenry is a vital requisite for our survival as a free people. Thomas Jefferson

I'm Dave Dawson and I want to be one of your representatives on the Noblesville School Board

Lived in Noblesville since 1998. Lifetime Hamilton County resident

Both of my children graduated from Noblesville

I am a fiscal and social conservative
30+ years of commercial real estate management. Have worked with multiple 50+ million dollar budgets at any one time, including 100+ million dollar budgets as a contractor at Eli Lilly. This qualification lends to the fiscal responsibility that every School board member must adhere to when answering to the taxpayer

Ivy Tech Graduate with a degree in business management and I am a graduate of vocational training in HVAC. This will guide me in working to increase the availability and all types of vocational training.

I coached Noblesville boys and girls sports for 9 years and loved every minute of the growth I saw in student athletes.

Fiscal responsibility, Education and Transparency will dominate my term. I do not intend to be just a cheerleader for the administration. The board must take an active role in all aspects of the operations of Noblesville Schools.

Connect with Dawson on Facebook or at [DawsonForNoblesvilleSchools.com](https://www.facebook.com/DawsonForNoblesvilleSchools.com).



Alison Hanley

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Alison is a wife and mother to triplet girls who attended Noblesville High School. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist with 35 years experience treating children with speech/language delays and adults/seniors with communicative-cognitive impairments. Alison loves the performing arts and enjoyed watching her daughters perform in choral concerts, piano recitals and dance performances with the Miller Girls at NHS.

Alison believes a strong academic foundation is vitally important to prepare children for adulthood. She feels increased focus on academic achievement is needed due to a high percentage of students (roughly 40-50%) not performing at grade level in reading/writing and math (2024 iLearn scores on IDOE website), putting them at risk to fall further and further behind. With her work experience plus her own daughters' learning struggles, Alison knows how these challenges can impact every area of a child's life.

Alison also wants to see more support for teachers as they face tough challenges in the classroom such as growing numbers of ELL learners and larger class sizes.

Alison believes a renewed focus on academic excellence, transparency with parents/the community, and careful use of tax dollars will help Noblesville Schools continue their excellent reputation for generations to come.

Connect with Hanley on Facebook or at [hanley4schoolboard.org](https://www.facebook.com/hanley4schoolboard.org).



Brad Helvey

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Brad Helvey and his family have been Noblesville residents since late 2011. All three of Brad's children are current students in Noblesville Schools. Brad and his wife, Selena own Tenpenny Houseworks, Inc, a construction and remodel company primarily serving Hamilton and Boone Counties. Brad earned his teaching degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 2002, and taught in Lawrence Township before moving to Colorado in 2004. Brad currently volunteers with the Noblesville High School Gridiron Club through the Miller Backers organization. Brad is an avid supporter of public education and will press to help Noblesville Schools achieve greater heights in Academic Excellence, Fiscal Management and District Communication.

Connect with Helvey on Facebook or at [HelveyForNoblesvilleSchools.com](https://www.facebook.com/HelveyForNoblesvilleSchools.com).



Stephanie Lambert

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Stephanie is running for re-election to the Noblesville School Board where she currently serves as vice president. She has lived in Noblesville with her husband, Nate, for 13 years. They have 3 children-a son at Purdue majoring in mechanical engineering, a senior at NHS and an 8th grader at Noblesville West.

She has been a Forensic Scientist with the Indiana State Police, a substitute teacher in the district, a Hamilton County CASA and is the current Republican Precinct Committeeman at Grace Church. Stephanie has a record of supporting all students-no matter their path, including voting yes to a NHS expansion project that will increase Career and Technical Education opportunities like welding and construction management. She also has supported a collaboration with IU Kokomo for a College Core certificate that will give students 30 credit hours of college credit when they graduate-potentially saving families thousands of dollars in college expenses. Stephanie is fiscally responsible and has worked hard to decrease the school tax rate and the district's overall debt every year she has served on the board-while maintaining state of the art facilities and top tier educational opportunities.

Connect with Lambert on Facebook or at [StephanieLambertForNoblesvilleSchoolBoard.com](https://www.facebook.com/StephanieLambertForNoblesvilleSchoolBoard.com).



Bret Richardson

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

Bret Richardson is the Board Chair of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, was a swim and dive coach and volunteer for almost 20 years, is mentoring a student at North Elementary, and completed the Noblesville Schools Miller Ambassadors program.

"I am running for the school board to ensure we stay on the path of continuing our excellence in education. While carefully overseeing our tax dollars, I want to be sure Noblesville School continues to build a strong future for our community."

In addition to his support of the schools, Richardson is a longtime leader in the Noblesville community. He has been on numerous boards including the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Noblesville Swim Club, and the Noblesville Noon Kiwanis Club. Bret served on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department for 10 years, as a road officer and Reserve Division Captain and was also the co-chairperson for the City of Noblesville Bicentennial Committee.

Richardson and his wife Tammy have three daughters who graduated from Noblesville High School and three grandchildren in Noblesville Schools. Tammy is a former NHS teacher and has worked as a secretary for 20 years at Noblesville East Middle School.

Connect with Richardson on Facebook or at [RichardsonForNoblesville.com](https://www.facebook.com/RichardsonForNoblesville.com)



Latrica Schooley

Candidate for HSE School Board, Fall Creek Twp.

I am a dedicated mother of four and have been happily married for 31 years, all while running my own small business. Like many families, one of our motivations for relocating here was the quality of the schools. I have found immense satisfaction in volunteering within our schools and the broader community.

These opportunities have enabled me to collaborate with educators, parents, and community members.

Being married to an educator has given me a profound understanding of the challenges that teachers and their families encounter. I am honored to have the endorsement of the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA), which represents more than 60% of our district's teaching staff, highlighting my commitment to supporting the educators who play a crucial role in guiding students toward success.

My experience in the insurance benefits sector equips me with essential skills to manage human capital costs for our school district, ultimately benefiting our employees and ensuring effective resource allocation. Additionally, my participation on various professional boards has enhanced my knowledge of governance and strategic planning.

As a mother of a child with special needs, I am dedicated to ensuring that our district fulfills its educational promise to serve all students.

Connect with Schooley on Facebook or at [VoteLSchooley4hsehb.com](https://www.facebook.com/VoteLSchooley4hsehb.com).



Suzanne Thomas

Candidate for HSE School Board, Delaware Twp.

As a dedicated mother of four, longtime Fishers resident, and active community leader, Suzanne Thomas brings over two decades of passionate involvement to HSE Schools and is the current HSE Board Secretary. Her four children matriculated through HSE Schools (both FHS and HSE grads), college and Marines, and the youngest entered Purdue this Fall.

As an HSE School Board Trustee since 2021, she led initiatives such as reinstating "Academic Excellence" into the district's mission statement and revising the student handbook to improve conduct and classroom environments. Her advocacy for the implementation of the Science of Reading reflects her dedication to advancing literacy education. Suzanne is Chair of the HSE Facilities and Maintenance Committee. She spearheaded the Fishers Elementary School renovation, saving the district \$15 million. She also serves on the Hamilton Southeastern Foundation Board, supporting scholarships, grants, and community initiatives that directly benefit students and educators. As a business owner-realtor, youth coach, and active board member of Fishers Rotary, her leadership spans a wide array of civic and educational arenas. With a history of serving on PTO boards, sports boards, and local charities, she remains committed to improving HSE Schools and ensuring every student receives a high-quality education.

Connect with Thomas on Facebook or at [thomas4hse.com](https://www.facebook.com/thomas4hse.com).



A word to all candidates . . .

Dear Candidates,

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If you don't want to spend a few moments helping voters make a more informed decision on Election Day, that will tell them at least as much as you could have said in 200 words.

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COUNTY

Mark Heirbrandt

Republican for County Commissioner District 3

Throughout his tenure, Mark Heirbrandt has consistently demonstrated a deep-rooted commitment to making a positive difference at the local level. As a testament to his dedication and contributions during his time in office, Mark was honored with the prestigious title of “Commissioner of the Year” by the Indiana Association of County Commissioners in 2022 and earned the Indiana Association of Counties “Commissioner of the Year Award” in 2023.



As an active member on various leadership boards, Mark served as President of the Indiana County Commissioners (a statewide association supporting County Commissioners in Indiana), serves as a Board Member for the Humane Society for Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Community Foundation, and is a member of the Big Cicero Regional Board. Mark also serves as an Executive Board Member for the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and he was previously on the Westfield Public Safety Merit Board for six years.

Mark’s campaign for re-election is multi-faceted in its approach, focusing on: public safety, road safety, cost savings, and communication & transparency. Connecting with Hamilton County residents has always been his most-valued part of serving. Mark looks forward to doing just that in the coming months to continue understanding the county’s ever-changing needs.

Connect with Heirbrandt at [MarkHeirbrandt.com](https://www.MarkHeirbrandt.com) or on Facebook.

Gary Duncan

Republican for County Surveyor

I look forward to being the next Hamilton County Surveyor. I have been a Professional Engineer since 1999, with a broad and diverse background that includes 10-years as a consulting engineer and project manager, 11-years as the Assistant City Engineer in the City of Carmel, and 9-years as the Staff Engineer in the Hamilton County Surveyor’s Office.



I am 53-years old. I live in Carmel with my wife Rachel who is a graduate of Purdue University and a Professional Engineer. We have two sons. A graduate of Ball State and a sophomore at Purdue.

I hold a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Norwich University and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University.

I have extensive knowledge of urban drainage, agricultural drainage, public project development, budgeting, funding, design, construction, and project management which allows me to make cost effective decisions regarding drainage infrastructure.

While not an official position, I act as the Deputy Surveyor, which has allowed me to learn all aspects of the position, work with each member of the current staff, other elected officials, and department heads, and immediately assume the responsibilities of County Surveyor at the start of the next term.

Connect with Duncan on Facebook.

Sue Maki

Republican for County Council At-Large

Sue Maki is currently serving as Hamilton County Councilor At-Large where she holds the position of Vice President. Sue has been active in the Hamilton County civic community for many years. Her leadership roles include past president of Hamilton County Tourism Commission, Carmel Rotary, Carmel Middle School PTO and the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board. She currently serves on the board of Invest Hamilton County, the Economic Development Organization for the County.



Her professional experience includes 18 years in the insurance industry with most of the time in a management capacity. She worked for the City of Carmel Utilities for 15 years, retiring from them in 2022 to devote her time to County Council work and other volunteer endeavors.

Making an impact across all towns and cities in Hamilton County, Sue served as Executive Director of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy from 2000 - 2003. She is also a 1999 graduate.

Sue holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Anderson University and a bachelor’s degree in political science from Baldwin-Wallace University Berea, Ohio.

Sue lives in Carmel with her husband of 42 years, Tom Kapostasy. They have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and new grandson.

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Hoosier Weather Daddy?



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Scott Baldwin

Republican for State Senate District 20

Noblesville native Scott Baldwin is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran with more than 25 years of military and law enforcement experience, an entrepreneur, husband and father of three.



Scott served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Operation Desert Storm and returned to Afghanistan when Operation Enduring Freedom began to assist Marine Corps personnel. He also served with the Indiana Department of Corrections and as a patrol officer, field training supervisor and detective supervisor with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) for more than a decade where he earned two Medals of Bravery and a Medal of Valor. Scott later volunteered as a reserve detective with the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office.

In the state Senate, Scott has championed fiscal responsibility, supported balanced budgets and cut taxes for Hoosiers. He’s also worked to ensure Hamilton County families and students can access high quality education, and to strengthen public safety and support our military and first responders.

Scott is a successful entrepreneur and local business owner. He’s also a member of the Noblesville Lions Club, the American Legion and a lifetime member of the VFW and the NRA. He recently created a nonprofit hunting and fishing show supporting veterans with PTSD called “Darkhorse Expeditions.”

Connect with Baldwin at [VoteBaldwin.com](https://www.VoteBaldwin.com) or on Facebook.

Joel Levi

Democrat for State Senate District 20

Joel was born and raised in Anderson, Indiana. He attended Anderson University where he met his wife Megan. After getting married they lived in Nashville, Tennessee from 2013-2020. Upon moving back home, they settled in Cicero, Indiana where they now live with their five year old son Mitchell. Joel’s son currently attends the Little Huskies Pre-K at Hamilton Heights.



Megan and Joel have always had a heart for healthcare. His wife is a nurse practitioner at Community Health. Joel is a pharmacy technician in the Coumadin Clinic and Outpatient Pharmacy at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

Levi is running for State Senate so that our children can live in the Indiana they deserve. This starts with our kids feeling safe at school. The simplest way to ensure this is with common sense gun laws.

If elected into the Indiana State Senate, Levi’s top priority would be spearheading legislation so that Democrats and Republicans can join together to keep our Hoosier children safe. His goal is to reach across the aisle and find Republican legislators that believe in the Second Amendment, but that also believe in requiring background checks at gun shows and on third party sales.

Connect with Levi at [JoelLeviForIndiana.com](https://www.JoelLeviForIndiana.com) or on Facebook.

Jennifer McCormick

Democrat for Governor

Jennifer McCormick is a lifelong educator and multi-generational Hoosier from New Castle, Indiana. She has spent decades serving Indiana as a teacher, principal, and most recently, state superintendent of public instruction. While superintendent in rural Indiana, Jennifer fought to protect local control of school districts to ensure parents, teachers and administrators could make the best decisions for their children. As state superintendent, she was a powerful advocate for teachers and students ensuring they had the resources they needed to succeed while also protecting the taxpayer dollar by demanding transparency and fiscal accountability. Jennifer believes it’s time we elect a public servant leader who demands excellence and empowers Hoosier voices so, together, we can make Indiana an attractive state in which to live, work and thrive.



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FEDERAL

Robby Slaughter

Independent for Fifth Congressional District

To earn a spot on your ballot this November as an independent candidate, I spent a year traveling our district and collected over 6,000 signatures. I also met nearly everyone else in this section of the paper who is running for office. I believe they are good people. But as the old saying goes, “A bad system will defeat a good person every time.” We all know that our current system---one of political parties and special interests---is no longer helping our country. Polarization, extremism, and the wealthy donors behind them are in control instead of everyday Americans.



The biggest problem we face in our country is not education, it’s not the border crisis, it’s not the economy or justice. It’s that we, the people, no longer trust our politicians. Without trust, nothing is possible. And the only way to earn trust again is for politicians to give up power through term limits, through radical financial transparency, and by actually spending time with voters regardless of their political party. My goal is to earn your trust. Have questions? Want to help? Call me at 317-670-4563.

Connect with Slaughter at [RobbySlaughter.com](https://www.RobbySlaughter.com) or on Facebook.

STATE

Dr. Chris Hartig

Democrat for State Representative District 29

Dr. Chris Hartig was raised by a Vietnam Veteran Marine who taught him that “you must put in the work to get the results,” and a mother who gave him the values to “do the right thing, especially when it seems like a hard choice.” He is ready to put in the work as the Democratic candidate for Indiana House Representative, District 29 (Noblesville and part of Fishers).



Dr. Hartig worked 15 years in the mortgage and finance industry and spent the last decade as a Management and Leadership professor at WGU Indiana, supporting working Hoosiers to upskill to earn training and certifications to improve their lives. He earned a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University, an MBA in Management and Strategy from Western Governors University, and a BA in Economics from Ball State University.

His legislative priorities are to serve as a guardrail against the unchecked extreme supermajority, protect personal freedoms, and support public schools.

Connect with Hartig at [DrChrisForIndiana.com](https://www.DrChrisForIndiana.com) or on Facebook.

Stephanie Jo Yocum

Democrat for State Representative District 88

I love Indiana and all my fellow Hoosiers who call Indiana home. I was born and raised here. I have watched firsthand as extreme policies have emerged from the Statehouse causing Hoosiers to face many unfortunate challenges.



As Indiana State Representative for District 88, I will work to make Indiana a place where people choose to live, businesses operate, and all thrive. My priorities include ensuring public school funding, educator empowerment, and preschool access. I will fight to protect workers’ voices, rights, and safety. I will work to raise the minimum wage and support small businesses, creating economic prosperity for all. It is imperative that we restore reproductive freedom in Indiana. No one should be victimized because of a broken system.

My experience and passion will enable and guide me as State Representative. I am an established public servant with 20 years leading large healthcare and education non-profits. My commitment to service began in AmeriCorps managing programs for diverse groups of students. My commitment continues in my career and as a volunteer. I am an advocate for cancer research and supporter of local organizations. I serve as Chair of Serve Indiana, our state’s governor-appointed commission on volunteerism and service.

Connect with Yocum at [StephanieJoYocum.com](https://www.StephanieJoYocum.com) or on Facebook.

Josh Lowry

Democrat for State Representative District 24

Josh was born and raised in Martinsville, Indiana. He attended Indiana University where he met his wife, Alexis. He then pursued his childhood dream of becoming a professional wrestler, before settling down and attending law school. Josh spent five years as a Deputy Attorney General practicing constitutional law, where he defended state agencies such as the Department of Child Services and Indiana State Police. Josh has argued in front of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and conducted jury trials.



As your representative, Josh will advocate for:

- Reproductive rights
- Empowering teachers
- Thriving local economies
- Investment in childcare
- Protected environment

Josh and Alexis moved to Westfield in 2009, where Alexis grew up. Alexis’s family has lived in Westfield for generations and she is currently the president of the Westfield Alumni Association.

Josh and Alexis have fostered 12 kids, 5 of which they adopted. When not driving one of his children to practice or work, they enjoy staying active, playing basketball and volunteering with community organizations like the Lions Club of Westfield, Kiwanis of Westfield, the Humane Society and Westfield Youth Assistance.

Connect with Lowry on Facebook and at [LowryForIndiana.com](https://www.LowryForIndiana.com).

Victoria Garcia Wilburn

Democrat for State Representative District 32

Dr. Wilburn is an associate professor at Indiana University–Indianapolis where she partners with organizations to solve pressing issues that impact central Indiana residents, which inspired her to run for State Representative. She was first elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 2022 and is a member of the Family, Children, & Human Affairs Committee, Employment, Labor, & Pensions Committee, and the Judiciary Committee.



In 2022 she passed groundbreaking legislation in Public Law 139, providing mental health and resiliency training to public safety professionals statewide. Her dedication to the disability community was recognized as Disability Advocate of the Year (2024) and she helped carry signature legislation for Mental Health America. She is committed to people over politics.

Dr. Wilburn’s most notable accomplishments include induction to the Indiana Latino Leadership Circle, Junior Achievement Best & Brightest, Outstanding Woman Leader by Indiana University Office of Women, and selected by the White House as part of the Inaugural Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

Garcia Wilburn earned her Bachelor of Science from Boston University and both her Master & Doctor of Health Science degrees from the University of Indianapolis. Victoria and her husband have three wonderful children, which are her life’s greatest accomplishment.

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PRESIDENT

Carol Asher	Independent
Paij Boring	Independent
Susan Maude Buchser	Other
Claudia De la Cruz	Party for Socialism and Liberation
Cherunda Lynn Fox	Independent
Kamala D. Harris	Democratic
Tom Hoefling	Independent
Shondra Irving	Independent
Doug Jenkins	Independent
Nala Baozun Scott Johnson Jr	Other
Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	We The People
Andre Ramon McNeil Sr.	Independent
William Cody Nalbach	Independent
Chase Olive	Libertarian
Peter Sonski	American
Donald J Trump	Republican
Cornel West	Independent

U.S. SENATOR

Antonio Xavier Alvarez	Independent
Jim Banks	Republican
Phillip D. Beachy (Phil)	Independent
Andrew Horning	Libertarian
Valerie McCray	Democratic

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 5

Deborah A Pickett	Democratic
Lauri Shillings	Libertarian
Robby Slaughter	Independent
Victoria Spartz	Republican

STATE

GOVERNOR

Mike Braun	Republican
Jennifer G. McCormick	Democratic
Donald Rainwater	Libertarian
Christopher Ryan Stried	Independent

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Todd Rokita	Republican
Destiny Wells	Democratic

STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 20

Scott A. Baldwin	Republican
Joel Levi	Democratic

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 24

Josh Lowry	Democratic
Hunter Smith	Republican

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 29

Christopher Hartig	Democratic
Alaina Shonkwiler	Republican

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 32

Patricia Bratton	Republican
Victoria Garcia Wilburn	Democratic

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 37

Todd Huston	Republican
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 39

Daniel (Danny) Lopez	Republican
Matt McNally	Democratic

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 88

Chris Jeter	Republican
Stephanie Jo Yocum	Democratic

AUDITOR

Todd Clevenger	Republican
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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

Steven C. Dillinger	Republican
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COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

Mark E. Heirbrandt	Republican
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COUNCIL, AT LARGE

Brandon (Brad) Beaver	Republican
Keely J. Gladieux	Democratic
Sue Maki	Republican
Steven R. Nation	Republican

SURVEYOR

Thomas William Davis	Democratic
Gary Duncan	Republican

TREASURER

Susan Byer	Republican
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JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT

Andrew R. Bloch	Republican
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JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 1

Michael A. Casati	Republican
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JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 6

Stephenie K. Gookins	Republican
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SCHOOL BOARD

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOL BOARD, AT LARGE

Robin L. Clark	Non Partisan
Dina Ferchmin	Non Partisan
Jon Shapiro	Non Partisan
Kristina (Kris) Wheeler	Non Partisan

HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD, JACKSON TOWNSHIP

Kevin Cavanaugh	Non Partisan
Elizabeth Fouch	Non Partisan

HAMILTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD, WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Gretchen S. Pennington	Non Partisan
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HSE SCHOOL BOARD, DELAWARE TOWNSHIP

Greg Lannan	Non Partisan
Latrica A Schooley	Non Partisan

HSE SCHOOL BOARD, FALL CREEK TOWNSHIP

Suzanne Thomas	Non Partisan
Terry Tolle	Non Partisan

HSE SCHOOL BOARD, WAYNE TOWNSHIP

Sarah E. Parks-Reese	Non Partisan
John F. Stewart	Non Partisan

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD, AT LARGE

Christi Crosser	Non Partisan
David L. Dawson	Non Partisan
Alison Hanley	Non Partisan
Bradley A. Helvey	Non Partisan
Stephanie Lambert	Non Partisan
Bret Richardson	Non Partisan

SHERIDAN SCHOOL BOARD, MARION TOWNSHIP (BOONE CO.)

Dan Fleming	Non Partisan
John Hunt	Non Partisan

Eric Nyberg	Non Partisan
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WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1

Carrie Larrison	Non Partisan
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WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 3

Matthew Hullinger	Non Partisan
Carl Mike Steele	Non Partisan

LEGAL NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

The voters of HAMILTON County are notified by the county election board in accordance with Indiana Code 3-10-2-2 that a general election will be held in the county on November 5, 2024, with the polls open for voting from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

In accordance with the list of candidates and the public questions certified to me by the State of Indiana or this county’s election board, and the certificates of candidate selection filed in the office of the circuit court clerk of this county, the following offices and public questions or judicial retention questions, if applicable, will be on the general election ballot:

OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY VOTERS

- PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS FOR US PRESIDENT & VP
- US SENATOR
- GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR, INDIANA
- ATTORNEY GENERAL, INDIANA
- US REPRESENTATIVE, 5
- STATE SENATOR, 20
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 024
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 029
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 032
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 037
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 039
- STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 088
- JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT, HAMILTON
- JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT, HAMILTON
- COUNTY AUDITOR, HAMILTON
- COUNTY TREASURER, HAMILTON
- COUNTY SURVEYOR, HAMILTON
- COUNTY COMMISSIONER, HAMILTON
- COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, HAMILTON
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, CARMEL-CLAY
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, JACKSON, WHITE RIVER
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, NOBLESVILLE
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, SHERIDAN
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, WESTFIELD-WASHINGTON

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

The text of public questions submitted to voters, if applicable, are as follows:

Public Question #1

Shall the Constitution of the State of Indiana be amended to remove the state superintendent of public instruction from the list of officeholders who shall discharge the powers and duties of the governor if the office of the governor and lieutenant governor are both vacant?

Local Public Question - Sheridan Town

The Town of Sheridan and Adams Township of Hamilton County, Indiana have each adopted a Plan of Reorganization that provides for the consolidation of Adams Township into the Town of Sheridan as a single governmental unit that will be governed and administered as a town with a seven (7) member elected Town Council. Shall the Town of Sheridan and Adams Township reorganize as a single political subdivision?

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JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

The text of judicial retention questions submitted to voters, if applicable, are as follows:

Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana

Shall Justice Derek Read Molter be retained in office?

Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana

Shall Justice Loretta H. Rush be retained in office?

Retention of Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana

Shall Justice Mark S. Massa be retained in office?

Court of Appeals Judicial Retention – Fourth District

Shall Judge Rudolph Reginald Pyle III be retained in office?



