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The Johnloz family owned our East 40 years ago. They had six children and some of them changed their name to Johnloz. Marie Brown was a Johnloz. Snow is predicted for the next few days so I think we will lay in a grocery supply. Love,

Mom Jan. 20, 1998 (Grandpa Baltzell turned down a farm at five dollars an acre as overpriced. His grandson Thomas purchased that farm at \$45.50 per acre and it remains in the family. The family home I live in was

built in 1858 on the family farm.) * * * Ray Adler is a longtime attorney with offices at The Adler Building, 136 S. 9th St., Downtown Noblesville. He is also one of the owners of The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper.

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Photo provided boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram at [@ashinneman](https://www.instagram.com/ashinneman).

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while allowing others to discover new opportunities. We are grateful for this partnership!” One notable employer, Raytheon Technologies, has not only engaged with students during the event for both years but has also connected with teachers, meeting with multiple classes over the past year to provide insights into their field of work and facilitate more personalized conversations. This ongoing relationship exemplifies the value of direct industry engagement in education. In addition to industry representatives, the event featured CHS Work-Based Learning programs, including a student panel. The panel showcased students who have benefited from hands-on learning in the medical and construction industries, illustrating the impact of career preparation programs offered at CHS. CEF Executive Director Jennifer Penix emphasized how events like JA CareerIgnite prepare students for the future. “JA CareerIgnite is at the core of our mission – equipping students for real-world readiness by connecting

them with meaningful career opportunities,” Penix said. “Beyond career exploration, students actively learn how to communicate, engage, and interact with professionals, preparing them to become leaders in their communities, no matter their future role. We deeply appreciate our community partners who make this opportunity possible for our students.” The event was made possible thanks to the generous support of community partners, including Duke Energy, Carmel High School PTO, and others who are dedicated to shaping the next generation of leaders. Call to action CEF invites businesses and community members to partner in supporting K-12 education. By getting involved, you can help bring unique and impactful experiences, like JA CareerIgnite, to students across Carmel Clay Schools. This partnership will prepare students not just for the workforce but for leadership in local communities. For more information on future events or how to get involved, please contact Carmel Education Foundation at foundation@ccs.k12.in.us. About Carmel Education Foundation Carmel Education Foundation supports the students and teachers of Carmel Clay Schools by funding educational grants, scholarships, and programs aimed at enhancing classroom, and career readiness. About Junior Achievement of Central Indiana Junior Achievement of Central Indiana empowers young people to own their future economic success by providing hands-on experiences in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.

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The W.P. Woods Fellowship was awarded to Lion John Wardlow for the tremendous work he has done for the Club over the 10 years he has been a member. He’s served as the Club’s president, as well as being on the board of directors for four years. Lion Wardlow’s efforts to secure ARPA funds during COVID resulted in the Westfield Lions Club being awarded a \$12,000 grant from Hamilton County. The W.P. Woods Fellowship was established to honor the first president of Lions International, W.P. Woods, who was an Indiana Lion from Evansville. The fellowship is a way that Indiana Lions may honor their dedicated Lions. Lion Rodney Benson received Lions Clubs International’s Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Named in honor of LCI’s founder, the fellowship award is the top award a Lion can receive. Lion Benson recently completed his second term as the

Club’s president and oversaw its substantial membership growth during that period of time. Also, during his tenure the Club began the remodeling of its new clubhouse at 1101 E. 169th St. The highlight of each year’s awards night is the presentation of the Roy O. Hadley “Lion of the Year” award. Lion Hadley’s leadership was instrumental in developing the culture of the Club so that it could become an ongoing major asset to the Westfield community. This year’s Lion of the Year is Gary Smith. He has served in all the leadership positions of the Club, including president and on the board of directors. His extensive work with the Westfield Lions LLC has been critical to its success. The Westfield Lions are looking for men and women who want to help make a difference in Westfield. If you would like more information on the Club, go to WestfieldLions.org.

Making good choices relies on cultivating good habits

“It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.” – J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

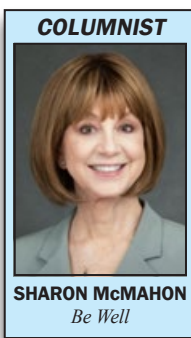
Habits, anyone? With each decade and even with each year that passes, our habits become more ingrained, our beliefs and feelings about food and exercise are more difficult to change.

One concern I frequently hear is that many people are afraid that their food choices will be greatly restricted by changing their eating habits to a healthier plan. Nothing could be further from the truth! While allowing for the plethora of packaged, processed, convenience foods staring at us from grocery shelves, the opportunities for wholesome, healthy items have never been more plentiful.

However, most of these items require – you guessed it – preparation!

Actually, combining fresh ingredients and enjoying the process as well as the outcome will not only foster weight reduction and better health, but you will actually enjoy the taste of your food much more as well. Heavily processed foods dull our taste buds, using additives like excess sugar and salt as well as preservatives and chemicals – items that were never intended to nourish our bodies. In past columns I have explored alternative herbs and spices to satisfy those taste buds while giving your body (and brain!) the nourishment needed to optimally function.

I get it ... who wants to think about nutrition when we have the holidays around the corner with candies, cookies, pies, cheeseballs ... oh my! I like all those items as well, yum! However, you can still practice moderation without depriving yourself by limiting the goodies and/or finding



alternative recipes which give you similar tastes and textures.

Will you take time away from electronic devices to walk every day, to practice stretching to keep your body flexible and balanced, to participate in some level of strength training to keep your muscles strong and toned? Referring to the “abilities” in the quote above, it is not required that we train at a competition level, but that we move our bodies as much as possible.

A positive outcome does take work, sometimes sacrifice, and focus on the goal. Success is waiting for anyone who wants to live healthier, longer, and more productively. In 2024 we are so blessed and fortunate to have access to tremendous healthcare facilities, nutrition education, walking trails, and numerous other opportunities to stay healthy and fit. No one else can make the choices for you; you are in control. If you are already there, congratulations; if you are working toward the goal but not quite there, kudos, keep it up. And if you are considering making those nutrition and fitness lifestyle changes, now is the time and you can do it!

Ladies – and those who love us – remember that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. PLEASE do not neglect your annual mammogram as well as your self-test. There have been many advances in treatment in recent years and we owe it to ourselves and our loved ones to make sure we take advantage of the opportunity to be tested.

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Every candidate in Hamilton County was invited to participate, including local school board candidates.

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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 137

This week is National School Bus Safety Week and presents a special opportunity to remind motorists to slow down and be aware of their surroundings when encountering school buses in the community. While school buses are one of the safest modes of transportation, injuries and fatalities often occur when a motorist fails to slow down and obey the bus’s stop sign. For more information, including tips to share with your children on school bus safety, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s [website](#).

While we are on the topic of bus safety, I want to thank our elite team of school bus drivers who travel thousands of miles, often in adverse weather conditions and through unpredictable traffic, to transport our most precious cargo to and from school and school-sanctioned events. Their commitment to safety, hard work, and vigilance to the students entrusted to our care is valued, appreciated, and noticed.

October is also Bullying Prevention Month. Throughout the month, we focus our attention and efforts to raising awareness about the detrimental effects of bullying and how we can foster a safe, inclusive, and respectful school environment for all students. The goal is to empower students, parents, and staff to recognize and combat bullying behaviors. By promoting empathy, kindness, and open dialogue, we can help create a culture where every student feels valued and protected, ensuring a brighter and more secure educational experience for everyone.

Use our confidential quick tip line to report bullying or safety concerns [here](#).

Hamilton Heights Middle School students are welcome to invite a veteran they know (family, friend, neighbor, etc.) to school for a special luncheon in the Media Center on Friday, Nov. 8. Students will be permitted to eat with their invited guest and should complete the information on [this form](#) by Friday, Oct. 25 so that we are able to properly plan

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

for this event.

On Monday, Nov. 11, Hamilton Heights Elementary School will host a special Veteran’s Day celebration. All veterans are welcome to attend the elementary school program beginning at 9:30 a.m.

As part of bringing our community and family veterans together to be honored for their service, we are looking for veterans (active member of the military or retired) who would like to come to the school and read a veteran’s book to students in kindergarten through second-grade classrooms before the program. If interested, please complete the form [here](#). *Note:* Readers will need to have an active school background check on file. Background checks can be accomplished through the school [website](#).

In addition, a commemorative video is being made for veterans with relatives attending or working at HHES. If you would like to be included, send an email with your name, branch of the military, years of service, and name of student or staff member to which you are related to HHES-veteransdaypictures@gmail.com by Monday, Nov. 4. Thank you today and every day for your sacrifice and service to our country.

For a ghoulish good time, Hamilton Heights High School FFA is hosting its second annual Trunk or Treat from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the high school parking lot. Information about this family-friendly event can be found [here](#).

As a reminder, Friday, Nov. 1 is the second of our scheduled e-Learning days this year. Students do not report to school but will have their lessons and assignments to complete for the day. We appreciate our students and families preparing to help maximize the value of this off-campus education day.

As we move into the second nine weeks, let’s continue to work together to ensure an inclusive, safe, supportive, and academically enriching environment where our students can thrive.

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IU Kokomo applauds August 2024 graduates

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Indiana University Kokomo congratulates the 120 students who earned degrees in August 2024. The graduates represent 22 Indiana counties and seven states.

Locally, a total of 13 students earned degrees. They include:

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 - Annalyse Christine Harrington, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- Mikayla Anne Tosiff Tom, Master of Business Administration
- Cicero**
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 - Harrison P. Woods, Master of Business Administration

Franciscan Health offering \$49 scans for Lung Cancer Awareness Month

The REPORTER

Franciscan Health is offering \$49 self-pay lung scans during the week of Nov. 4 in honor of Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Lung scans are simple, non-invasive computer tomography (CT) screenings that use a minimal amount of radiation.

According to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the second most common cancer in men and women and is the leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. However, when diagnosed in the

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earliest stages, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer is 67 percent, making screenings a key tool in survival.

To qualify for a lung scan, patients must be over the age of 50, have smoked an average of at least one pack of cigarettes per day for 20 years and have no signs or symptoms of lung cancer.

Scans are available Nov. 4 to 8 at Franciscan Health locations in Indianapolis, Greenwood, Mooresville, and Plainfield. Select locations will offer scans on Nov. 9. Hours vary by location and appointments must be made in advance by phone.

Anyone interested in scheduling a scan should call 1-833-238-0688 to see if they qualify and to schedule an appointment. Those receiving scans during the week of Nov. 4 will receive a free gift.



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(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Jocelyn Vare told The Reporter that voters were waiting for two hours to make their voices heard at the Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building in Fishers, where 779 people voted on Wednesday. (ABOVE RIGHT) Reporter Sports Editor Richie Hall joined 771 of his fellow voters at the Carmel Clay Public Library, where he waited 1 hour and 50 minutes to cast his ballot.



(ABOVE) There may not have been a line at the 4-H Fairgrounds during the 4:00 hour Wednesday, but according to the Election Office, a total of 1,116 people voted there Wednesday. (RIGHT) Meanwhile at West Park's Jill Perelman Pavilion in Carmel, 868 people waited in line to cast their ballots.



(ABOVE) A total of 639 eager voters wrapped around the block to get inside Westfield City Hall. These photos were taken just before 4 p.m. Wednesday, and according to the city's Director of Communications Kayla Arnold, the wait at that time was approximately an hour and a half.

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Letter to the Editor

Wiles: Crosser, Lambert & Richardson care about Noblesville community

Dear Editor:

Nov. 5 is quickly approaching and I hope that Noblesville residents are already exercising their right to vote in this very important election. In times when we have low voter turnout, it is so important for all eligible voters to cast your ballot.

There are many candidates who have dedicated their time, energy, and efforts to ask for your vote and the one office that is closest to home is that of Noblesville School Board.

As you evaluate candidates, I strongly encourage you to look at the track record and outstanding accomplishments of two of our current school board members, Christi Crosser and Stephanie Lambert. Since they began their service on the school board, they have shown the leadership and dedication to work with the administration and

staff of Noblesville Schools to do what is best for the education of all students. As Noblesville continues to grow and become more diverse, we need people on the school board who are willing to listen to new ideas and approaches of how best serve our students and teachers.

Bret Richardson also wants to dedicate his time to serving Noblesville Schools. Bret has been a life-long resident of Noblesville and has seen the growth and changes that have occurred over the years. Bret understands that our community needs the kind of leadership for Noblesville Schools that is focused on the future.

I am proud to have known and worked with all of these candidates for many years. Christi Crosser, Stephanie Lambert, and Bret Richardson are people who care and

are passionate about our community. They dedicate many hours to charitable organizations outside of Noblesville Schools by serving on boards and committees, all with the intent of making Noblesville a better place to live and raise a family.

We need dedicated leaders like Christi, Stephanie, and Bret on the Noblesville School Board to provide the appropriate fiscal oversight, vision, and dedication to our students, parents, and teachers that our community wants and deserves. Please join me in voting for Crosser, Lambert, and Richardson to ensure that Noblesville Schools continues to be an outstanding education system.

Megan Wiles
Noblesville resident
1984 NHS graduate & parent of former Noblesville students

Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the Nov. 5 General Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Friday, Oct. 25 and will be published on Saturday, Oct. 26.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Oct. 26 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, Oct. 29 and will be published in our Wednesday, Oct. 30 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

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Joel Levi receives Better Indiana's endorsement for Senate District 20

Submitted by
Levi for Indiana

Better Indiana has officially endorsed Joel Levi for Indiana Senate District 20. As a proud father, husband, and Hoosier, he is committed to advocating for policies that will create a stronger and safer Indiana for future generations.

Levi, who grew up in central Indiana and graduated from Anderson University, has built his career as a pharmacy technician. His passion for healthcare and child safety has been a driving force in his decision to run for State Senate.

"Better Indiana has an incredible vision for supporting candidates that are working for a progressive and inclusive state. I am honored to be one of those endorsed candidates," Levi said in response to the endorsement.

Central to Levi's platform is his commitment to public safety, particularly in ensuring that every child feels safe at school. He will fight for universal background checks on private gun sales and champion public safety reforms that prioritize the safety of Hoosiers. As a father, he understands the importance of

protecting future generations and making Indiana a place where families can thrive.

Levi understands the critical need to trust and support women in making their own healthcare decisions. In the State Senate, he will be a staunch advocate for restoring reproductive rights in Indiana.

This endorsement from Better Indiana underscores Levi's commitment and determination to serve the people of District 20. With



Levi

their support, he is ready to bring a fresh perspective to the Indiana Senate, focusing on policies that uplift Hoosier families and create lasting positive change.

As the campaign moves forward, Joel Levi remains focused on building a better Indiana, one that reflects the values of inclusion, safety, and opportunity for all.

Learn more about the candidate at JoelLeviForIndiana.com.

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Extended School Enrichment celebrates 25th annual “Lights On Afterschool” in Carmel

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Schools students enrolled in **Extended School Enrichment** (ESE) programs through Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will take part in the 25th annual **Lights On Afterschool** celebration today, Oct. 24.

Lights On Afterschool celebrates the significance of afterschool care for student success and safety while supporting the work-life balance of parents and guardians.

Organized by the **Afterschool Alliance**, Lights On Afterschool is a na-

tionwide event to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students and celebrate the important role of afterschool programs in the lives of children, families, and communities. Founded in 2000, the event recognizes the extraordinary value of afterschool programs and spotlights the need for more funding. According to the Afterschool Alliance, more than 123,000 students in Indiana are enrolled in afterschool programs while more than 300,000 students would be enrolled if

a program were available. Since its founding in 2000, more than a million people have participated in Lights On Afterschool to urge greater investment in quality afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and help working families.

“Providing a safe, fun, and educational space for our children is invaluable to the families in our community,” ESE Enrichment Director Jennifer Brown said. “We serve thousands of students every year, and we understand how important that is, not only to

each student's academic and personal development but to support our parents as well. We strive to provide the very best in afterschool care.”

CCPR’s ESE programs provide students with opportunities to learn, offering a variety of clubs each day ranging from board games and drawing to STEM and fuse beading.

In partnership with Carmel Clay Schools, CCPR offers ESE at 11 elementary schools. For more information or to enroll in a program, visit carmelclay-parks.com/ease.

New pedestrian bridge in Fishers will increase safety, connectivity on Nickel Plate Trail

By **ADAM PINSKER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The city of Fishers will soon begin construction on a **pedestrian bridge** connecting the Nickel Plate Trail over 96th Street, just west of the Interstate 69 interchange.

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said work on the project will begin at the end of the year. “We have lots of people trying to go east and west on a very busy road in 96th Street, and now you have pedestrians trying to go north and south, by elevating those pedestrians we’re eliminating that conflict,” he said.

A year ago, Indianapolis broke ground on a 10-mile stretch of converting what used to be a railroad into the Nickel Plate Trail.

“For our residents, now you’re going to have exponentially more trail connec-

tivity that allows you to go further and more ways down to Indianapolis and vice versa,” Fadness said.

The trail will promote Fishers as a haven for those who love walking, running, and cycling. It will also link the Nickel Plate to the Monon and Midland Trails.

“You have our section of the trail done now from 146th Street all the way down to 96th Street,” Fadness said. “This bridge connects us to the good work the city of Indianapolis is doing, from there all the way down to the State Fairgrounds.”

Estimated cost of the bridge is \$7.6 million, with construction expected to finish by the end of 2025.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/new-pedestrian-bridge-in-fishers-will-increase-safety-connectivity-on-nickel-plate-trail.

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Anderson Paramount Theatre to feature three big shows in November

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Tickets are still available for these three shows at the Anderson Paramount Theatre, 1124 Meridian St., Anderson.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at andersonparamount.org/shows or by calling the box office at (765) 642-1234.

Tom Papa

Friday, Nov. 8
7:30 p.m.

With more than 20 years as a stand-up comedian, Tom Papa is one of the top comedic voices in the country, finding success as an actor, host, and author in film, TV, radio, and podcasts, as well as live on stage. He has had five highly-rated stand-up specials, including his most recent special, *What A Day!*, on Netflix. He recently released his third book, *We're All In This Together ... So Make Some Room*, and is the host of the weekly podcast *Breaking Bread* with Tom Papa.

Theresa Caputo Live: The Experience

Wednesday, Nov. 20
7:30 p.m.

Theresa Caputo, also known as the Long Island Medium, is a psychic medium who has been seeing, feeling, and sensing spirits since she was four years old. Caputo delivers healing messages that help people learn, grow, and embrace life.

Her newest television series, *Theresa Caputo: Raising Spirits*, can be watched on Lifetime, and her podcast *Hey Spirit!* is available to listen to on all platforms. Caputo, a *New York Times* bestseller, released *Good Mourning: Moving Through Everyday Losses With Wisdom From The Other Side* in 2020.

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Warrant with Special Guest FireHouse

Thursday, Nov. 21
7:30 p.m.

Get ready to "Let The Good Times ROCK" with an electrifying rock experience. Warrant has unleashed hits like "Cherry Pie," "Heaven," "Sometimes She Cries," and "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

FireHouse has ignited countless stages with classics like "Love of a Lifetime," "Don't Treat Me Bad," "When I Look into Your Eyes," and "Reach for the Sky."

Don't miss a night of chart-topping anthems and high-energy performances from these bands that will have you singing along and rocking out, bringing the best of rock to the forefront.

Actors Theatre of Indiana presents *She Loves Me*

A love story sure to spark your holiday spirit

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) presents the next production in its 2024-2025 season: *She Loves Me*. This musical, sure to get you into the holiday spirit, will run at The Studio Theater from Nov. 1 to 17.

She Loves Me is a euphoric holiday-themed

romantic comedy with a soaring score that shares its source material with the classic movies *The Shop Around the Corner*, *In the Good Old Summertime*, and *You've Got Mail*.

Amalia and Georg work together at a modest Hungarian perfumery and have disliked each other from the very beginning. He thinks she's stuck up, and she thinks he's arrogant and mean. But each rapturously writes to a lonely-hearts pen pal when the workday is done, and it doesn't take long for the audience to see that they're in love without realizing it.

Inevitably, through some of the most iconic songs in the musical theatre canon ("Vanilla Ice Cream," "She Loves Me," "Will He Like Me?"), Georg and Amalia discover the truth as well and rejoice in their love for each other at the story's sweet and musically delightful conclusion.

An intimate and touching show, featuring music by Jerry Bock and Sheldon

Harnick and book by Joe Masteroff, *She Loves Me* was nominated for five Tony Awards in 1964. The 1993 Broadway revival won the Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival, the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Revival of a Musical and the 1994 Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, while the 2016 Broadway Revival snagged the Tony Award for Best Scenic Design.

Now you can enjoy this award-winning musical right in your own backyard. Considered by many to be the most charming musical ever written, *She Loves Me* is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old-world elegance.

Single tickets or Season Subscriptions including *She Loves Me* are available. Get yours by calling The Center for the Performing Arts Box Office at (317) 843-3800 or by visiting ATIstage.org. The folks at ATI can't wait to see you soon to be a part of their 20th Anniversary Season.

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Grupo Niche performance rescheduled to March 1

Celebrated salsa orchestra earned Latin Grammy with latest album

The REPORTER

Acclaimed Colombian salsa orchestra Grupo Niche has rescheduled its upcoming performance at the Palladium at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

Originally set for Nov. 8, the show has been rescheduled to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 1. Previously purchased tickets will be honored for the new date.

Formed in 1979, Grupo Niche is recognized by critics and the public alike as one of the most successful salsa groups in Latin America. The award-winning ensemble was founded in Bogotá by the late composer and arranger Jairo Varela Martínez before resettling in the western city of Cali. The group is known for its prominent horn arrangements, up-tempo African rhythms, and hits such as “Cali Pachanguero” and



Photo provided

“Una Aventura,” which have become standards of the genre. Grupo Niche’s latest album is Niche Sinfónico, recorded with the National Symphony Orchestra of Colombia and

named Best Salsa Album at the 2023 Latin Grammy Awards.

The concert is part of the Telamon Passport Series and the 2024-2025 Center Presents Season

sponsored by Allied Solutions. Questions and concerns may be directed to the center’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800 or Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org.

Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats coming to Fishers Event Center March 18

Submitted

Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats have revealed a brand-new series of headlining U.S. arena dates including a stop at the new Fishers Event Center on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, with special guest The Teskey Brothers.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25 at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com).

The tour follows Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats’ recently released fourth full-length studio album, *South of Here*, via Stax. With their largest tour to date, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats achieve another career milestone culminating from a renowned history of powerful live performances.

Rateliff’s undeniable stage presence has fueled his steady ascent since

breaking through the Denver D.I.Y. scene. His legendary shows have earned high praise, with the *Chicago Tribune* describing him as “one of the most powerful voices in folk music as his gruff baritone is able to expand in range and fill up an entire room without a microphone ... It will give you chills,” and *Westword* dubbing him “one of the few singer-songwriters in the country who could pump foot-stomping energy through the venue with the Night Sweats and then have an audience in tears with heartfelt solo material.” Since selling out Denver’s Ball Arena for their first arena show in December 2022, the band is reaching new heights and wider audiences than ever before.

Produced by Brad Cook (Waxahatchee, Bon



Iver, Kevin Morby) and recorded at Sonic Ranch outside El Paso, Texas, *South of Here* reckons with a lifetime of pain and trauma and transforms it into a stirring, soul-baring rumination on love, loss, hope and resolve. Following *And It’s Still Alright*, Rateliff’s 2020 solo LP, and *The Future*, The Night Sweats’ acclaimed 2021 release, the new album seamlessly blends both sides of his immense talent: emotionally potent, vivid storytelling and the rugged, R&B re-

vivalism that has powered the band to world-wide acclaim over the past decade.

Across 11 original tracks, all written by Rateliff and performed by The Night Sweats: Nathaniel Rateliff, Luke Mossman, Joseph Pope III, Mark Shusterman, Patrick Meese, Daniel Hardaway, Jeff Dazey, and Andreas Wild, the band, in peak form, plays with intuitive beauty while Cook’s production captures the group’s soulful fire with immediacy and purpose.

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Teen Driver Safety Week 2024: keeping your teenager safe behind the wheel

The REPORTER

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers in the United States. Based on miles driven, teenage drivers are involved in nearly three times as many fatal crashes as all other drivers. And everyone is at risk – nearly two-thirds of people injured or killed in a crash involving a teen driver is someone other than the driver.

“There are several risk factors that make driving so much more concerning for teenagers. The first is inexperience,” AAA Hoosier Motor Club Spokesperson Christina Griffiths said. “Crash rates of newly licensed teen drivers decrease by more than half over their first four years of driving. As teens mature and continue gaining experience behind the wheel, they’re learning to better anticipate and avoid potential hazards on the road.”

Nighttime driving is

also more difficult for teenagers because of their inexperience. In some areas, nighttime driving restrictions are in place for teenagers, which have reduced crashes among teens.

According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, one of the top reasons for crashes in drivers 16 to 19 years old was cell phone use. One in three teens who text have admitted to doing so behind the wheel. Another major cause: other teenage passengers, who can be a distraction.

“The fatal crash rate increases by 44 percent when teen drivers have a single teen passenger in their vehicle with them,” Griffiths said. “Having two passengers under the age of 21 doubles the risk, and three or more quadruples their risk. However, when driving with an adult passenger, their risk of experiencing a deadly crash significantly decreases.”

Thankfully, there are



things parents and guardians can do to help keep your teen safer behind the wheel. Pay close attention to your own driving – make sure you’re staying safe and distraction-free to set a good example. Consider having your teen avoid driving after 9 p.m. during the first year of driving until they gain more experience, and evaluate your teen’s readiness yourself to determine if they’re ready to drive more.

Make sure you use a quality driver’s education program, which you can find on the [AAA Approved Driving School webpage](#). AAA Hoosier Motor Club also [offers online driving](#)

[programs](#) to help improve driving skills for any level experience, and teens who complete the program can receive a free year of AAA membership.

About AAA Hoosier Motor Club

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

PERSONAL INJURIES

“If a bull gores a man or woman to death, the bull is to be stoned to death, and its meat must not be eaten. But the owner of the bull will not be held responsible. If, however, the bull has had the habit of goring and the owner has been warned but has not kept it penned up and it kills a man or woman, the bull is to be stoned and its owner also is to be put to death. However, if payment is demanded, the owner may redeem his life by the payment of whatever is demanded. This law also applies if the bull gores a son or daughter. If the bull gores a male or female slave, the owner must pay thirty shekels of silver to the master of the slave, and the bull is to be stoned to death.

Exodus 21:28-32 (NIV)

Carol C. Updegraff

November 26, 1940 – October 22, 2024

Carol C. Updegraff, 83, Kokomo, passed away on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo. She was born on November 26, 1940, to John and Clarissa (Burris) Gran in Ashtabula, Ohio.



Carol was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville. She sang in the Silver Notes choir group and with the church choir. Carol was involved with the Extension Homemakers Club and 4-H flowers. She enjoyed traveling with her husband. Most of all, Carol loved her family, children, and grandchildren.

She is survived by her son, David Updegraff; daughter, Jane (Mark) Foesch; two granddaughters, Elizabeth (Andrew) Thompson and Rebecca Foesch; and two sisters, Harriet Anderson and Joanne Liimakka.

In addition to her parents, Carol was preceded in death by her husband, James C. Updegraff.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Friday, October 25, 2024, at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St., Noblesville. Pastor Eric Gale will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St., Noblesville, IN 46060 ([fpc-noblesville.org](#)).

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Meeting Notices	
The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a hearing officer meeting at 5:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, in the City Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square. A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m.	The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.
The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, in the Historic Courtroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville.	The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, in the Historic Courtroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville.

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Women's Golf

Westfield's own Brette Hanavan wins individual medalist honors, helps her college team take national title

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

They may have been behind after the first day and playing against the wind, but Brette Hanavan and the Grace College women's golf team kept calm and carried on.

By doing that, the Lancers took control of the leaderboard during the next two days of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Women's National Championship, which took place this week at Hammock Beach Resort in Palm Coast, Fla. In the end, Grace College won the team championship with a three-day score of 320-315-315=950 to claim its second national title.

In addition, Hanavan won individual medalist honors. The 2022 Westfield graduate and current Lancers junior also came from behind to score that victory, finished with a three-day round of 79-74-79=232. Hanavan finished three strokes ahead of second place.

Hanavan was tied for sixth place after the first round, five strokes back from the lead. But Hanavan turned it on in the second round with a 74, the low score of the second day. Her two-round total was 153, just one behind Beth-

el's Aynslee Myer, who totaled 152.

Hanavan pulled ahead of Myer in Wednesday's third round with another 79. She drained five birdies for the tournament, making three in the second round and one each in the first and third rounds.

"My mental game was really strong throughout the tournament," said Hanavan. "I think my putting won the tournament for me." Hanavan said she followed an old golf rule: "Drive for show, but you putt for dough."

"It worked in this context because my putting did amazing," said Hanavan.

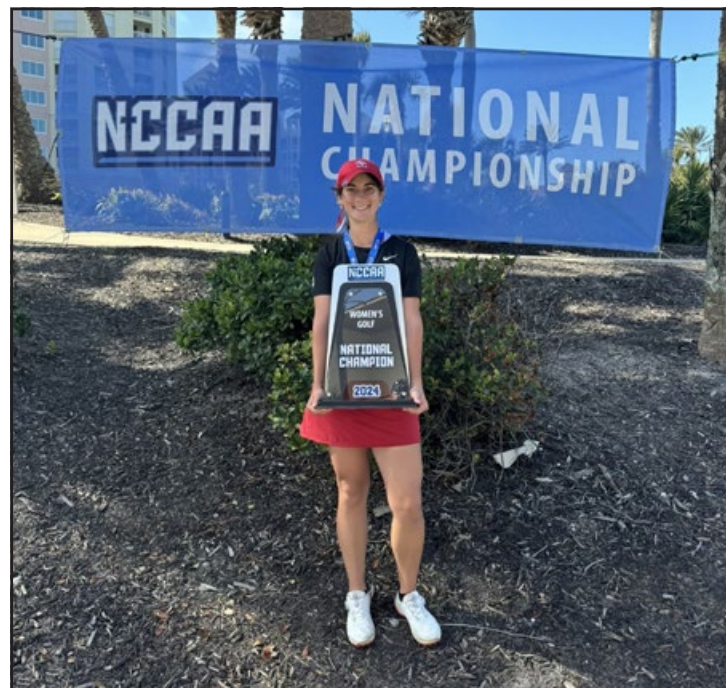
A strong mental game helped the entire Grace College team as well. The Lancers were in second place after the first round with their score of 320. Bethel was the leader with 309, so Grace College was down by a daunting 11 strokes.

"I think it's amazing that we could come back and win," said Hanavan. "It's tough to be back by 11 strokes after the first day."

Nothing to lose

But Hanavan said everyone on the team had each other's back, which made it "a lot better going into the next two days."

"As a team, we had nothing to lose, because we were already in a losing position, so we could just be



Photos provided

Westfield graduate and Grace College junior Brette Hanavan lifted two trophies Wednesday at the National Christian College Athletic Association Women's Golf National Championship. Hanavan helped the Lancers to a team championship and also claimed individual medalist honors.

very calm going into the next two days," said Hanavan.

The Lancers improved five strokes for their second day score by totaling 315. That brought them into a winning position, as they were only five down going into the third round. In that final round, Grace outdueled Bethel 315-326 to soar to the win.

"I think we played great," said Hanavan. She said the conditions were very tough "because the course is on the ocean."

The championship was played on the Hammock Beach Resort's Ocean Course, and there is no messing around: several of the course's holes are right on the Atlantic Ocean. (Hammock Beach is located a little over an hour south of Jacksonville.) Since those holes are by the ocean and its waves, "the wind made it pretty tough."

"Our team just did a good job of staying in the moment and grinding through those tough conditions and making sure every

shot mattered," said Hanavan.

The Lancers have built a solid golf tradition. Grace won its first national championship in 2019, while Summer Stillson won the individual championship in 2022. Hanavan has been on the Lancers team since her freshman year; she said she's made some of her best friends at Grace and "couldn't have asked for a better team."

"I love Grace," said Hanavan, who is majoring in accounting and plans to get

a master's in business administration. "It's definitely where I'm meant to be. Coach (Denny) Duncan is an amazing coach."

Westfield coach Josh Bryant said that Hanavan is the "consummate amateur professional" and is very proud of her accomplishments.

"It doesn't surprise me to see that she's won, although it's an amazing accomplishment," said Bryant. "Her mental attitude, the strength of her character bleeds into her golf."

Football

First Round Sectional preview: Hamilton Heights visits Speedway for neutral site game to begin playoffs

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

Class 3A Sectional 29: Hamilton Heights (3-6) vs. Speedway (4-5) *at Decatur Central

Tomorrow night, the Huskies will be playing on a neutral field for the first time since the 2012 Class 3A football state finals when they faced Bishop Chatard at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Friday night's match-up with Speedway has been moved from the Sparkplugs' regular home field to Decatur Central. Speedway began renovations on Ralph Johnson Field following the final home game on Oct. 11 against Indianapolis Lutheran.

The Sparkplugs will have a new turf field that features checkerboard end zones with maroon and yellow school colors. The most interesting element is that the 50-yard line will resemble a yard of bricks, just like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway down the street.

This will also be the first meeting between the Huskies and Sparkplugs.

Jon Kirschner is in his seventh season as the head coach at Hamilton Heights with a 36-36 record.

Heights started off the season at 0-4. The Huskies lost the opener late at Lapel (29-20) and dropped a close overtime battle with

Triton Central at home 17-14. Week 3 was an offensive struggle at McCutcheon (31-2) and a similar outcome at Danville the following week, 38-7.

The season has turned around from where it began. A much-needed home win over Western (21-6) got the Huskies in the win column. Week 6's road trip to Logansport didn't bode well with a 41-6 loss to the Berries.

The Huskies have gone 2-1 in their last three. Starting the month winning 26-16 over Twin Lakes and edging Tipton on the road 14-13, the regular season ended at home last week with a 21-7 defeat at the hands of West Lafayette.

After Drew Woodruff started off the season at quarterback, Joey Sigler has assumed duties in recent weeks. Woodruff threw for 931 and four TDs. Sigler has come on strong completing 44 of 73 passes (60.3 percent) for 889 yards and five touchdowns. He's also ran 38 times for 129 yards and another four scores.

Leading the run game is Nathan Flanders with 43 carries and 208 yards. Logan Hickman has also rushed for 92.

Tyler Champion is having another great season with 45 receptions for 906 yards and six TDs. Keaton Weaver also has 315 yards

on 28 catches and Dre Chandler 13 for 186. Nick Bichey has been a bright spot of late, catching nine for 173 and a pair of touchdowns.

Defensively, Michael Cain leads with 58 tackles, 3.5 sacks and an interception. Nick Hulén is second with 46 stops, 3.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries. Sigler is third with 43 tackles and a pair of fumble recoveries.

Speedway head coach Shane Clampitt is in his fourth season and has a 22-21 record.

The Sparkplugs started the season 3-1. After a season-opening loss at South Putnam (28-20), Speedway grabbed three wins in a row at Owen Valley (47-0) and a pair of home wins over Beech Grove (48-26) and Cardinal Ritter in OT (29-23).

Things went downhill in the latter part of the season, losing four of five heading



Bob Cross / File photo

Hamilton Heights' Tyler Champion has 45 receptions totaling 906 yards for the Huskies, including six touchdowns.

into the playoffs. After the three-game winning streak, two losses in a row came at Seccina (21-15) and home to Monrovia 42-21. They sandwiched a nice shutout

of Covenant Christian (29-0) in the middle of two more losses to Lutheran (49-7) and at Triton Central (37-6) to last week.

Quarterback Connor

Moreland leads a balanced offensive attack. Moreland passed 96 of 175 for 1,519 yards, good enough for 17

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TD passes and just four picks.

Jazz Coleman leads the Sparkplugs in rushing with 854 yards on 142 carries for 11 TDs. Moreland also has 214 on the ground, while Ja-Ronn Smith has rushed for 203 on 24 runs. Cameren Biggs leads the receivers with 413 on 16 receptions for four TDs, while Vinsin Jean has 18 catches for 268 and three scores.

Lucas Devault leads Speedway’s defense with 73 tackles. Biggs has three interceptions and pass deflections. Ezekiel Omole has 49 tackles and three passes, along with four sacks. Dawson Ott and Correy Midgett also have four sacks each.

Hamilton Heights last sectional title was in 2012, the same season the Huskies were Class 3A state runner-up. Speedway last grabbed a sectional crown in 2010.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 25

FOOTBALL SECTIONALS

Class 3A Sectional 29

Hamilton Heights vs. Speedway, 7 p.m. at Decatur Central

West Vigo at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.

Cascade at Crawfordsville, 7 p.m.

Tri-West at Indpls. Washington, 7 p.m.

Class 1A Sectional 46

Tri-Central at Tindley, 7 p.m.

Sheridan at Clinton Central, 7 p.m.

Clinton Prairie at Irvington, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

State doubles quarterfinals, 2 p.m. at Park Tudor

Match 1: Ethan Coughlin and Skyler Rose, Brownsburg vs. Gavin Eldridge and Jackson Boswell, Peru

Match 2: Aiden Mawbey and Kaleb York, Western vs. Hamilton Southeastern’s Landon Osswald and Tyler Rich

Match 3: Connor Couch and Joshua Sang, Bloomington South vs. Michael Bao and Grant Mu, Carmel

Saturday, Oct. 26

CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS

Carmel, University at Brownsburg, 10:30 a.m.

Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Blue River Park (Shelbyville), 10:30 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Class 3A north semi-state at Kokomo

Noblesville vs. Penn, 6 p.m.

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Plumb tapped to coach U.S. team at World Aquatics Short Course Swim Championships

The REPORTER

Carmel Swim Club head coach Chris Plumb has been named as the coach for the United States team at the 2024 World Aquatics Short Course Swimming Championships, which takes place Dec. 10 to 15 in Budapest, Hungary.

The announcement was made on Tuesday in a story on the USA Swimming website. This will be the second time this year that Plumb has been part of a coaching staff on an international team; the longtime Carmel coach was an assistant at the 2024 Paris Olympics this past summer.

USA Swimming Chief Operating Officer and Interim Chief Executive Officer Shana Ferguson was quoted in the story as saying that Plumb’s “club leadership and international experience make him a perfect fit to lead this team as our athletes close out the 2024 calendar year on the international stage in Budapest.”

In addition to Plumb, Carmel senior Alex Shackell is one of 16 swimmers that will represent the U.S. Women’s team. Shackell won a gold medal as part of the American 4x100 medley relay team at the Paris Olympics, as well as a silver medal as part of the 4x200 freestyle relay team.



Richie Hall / File photo

Carmel Swim Club head coach Chris Plumb (center) has been named the head coach of the United States team at the 2024 World Aquatics Short Course Swimming Championships, which take place in December in Budapest, Hungary. Carmel senior swimmer and Olympic gold medalist Alex Shackell (left) will be one of the 16 swimmers on the U.S. women’s team. Also pictured is Aaron Shackell, Alex’s brother and an Olympic swimmer.

2025 IMS event tickets on sale now at IMS.com, ticket office

Submitted by IMS

Tickets for marquee events in 2025 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway – including the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, the Brickyard 400 presented by PPG and the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks – are on sale online at [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) and at the IMS Ticket Office.

The IMS Ticket Office is located on the first floor of the IMS Administration Building at 4790 W. 16th St. in Indianapolis. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets also can be purchased by calling 317-492-6700.

“After an unforgettable 2024, it’s now time to start looking forward to the 2025 schedule at IMS and welcoming fans back to the Racing Capital of the World for another racing season,” IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “Other than renewal, buying now provides the best available seats at the lowest prices we offer and is a perfect time for our fans to make plans to be part of the many great racing events at IMS in 2025.”

Tickets for the following 2025 events are on sale at [IMS.com/tickets](https://www.ims.com/tickets) and the Ticket Office:

- Sonsio Grand Prix: Saturday, May 10
- Miller Lite Carb Day: Friday, May 23
- Legends Day presented by Firestone: Saturday, May 24
- 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge: Sunday, May 25
- Indy 500 Coors Light Snake Pit: Sunday, May 25
- Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational: Saturday, June 14-Sunday, June 15
- NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 250: Saturday, July 26
- NASCAR Cup Series Brickyard 400 presented by PPG: Sunday, July 27
- IMSA TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks: Friday, Sept. 19-Sunday, Sept. 21
- Intercontinental GT Indianapolis 8 Hour: Friday, Oct. 17-Sunday, Oct. 19

Customers also can purchase admission to practice, qualifications and the Indianapolis 500 public drivers’ meeting, as well as parking, camping, hospitality and public credentials (Bronze Badge, Silver Badge, garage passes, pit passes) for these events at [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com).

Fans also can purchase infield camping for the Sonsio Grand Prix, Brickyard Weekend and the IMSA TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks.

All products are on sale at their lowest remaining prices, with increases coming in 2025. The \$4 per-ticket service fee will be waived on items purchased before Jan. 6. Kids 15 and under will continue to be admitted free in general admission locations to all 2025 racing events at IMS when accompanied by an adult general admission ticketholder.

Miller Lite Carb Day and Coors Light Snake Pit concert lineups will be announced soon. The Firestone Legends Day concert once again will be held at the Everwise Amphitheater at White River State Park. Performers and ticket sale information will be announced later.

Fans can apply to receive tickets for the [2025 Driven2SaveLives BC39](https://www.driven2save.com). Dates for this event will be announced later.

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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 programing 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](#).



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](#).



Alison Hanley

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

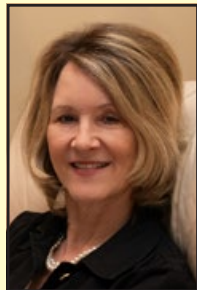
Alison is a wife and mother to triplet girls who attended Noblesville High School. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist with 35 years experience treating children with speech/language delays and adults/seniors with communicative-cognitive impairments. Alison loves the performing arts and enjoyed watching 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](#).

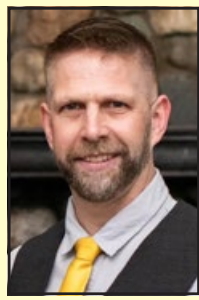


Brad Helvey

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](#).



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.

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Bret Richardson

Candidate for Noblesville School Board, At Large

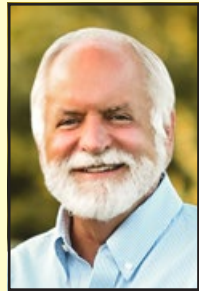
Bret Richardson is the Board Chair of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, was a swim and dive coach and volunteer for almost 20 years, is mentoring a student at North Elementary, and completed the Noblesville Schools Miller Ambassadors program.

"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](#)



Kevin Cavanaugh

Candidate for Heights School Board, Jackson Twp.

I am running for my third term as Hamilton Heights School Board of Trustees for Jackson Township. Education has been very rewarding to me as I have earned a MS and PhD from Purdue University in Plant Genetics. I am the owner and President of a corn genetics licensing business and have previously been on the Leadership Team of a large seed company for over 25 years before starting my own business. Preparing kids for their future success is where my passion lies. My experience in business and academia gives me the opportunity to make a difference in Heights students' lives. I have a deep understanding of the financial inter-workings of school budgets with an excellent knowledge of the Operation and Education funds. While on the Board the last eight years, we have stayed within budgets, have not increased the tax rate for the community and implemented such money saving projects as solar fields at our three main buildings. Moving forward, it is imperative to search for ways to continue to attract and retain top talent in the teaching area which will directly correlate to our kids' success now and into the future.



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.

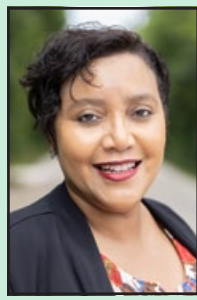
These opportunities have enabled me to collaborate with educators, parents, and community members.

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 [VoteLSchooley4hesb.com](#).



Terry Tolle

Candidate for HSE School Board, Fall Creek Twp.

My name is Terry Tolle, I have been married to my wife Lisa for 27 years. We have 3 children. Two have graduated from HSE and gone on to Purdue and Auburn University. My youngest is a Junior at HSE. I was previously elected to the HSE School Board and served from 2015 to 2018 as the legislative liaison. I testified

in the state senate and successfully worked with our state legislators and local officials to help secure the largest increase in operational funding in our school's history. That funding helped decrease class sizes, improve teacher pay, and strengthen the quality of education for our children. I am running again to help solve our budget problem and promote parental involvement and school safety. My goal is to bring civility, collaboration, and professionalism back to our schools, and work diligently to secure the financial future of this district so that our students and teachers can achieve their educational and professional goals within our district.

I would appreciate your vote.

Connect with Tolle on Facebook and at [Vote4Tolle.com](#).



Greg Lannan

Candidate for HSE School Board, Delaware Twp.

I'm Greg Lannan – a lifelong Fishers resident, and candidate for Hamilton Southeastern School Board.

As a proud 2009 graduate of Fishers High School, husband of Megan, also a Fishers High School graduate, and the dad of a future student, I am proud to be running for school board. This community has given me so much, and I look forward to being a voice and tireless advocate for students, parents and teachers alike.

I firmly believe that we can empower parental involvement, uplift our teachers so they feel inspired to give our children the best education every day, and run our district in a fiscally responsible manner.

I'm the only candidate that has walked the halls of these schools as a student and can give insight on how to best address several issues, particularly student mental health.

I have worked with state and local elected officials for over a decade and can be an effective advocate at the statehouse next year as property taxes and school funding are addressed. I would appreciate your vote this November!

Connect with Lannan on Facebook or at [Lannan4HSE.com](#).



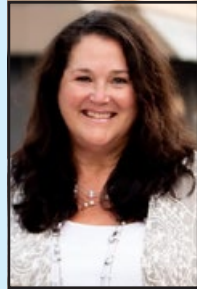
Suzanne Thomas

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-mentor, 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](#).

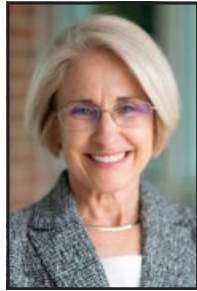


Dina Ferchmin

Candidate for Carmel Clay School Board

Dina Ferchmin, a U.S. Army veteran, brings a unique perspective shaped by her upbringing and military service. Born in Argentina during political unrest, Dina's family fled to the U.S., where she embraced the value of education and hard work. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, she served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division. After her military service, Dina worked as a Six Sigma Black Belt at General Electric. Today, she is focused on improving education and supporting her community in Carmel.

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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.

Connect with Maki at [SueMaki.com](https://www.SueMaki.com) or on Facebook.

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 non-profit 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.

Danny Lopez

Republican for State Representative District 39

Danny Lopez currently serves as Executive Vice President at Pacers Sports & Entertainment (PS&E), the corporate entity that encompasses the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever, the Pacers Foundation, Pacers Gaming, the Mad Ants of the NBA G League, and operations at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.



Children of Cuban political refugees, Danny and his wife, Sofia, relocated to Indiana in 2008 from their hometown of Miami and have been in Carmel since 2016. He has held senior-level positions in both the public and private sectors and had a direct hand in some of the most transformational public policy debates our state has seen. His campaign has been endorsed by numerous leaders and organizations in Indiana, including Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, Westfield Mayor Scott Willis, former Governor Mitch Daniels, the Indiana Fraternal Order of Police, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and many more.

Danny also serves a number of organizations in central Indiana, including the Indiana Sports Corp, the Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation, and the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission for the Supreme Court & Court of Appeals. He has also been recognized for his service, including on the IBJ’s list of the 250 Most Influential Hoosiers.

Connect with Lopez on Facebook or at [LopezForIndiana.com](https://www.LopezForIndiana.com).

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.

Alaina Shonkwiler

Republican for State Representative District 29

Alaina Shonkwiler has lived in Noblesville for most of her life, is a Noblesville High School alumnus, and a conservative Republican candidate for House District 29. Having served in numerous economic development roles throughout her career, Alaina has the experience to tackle our challenges and ensure Hoosier communities continue to thrive. Through her work in government advisory, she helps communities achieve their goals, and is a long-time public servant, having previously held roles with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, City of Noblesville, and Noblesville Schools. She has been endorsed by the Indiana FOP, Hamilton County FOP, Noblesville FOP, and Professional Firefighters of Indiana for her commitment to supporting public safety, and multiple business friendly organizations including the Indiana Manufacturers Association, Indiana Realtors PAC, Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Hamilton County’s OneZone Chamber PAC for her economic growth experience and policies. Alaina supports a lower tax environment that protects families and seniors from rising taxes including property taxes, transparency and affordability in healthcare, and quality education policies for every Hoosier child that support teachers and empower parents. Alaina lives in Noblesville with her husband, Jason, a Noblesville Police Sergeant, and their children, Hannah and Kyle.



Connect with Shonkwiler at [AlainaForNoblesville.com](https://www.AlainaForNoblesville.com), on Facebook, or by emailing alainafornoblesville@gmail.com.

VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Matt McNally

Democrat for State Representative District 39

Matt is a veteran of Afghanistan, airline pilot, union member, and proud husband and father. He served in the military for over 22 years and retired in 2022 after attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. Matt currently serves the Carmel and Westfield communities as the Senior Vice Commander of VFW Post 10003, on the board of the Westfield Kiwanis Club, is a member of the Carmel Citizen’s Police Alliance, and was an English as a second language instructor with Exodus Refugee. He and his wife, Brooke, have two children who attended Westfield public schools.



Matt is raising his family alongside yours and knows the importance of having good schools, safe neighborhoods, and good jobs. His campaign has knocked on 20,000 doors this election cycle because he believes the people of Carmel and Westfield should know their elected representatives, and that those representatives should listen to them and be responsive to them, regardless of political party.

Connect with McNally on Facebook or at [McNallyForIndiana.com](https://www.McNallyForIndiana.com).

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

STATE

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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.



Jennifer McCormick

Democrat for Governor

Jennifer McCormick is a life-long 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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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.

Connect with Wilburn on Facebook or at WilburnForIndiana.com.



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 or on Facebook.



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 injustice. 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 or on Facebook.



Victoria Spartz

Republican for Fifth Congressional District

Victoria is a natural leader who has a proven track record in the business world, civic organizations and the public sector.

In many ways, she embodies the American Dream: born overseas, immigrating to the United States over 20 years ago after meeting her husband, a born and raised Hoosier, on a train in Europe, becoming a US Citizen, and working her way up from bank teller to a CPA, finance executive and successful business owner.

Growing up in socialist-controlled Ukraine, she experienced firsthand the dark side of socialism. Living through this molded her conservative political philosophy: limited government is always better, and financial and healthcare decisions should be made by individuals in the free market, not bureaucrats and special interests.

In 2020, she was elected to Congress from Indiana’s 5th District. Re-elected in 2022. In an era of politicians with sound bites, Congresswoman Spartz is a policy leader who is already make a legislative difference even in her first two terms – 12 bills signed into law and many policies developed from scratch.

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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
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
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2	
Steven C. Dillinger	Republican
COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3	
Mark E. Heirbrandt	Republican
COUNCIL, AT LARGE (vote for 3)	
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
JUDGE, CIRCUIT COURT	
Andrew R. Bloch	Republican
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 1	
Michael A. Casati	Republican
JUDGE, SUPERIOR COURT 6	
Stephenie K. Gookins	Republican

SCHOOL BOARD

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOL BOARD, AT LARGE (vote for 2)	
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
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 (vote for 3)	
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
WESTFIELD WASHINGTON SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1	
Carrie Larrison	Non Partisan
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?

