

TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

What makes Mason Mundy smile? "Just being in the Journalism class and just making content, either personally making content, or stuff for the school. It's stuff I've always loved. I also love swimming, while practice is kind of hard to wake up at 4:30 a.m. for ... It's just the swim culture, I love so much. That always makes me smile, just being with all of the swim people," said the Noblesville High School junior, who received a spirit award from the swim coach at NHS. He became a team captain for the junior varsity swim team, getting the JV and varsity teams connected. The 17-year-old is the son of David and Megan Mundy and plans to graduate in 2023. He was found leading a Broadcast News studio tour last Wednesday evening during Noblesville High School's annual Course Fair. What does he enjoy most about broadcasting? "I love making stories, stories that will make people happy and that will get topics out there that are rarely talked about, rarely seen, and getting my opinion to inform people." He plans to study Journalism at Ball State University in the fall of 2023.

And Another Thing...

1. Boilermaker Bees

Purdue University engineers and entomologists are making some sweet discoveries about how honeybees build and structure their honeycombs, which could lead to new fabrication techniques taken from the buzzing builders.

Nikhilesh Chawla, the Ransburg Professor of Materials Engineering at Purdue, is one of the first to utilize four-dimensional (4D) imaging to delve further into the complexities of the honeycomb. The imaging allows a time-lapse view of the bees' work without cutting into their home.

The innovative view of the bees' construction found techniques that could eventually translate into new concepts for structural materials or additive manufacturing for the construction industry. Chawla said some of the junctions between the honeycomb cells were created using less material, with the resulting porous connections resembling Swiss cheese.

Chawla's work shows how humans can draw important lessons from the plant and animal world in a discipline called biomimicry, which investigates naturally occurring materials and behaviors and draws inspiration to design new products, systems and buildings. Chawla said there are aspects of honeycombs already used in several applications, from construction and structural materials to shoes.

2. Spartz Statement

Yesterday, Rep. Spartz issued a statement below on Speaker McCarthy's pledge to remove Reps. Schiff, Swalwell, and Omar from House committees:

"Two wrongs do not make a right. Speaker Pelosi took unprecedented actions last Congress to remove Reps. Greene and Gosar from their committees without proper due process. Speaker McCarthy is taking unprecedented actions this Congress to deny some committee assignments to the Minority without proper due process again", Rep. Spartz said. "As I spoke against it on the House floor two years ago, I will not support this charade again. Speaker McCarthy needs to stop "bread and circuses" in Congress and start governing for a change."

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Photo courtesy of Laura Keith and Dancing Like the Stars

Noblesville High School 1990 graduate Laura Keith (left) and professional dance instructor Diana Miller of Fishers will compete together in the 15th annual "Dancing Like the Stars" fundraiser on Saturday night at The Paramount Theatre Centre & Ballroom in Anderson.

'90 NHS Graduate is "Dancing Like the Stars"



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

When Noblesville's Laura Keith started taking Zumba lessons a couple of years ago, she never dreamt that a few Latin-inspired cardio exercise classes would turn into ballroom dance lessons and an opportunity to compete in "Dancing Like The Stars."

The public performance formatted after "Dancing With the Stars" TV show, which pairs local celebrities -- Laura Keith is a pharmacist and wife of 25 years of North Elementary school resource officer Joe Keith -- with professional dancers -- will compete on stage at 7 p.m. Saturday at The Paramount Theatre Centre & Ballroom in Anderson. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Keith has taken dance lessons in waltz, rumba, the hustle and two step and will perform Saturday a mix of cha cha and samba styles.

"I've not always liked to dance," she said. "It's not something I ever saw myself doing but just sort of happened."

The 1990 Noblesville High School graduate played softball,

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Bastian Solutions Unveils Plans for New Corporate Campus in Noblesville

The City of Noblesville is pleased to announce that Bastian Solutions, a Toyota Advanced Logistics company, is planning a new state-of-the-art corporate campus in Noblesville. The 162-acre site will serve as the future home to the company's corporate headquarters and advanced manufacturing facilities which will produce industry leading supply chain automation technologies.

The new campus will be designed to support the company's anticipated growth over the next several decades with ground breaking estimated to start in the next 24 to 36 months.

"For 70 years, Bastian Solutions has experienced demonstrated success in central Indiana, and we're proud to continue to call the region home as we embark on the next chapter in our history," said Bastian Solutions President & CEO Aaron Jones.

"Our investment in the Noblesville campus will be the largest our company has made to date. This project is indicative of our commitment to Bastian employees, the material handling industry and the State of Indiana. We're excited to build upon the roots we've established here to ensure we're successful for the next 70 years."

To determine the optimal location for the company's new home, Bastian conducted a thorough zip code study of its current Indiana-based employees along with housing market research and labor supply market research to support future growth objectives.

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"Kitterman International," the Dairy Queen and the Old Laundromat



PAULA DUNN From Time to Thyme

We haven't had a reader column for a while. It's time to correct that!

Going way back to November, my Anonymous Friend commented that the column on Sheridan's Blackhawk Airport stirred up memories of his four years studying aviation at Noblesville High School with Don Roberts.

He recalled that Don used to take his aviation classes out to the Kitterman family's grass airstrip east of State Road 37 (in the general area of today's Meijer) for their first airplane rides.

My AF said Don jokingly referred to that airstrip as "Kitterman International" because -- in Don's words -- "We'll let anyone from anywhere fly in here."

That sure sounds like the Don I knew -- the man whose truck sported a "I'd rather be flying" bumper sticker (or front license plate. I can't remember which.)

Pam Davidson wrote that she had some wonderful memories of Noblesville's original Dairy Queen. Her grandparents lived

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HONEST HOOSIER

For those of us at a certain age, we remember when the "board" of education had holes drilled in it and was used to put wandering students back on the right path -- and it sure seemed to work. A shame our world has changed so much.



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm." - Publilius Syrus

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? The Abdominal Snowman!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take family walks -- it's good exercise and good for conversation. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



OBITUARIES

None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank JIM FOOTE for subscribing!



CPA February Arts, Education Programming

Center Presents Performances

Dublin Irish Dance: Wings – A Celtic Dance Celebration

- 8 p.m. on Feb. 10
- The Palladium
- Tickets from \$20
- Telamon Passport Series

Direct from Ireland, Wings: A Celtic Dance Celebration is a brand-new dance production created by a critically acclaimed artistic team. Wings features exquisite Irish and World champion dancers together with Ireland's finest musical and vocal virtuosos. Complete with original music and choreography, this groundbreaking production, infused with world dance and musical influences, will thrill audiences with its transformative emotional energy and imaginative design. Expect a vivid and illuminating production portraying rich Irish heritage themes, in spectacular dance and musical performances by a superb cast.

Boney James: Detour

- 8 p.m. on Feb. 18
- The Palladium
- Tickets from \$25
- Drewry Simmons

Vornehm Jazz Series

Performance Partner: SBC Wealth Management Saxophonist and composer Boney James returns to the Palladium for an evening of R&B-inflected jazz. James was a sideman for such artists as Morris Day and the Isley Brothers before launching a solo career that has sent 11 albums to the top of Billboard's Contemporary Jazz Albums chart. Among other honors in the course of his career, he has received a Soul Train Award, four Grammy Award nominations and two NAACP Image Award nominations. His new, 18th studio release, *Detour*, is a stylistic departure that features appearances by vocalist Lalah Hathaway and trumpeter Dontae Winslow.

Lindsay Zanno: T. Rex Rises

- 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 21
- The Palladium
- Tickets from \$30
- National Geographic Live Series

How did Tyrannosaurus rex become the iconic apex predator of North America 67 million years ago? Paleontologist Dr. Lindsay Zanno is uncovering the answer. Each year she spends several months on expedition, scouring the badlands of western North America in search of clues. Along the way, she has discovered many new species — including some of the earliest predecessors of T. rex. Join Dr. Zanno for a fascinating look at how a global climate crisis during the Cretaceous Period changed the course of evolution for this prehistoric tyrant and its ancestors. Free morning matinee available for students.

Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine

- 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24
- The Palladium
- Tickets from \$25
- Printing Partners Clas-

sical Series

Established in 1902, the Lviv National Philharmonic Orchestra of Ukraine has collaborated with many of the world's great composers and musicians. The orchestra regularly performs at top international festivals and has released acclaimed recordings on major labels including Naxos and Brilliant Classics. Principal Conductor Theodore Kuchar will lead the orchestra in a program of Brahms, Grieg and Dvořák featuring pianist Oksana Rapita.

Other February events include:

- *Palladium Bookies*
- 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 13
- The Palladium
- Free

The Palladium Bookies meet every other month to discuss books about the performing arts or related to upcoming performances. Social time is followed by breakout sessions for in-depth discussion. This month's book is *Coal Miner's Daughter* by Loretta Lynn and George Vecsey. For information and to RSVP, e-mail Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org.

Live at the Center: Katherine Nagy Trio with Tim Wright

- 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 22
- Online and at the Studio Theater
- Livestream: Free (pay-what-you-can, no minimum)
- On site: \$5 (pay-what-you-can, \$5 minimum)

Hailing from Ireland, Katherine Nagy brings a slight Celtic influence to her songs, which reflect on love, hope, dreams, motherhood and finding purpose. Her 2017 debut EP *Gypsy Lady* was followed by the full-length album *Heartsongs* in 2018 and multiple EP and single releases. She was a winner of the Eagle Creek Folk Festival Songwriter Challenge in 2020 and 2021. The trio, which includes Austin Johnson and Bethany Robinson, will be joined by Timothy Wright of the acclaimed Wright Brothers Band.

Child & Adult Music Class: Three Little Kittens

- 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 24 to March 31
- The Palladium
- Tickets: \$72 for six sessions

Musician Michelle Marti leads interactive music activities for kids ages 10 months to 5 years and their caregivers.

Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam: Feller Express Dinosaurs

- 10:30 a.m. (sold out) and 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25
- The Studio Theater
- Tickets: \$10 per child, includes up to two free adult admissions per order

Kids can enjoy interactive stories, songs and dancing with actors in lifelike dinosaur costumes. Each child in the audience will receive a shaker egg to join in the music. Designed for children ages 1-7, Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

Duke Energy Announced as Title Sponsor for Indiana Peony Festival

President and founder of the Indiana Peony Festival, Inc., Kelly McVey has announced that Duke Energy will serve as the title sponsor for the Indiana Peony Trail. The company's longstanding commitment to building and supporting the communities it serves aligns with the Indiana Peony Trail's community-forward mission and vision.

Duke Energy's support will create an immediate and measurable impact, allowing for the expansion of the peony trail's nature footprint and create thriving natural and pollinator habitats throughout Noblesville.

"We are excited to support the Indiana Peony Festival, a beloved annual tradition which brings the community together to celebrate our state flower," said Mark LaBarr, government and community relations manager for



Duke Energy.

"With the partnership of local business owners, nonprofits and organizations, we hope the Indiana Peony Trail will bring this year's festivities to new areas of the city and offer fun and enjoyment throughout the month of May for those who call Noblesville home."

The mission of the Indiana Peony Trail Powered by Duke Energy is to create peony gardens alongside businesses, nonprofit organizations, and other philanthropic groups with the goal of making

Noblesville, Indiana the desired peony destination for local, regional and national tourism.

As part of the Indiana Peony Festival, the Indiana Peony Trail Powered by Duke Energy aims to energize volunteers, beautify underserved, diverse areas of the city, and create educational and informational nature programming featuring the Indiana state flower – the peony.

The 26 original Indiana Peony Trail supporters were instrumental in the launch of the project, and Duke Energy's sponsorship will allow for expedited momentum for the trail's growth. Duke Energy's sponsorship will support the planting of 1,000 peony plants — 500 this winter and 500 in spring 2023.

Trail plantings have already taken place at several Noblesville locations

including Noblesville City Hall, Noblesville Schools High School roundabout, Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, Noblesville Courthouse and Janus Development Center.

Contact Kelly McVey to schedule interviews or coverage opportunities. For more information and a list of all Indiana Peony Trail supporters, visit indianapeonyfestival.com/peony-trail-

About the Indiana Peony Festival:

The Indiana Peony Festival is a non-profit organization whose mission is to inspire Indiana residents and businesses to celebrate the peony, the state flower, and to enhance Noblesville's peony footprint through diverse and intentional peony beautification initiatives like the Indiana Peony Trail, residential and neighborhood peony gardens, and through horticulture education.

Local Executive Named to IMA Board of Directors

The Indiana Manufacturers Association has named its 2023 Chair, Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Among those announced as Board Members was Tom Merrell, General Manager at IDI Composites International in Noblesville

Additionally, Rachel Osting, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel for Fort Wayne Metals Research Products, was named 2023 Chair.

As Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel, Rachel Osting is responsible for the company's legal function, including corporate governance, contract review and negotiation, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property protection, and litigation oversight.

With the ever-increasing and complex regulatory landscape, Osting's responsibilities also include leading the company's export and trade compliance programs and directing other product regulatory aspects applicable to a global company supplying into the medical device and aerospace industries.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Government from the

University of Toledo and a J.D. from Capital University Law School, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Below, you can find a full list of Executive Committee and Board of Directors Members.

Executive Committee:

- **Chair:** Rachel Osting, Fort Wayne Metals Research Products, Fort Wayne
- **Vice Chair:** Angela Holt, Rathburn Tool & Manufacturing, Auburn
- **Immediate Past Chair:** Bill Champion, FRATCO, Inc., Francisville

• Jody Fledderman, Batesville Tool & Die Co., Inc., Batesville

- Bill Gartland, Atlas Foundry Company, Inc., Marion
- Tim Hollander, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana, Princeton
- Gary Larson, Ford Meter Box Co., Inc., Wabash

Board of Directors Members:

- John Admire, Ashley Industrial Molding, Inc., Ashley
- Ali Alavi, Heritage Environmental Services, Indianapolis
- Carmen Andreoli, Constellation, Louisville,



International, Inc., Jasper

- Leah Konrady, Konrady Plastics, Inc., Portage
- Shaneca Lee, Eli Lilly and Company, Indianapolis
- Matthew Linville, Zimmer Biomet, Warsaw
- Matt Long, AT&T, Indianapolis
- Kristie McKillip, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC, Plainfield
- Zac Overton, Overton Industries Tube Forming Systems, Franklin
- Jeremy Page, Honda Indiana Auto Plant, Greensburg
- Paul Perkins, Amatrol, Inc., Jeffersonville
- Richard Pfeil, Pfeil, Inc., South Bend
- Matt Smorch, CountryMark, Indianapolis
- Derek Sublette, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Indianapolis
- Laurie Thornton, Centerpoint Energy, Indianapolis
- James Tuerk, Aero Industries Incorporated, Indianapolis
- Paul Vercher, United States Steel Corporation, Hoover, AL
- Ed Wulbrecht, Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc., Lafayette
- Brent Yeagy, Wabash, Lafayette

• Ania Ediger, Cleveland-Cliffs Inc., Cleveland, OH

- Tory Flynn, Hillenbrand, Inc., Batesville
- Mike Griffith, Major Tool and Machine, Indianapolis
- John Grote, Grote Industries, Inc., Madison
- Gretchen Gutman, Cook Group, Inc., Bloomington
- Jeff Hansen, Steel Dynamics, Inc., Fort Wayne
- Leanne Hardisty, Caterpillar Inc., Lafayette
- Doug Hass, Kimball Electronics, Inc., Jasper
- John Hiler, Hiler Industries, LaPorte
- Robert Kersey, ALM/ Great States Corporation, Muncie
- Greg Kincer, Kimball

Meeting Notice

Westfield Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Feb. 1 at 9 a.m. for the

City of Westfield has been canceled. There will be an Oversight Committee meeting on Feb. 1 at 1:30 p.m. located at City Hall (Assembly Room)

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The grants are part of the Rural Business Development Grant program. Eligible applicants are qualified, experienced national organizations seeking to provide rural communities with training and technical assistance to improve passenger transportation services and facilities.

USDA does not provide funding directly to



individuals or businesses under this program.

USDA is offering priority points to projects that advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help communities create more and better market opportunities, advance equity, and combat climate change.

These extra points will increase the likelihood

of funding. For more information, visit rd.usda.gov/priority-points.

Applications will be scored, reviewed, and selected on a competitive basis. Applications must be submitted to the applicant's nearest USDA office by April 19, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. local time. Additional information is available on page 3376 of the Jan. 19, 2023, Federal Register.

December Jobs Report Shows Hoosier Unemployment and Participation Remains Steady

Indiana's unemployment rate in December stands at 3.1%, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for December stands at 3.5%.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate held at 63.2% for December, remaining above the national rate of 62.3%. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking

employment, stands at 3,398,408 - an increase of 3,369 from the previous month.

Private sector employment in Indiana decreased by 4,600 jobs over the last month, translating to a gain of 54,200 jobs from this time last year. Indiana's December private employment stands at 2,784,500. Industries that experienced job increases in December included:

- Trade, Transportation and Health Services

- (+900);
- Manufacturing (+600);
- Construction (+300);
- and
- Financial Activities (+100).

As of Jan. 17, 2023, there were 128,198 open job postings throughout the state. In December, 21,773 people in Indiana received unemployment benefits.

Individuals looking for work, training or career advice are encouraged to visit NextLevelJobs.org.

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STATE OF INDIANA)) SS BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY OF HAMILTON) DRAINAGE BOARD IN THE MATTER OF Thorpe Creek Drainage Area, Collins Extension NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Drainage Board at its regular meeting January 23, 2023 adopted the reconstruction report of the Surveyor and the Amended Schedule of damages and assessments including annual assessment for periodic maintenance, finding that the costs, damages and expense of the proposed improvement would be less than the benefits which will result to the owner of lands benefited thereby. The Board issued an order declaring the proposed improvement established. Such findings and order were marked filed and are available for inspection in the Office of the Hamilton County Surveyor. If judicial review of the findings and order of the Board is not requested pursuant to Article VIII of the 1965 Indiana Drainage Code as amended within twenty (20) days from the date of publication of this notice, the findings and order shall become conclusive. HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD BY: Mark Heirbrandt PRESIDENT TL20007 1/25 1t hspaxlp

John S. Terry, Attorney TERRY LEGAL GROUP, LLC 301 E. Carmel Drive, Suite C300 Carmel, IN 46032 (317) 564-0016 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Cause No. 29D02-2301-EU-000010 In the Hamilton Superior Court #2 of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Regina McDonald was, on January 12, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Steve O. Sanderson, deceased, who died on December 28, 2022. All persons who have claims against this Estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, January 12, 2023. Kathy Kreg Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court #2 Hamilton County, Indiana TL20006 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO.: 29D03-2212-EU-000610 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF EULA M. EMRY, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION NOTICE is hereby given that on December 21, 2022, DONALD L. EMRY was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Eula M. Emry, who died on November 4, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the Office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this December 21, 2022. Kathy Kreg Williams Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court Prepared By: E.J. Last, Attorney at Law PO Box 1242 Brownsburg, IN, 46112 (317) 858-1118 TL20005 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA)) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3)) SS:)) CAUSE NO. 29D03-2301-EU-000012 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH BREDLAU, DECEASED George G. Slater, Attorney SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC 600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128 Carmel, IN 46032 317-571-9600 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Vincent B. Guzik was on the 13th day of January, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Elizabeth Bredlau, deceased, who died on December 31, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 13th day of January, 2023 Kathy Kreg Williams CLERK, Hamilton Superior Court 3 TL20004 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

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29D01-2212-EU-000631 STEPHEN W. COOK, Attorney for Estate NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Barbara Thatcher was on December 30, 2022, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of David L. Williams, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 30th day of December 2022. Kathy Kreg Williams Hamilton Superior Court No. 1 Stephen W. Cook COOK & COOK Attorneys at Law 955 Logan Street Noblesville, IN 46060 TL20002 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

29D01-2301-EU-000005 STEPHEN W. COOK, Attorney for Estate NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court No. 1 of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Tona D. Robey was on the 9th day of January, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Joan M. Edwards, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 9th day of January, 2023. Kathy Kreg Williams Hamilton Superior Court No. 1 Stephen W. Cook COOK & COOK Attorneys at Law 955 Logan Street Noblesville, IN 46060 TL20001 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP One Indiana Square, Suite 1800 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division In the Matter of the Estate of Annesley Abey, Deceased. Estate Docket 29D02-2301-EU-000008 Notice is hereby given that Gayathri A. Boyers and Savithri A. Danforth were on January 12, 2023, appointed co-personal representatives of the Estate of Annesley Abey, deceased, who died on the 22nd day of December, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville Indiana, this January 12, 2023 Kathy Kreg Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court, Probate Division TL20000 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA)) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT)) SS:)) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2301-EU-0000198 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF DARRELL E. MORRIS, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on the January 19, 2023, TAMMY S. GRAY was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Darrell E. Morris, deceased, who died on the 11th day of December, 2022. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, this January 19, 2023. /s/ Kathy Kreg Williams Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court TL19999 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana ("City"), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 121922B, annexing approximately 0.59 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the Tolle Property (the "Annexed Territory"), located at 13880 E. 116th Street, Fishers, IN. This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers City Hall, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions, please contact: City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department planning@fishers.in.us (317) 595-3155 TL19995 1/25 1t hspaxlp

CITY OF FISHERS CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE ANX-23-1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: http://tinyurl.com/CityOffFishers NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 20, 2023 at Launch Fishers Huston Theater 12175 Visionary Way, Fishers, IN 46038. REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # ANX-23-1 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 0.48 acres, known as the Ren property. Subject site is located at 10031 E. 126th Street which is a quarter of a mile east of the intersection of E 126th and Cumberland. LOCATION: 10031 E 126TH ST, FISHERS, IN 46038 Written objections filed with the secretary of the City Council before the hearing will be considered. If you would like your written comments to be provided to the Fishers City Council you must submit them one (1) week prior to the hearing date noted above. Oral comments will be heard during the public hearing. City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department planning@fishers.in.us (317) 595-3155 Petitioner: Yongxiang and Si Mei Ren TL19994 1/25 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION 29D01-2301-EU-000009 In the Superior Court 1, of Hamilton County, Indiana. In the matter of the unsupervised Estate of Jane Tubergen, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Matthew Alan Tubergen was, on the 10th day of January, 2023, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Jane Tubergen, deceased, who died on the 14th day of December, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana this January 10, 2023. Kathy Kreg Williams Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court 1 Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP John Gardner (I.D.#10823-49) Suite 600 600 E. 96th Street Indianapolis, IN 46240 (317) 569-9600 TL19986 1/18 1/25 2t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA)) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR)) SS:)) COURT PROBATE DIVISION COUNTY OF HAMILTON)) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2301-EU-000006 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF BRIAN FOX DECEASED. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO: ALL CREDITORS In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Christine A. I-Lambien was on the 9th of January, 2023 appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Brian Fox, deceased. All persons who have Claims against this estate: whether or not now due, must file the Claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, 9th of January, 2023. Kathy Kreg Williams Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court TL19984 1/18 1/25 2t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA)) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3)) SS:)) CAUSE NO. 29D03-2212-EU-000598 IN THE MATTER OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF GARY R. MAJOR, DECEASED. George G. Slater, Attorney SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC 600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128 Carmel, IN 46032 317-571-9600 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Brooke M. Carlson was on December 8, 2022 appointed personal representative of the Estate of Gary R. Major, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, December 8, 2022 Kathy Kreg Williams Hamilton County Clerk TL19991 1/18 1/25 2t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA)) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3)) SS:)) CAUSE NO. 29D03-2208-ES-000427 IN THE MATTER OF THE INTESTATE ESTATE OF FREDDIE WAYNE LONG, DECEASED. George G. Slater, Attorney SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC 600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128 Carmel, IN 46032 317-571-9600 NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana. Notice is hereby given that Monica Nakatsuka was on the 25th day of August, 2022, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Freddie Wayne Long, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred. Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 26th day of August, 2022. Kathy Kreg Williams Hamilton County Clerk TL19990 1/18 1/25 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioners' Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the Courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:50 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023. All items bid are for the use of the Hamilton County Highway Department and participating municipalities (category 8). All quantities are estimated based on the projected usage, and the purchased amount will be more or less depending on the actual need. Unless otherwise stated, all bid prices will be considered firm prices and awards shall be valid March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2024. Bids will be received in the following categories: 1. Aggregates 2. Bituminous Mixtures 3. Liquid Asphalts 4. Drainage Pipe 5. Timber Bridge Components 6. Gasoline / Fuel & Lubricants 7. N/A 8. Pavement Traffic Markings 9. Fertilization & Weed Control .9a 10. Tree / Stump Removal 11. Traffic Signal Maintenance 12. Mowing All materials and supplies, unless otherwise specified shall be in compliance with the appropriate section(s) of the latest version of the INDOT Standard Specifications or Hamilton County Specifications 2002 on file in the Auditor's Office. Specifications on file in the Auditor's Office supersede State Highway Specifications. Bid packages and specifications can be obtained at the Hamilton County Highway Office located at 1700 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. It is mandatory that all of the above-mentioned materials and supplies meet specifications on file in the Auditor's Office and all applicable laws and regulations. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept more than one bidder or reject any and/or all bids, or any part thereof. The Board of County Commissioners also reserves the right to accept bids on a line-item basis. Hamilton County reserves the right to award on the basis of geographical location or on the basis of past performances. In compliance with IC 5-22-17-4, upon request of the vendor and approval of the Board of Commissioners, awards may be extended for a year beginning March 1, 2024. Sealed bids shall be submitted on prescribed forms (HC Form 06/03), which are obtainable from said Auditor. CATEGORY NAME AND ITEM NUMBER SHOULD BE CLEARLY INDICATED ON OUTSIDE ENVELOPE CONTAINING BID. Separate categories shall be bid in separate envelopes. When specifically required in the specifications a bid is to be accompanied by a BIDDERS BOND, OR BY A CERTIFIED CHECK in the sum equal to the amount specified, made payable to Hamilton County Board of Commissioners, conditioned that such bidder will, if successful, be required to furnish a performance bond or suppliers bond in the same amount and enter into a contract agreeing to furnish such materials and supplies, in the event that they are ordered at any time during the specified time period ending February 28, 2024. Bidders for Categories 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 shall complete and return the Employment Eligibility Verification Form. Bidders shall affix identifying bid tabs to the following items of each proposal: A) Bid Form 06/03 (B) Non-Collusion Affidavit (C) Bid Bond or certified check (if required) D) Bid Proposal, with Summary sheets if applicable E) Employment Eligibility Verification Form (for Categories 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12) F) Receipt of Addendum(s), if applicable. Bonds or checks are required for each of the following categories: Category 1a. Stone Aggregates \$5,000.00 Category 2. Bituminous Mixtures \$15,000.00 Category 3. Liquid Asphalts \$25,000.00 Category 5. Treated Timber Structures \$5,000.00 Category 8. Pavement Traffic Markings \$10,000.00 Bradley Davis Director -Hamilton County Highway DATED: December 12, 2022 TL19980 1/18 1/25 1t hspaxlp

STATE OF INDIANA)) IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1)) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2301-EU-000018 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD B. KIMBALL, DECEASED NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that Cynthia Taylor was, on January 18, 2023, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Howard B. Kimball, Deceased, who died on December 30, 2022. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months (9) months after the Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Carmel, Indiana, this January 18, 2023. /s/ Kathy Kreg Williams Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court Rebecca W. Geyer Disc. No. 21325-49 REBECCA W. GEYER ASSOCIATES, PC 11550 N. Meridian Street, Ste. 200 Carmel, IN 46032 317-973-4555 317-489-5195 fax rgeyer@rgeyerlaw.com TL19998 1/25 2/1 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana ("City"), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 121922C, annexing approximately 0.86 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the McDermott Annexation (the "Annexed Territory"), located at 11444 Timberlane Dr, Fishers, IN. This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers City Hall, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions, please contact: City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department planning@fishers.in.us (317) 595-3155 TL19997 1/25 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana ("City"), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 121922A, annexing approximately 5 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the River Ridge (the "Annexed Territory"), located at 14050 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN. This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers City Hall, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions, please contact: City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department planning@fishers.in.us (317) 595-3155 TL19996 1/25 1t hspaxlp

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA HAMILTON COUNTY 4H FAIRGROUNDS PROJECTS, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CENTER EXPANSION AND RELOCATION AND PLEASANT STREET OFFICE BUILDINGS INDIANA CODE 5-23 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP RFPQ Release Date: January 9, 2023 RFPQ Publication Dan.stevens@hamiltoncounty.in.gov Dates: January 18, 2023/January 23, 2023, January 25, 2023 and January 30, 2023 RFPQ Due Date: February 10, 2023 RFPQ Contact: Dan Stevens, Director of Administration P. 317-776-9719 Dan.stevens@hamiltoncounty.in.gov I. INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT In accordance with Indiana Code 5-23-5, as amended (the "Act"), Hamilton County, Indiana (the "County") invites any and all qualified parties to submit Proposals and Statements of Qualifications to design, build, operation and/or maintain the Hamilton County 4H Fairgrounds (the "Fairgrounds"), Household Hazardous Waste Center Expansion and Relocation (the "HHW Center"), and the Pleasant Street Office Buildings (the "PSOB") (collectively referred to as the "Project") to be located in the County. The purpose of this RFPQ is to identify a team that is capable of scoping and developing the Project. At a certain point in time, the County will assume ownership of the Project. The County will provide for the financing of the Project and will own the land for the Project. A full copy of the RFPQ may be obtained upon request from the RFPQ Contact, Dan Stevens, as described above. This notice includes a summary of certain portions of the RFPQ however any qualified party interested in submitting a response should obtain a full copy of the RFPQ from the RFPQ Contact. II. SUBMISSION OF PSQOS Sealed proposals in response to the RFPQ ("PSQOs") shall be received by the County at the Hamilton County Auditor's office in the historic courthouse, 33 N. 9th St. #L21, Noblesville, IN 46060 Attention to Kim Rauch, until 10:00 a.m., local time, on February 10, 2023. Any PSQO received after the designated time will be returned unopened. The proposals will be publicly opened and read by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners (the "Commissioners") at their meeting on February 13, 2023 in the Commissioners Courtroom. The PSQO should be clearly marked "RFPQ Hamilton County 4H Fairgrounds, Household Hazardous Waste Center Expansion and Relocation, and the Pleasant Street Office Buildings" on the outside of the envelope. Provide five (5) hard copies of your proposal and three (3) copies on portable USB drives. Any confidential information included in the PSQO shall be labeled "CONFIDENTIAL" and shall be submitted on a separate drive, also labeled "CONFIDENTIAL". III. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT The Project involves the development, design, construction, procurement of FFE (furniture, fixtures, and equipment), operation and maintenance of the new Hamilton County 4H Fairgrounds, Household Hazardous Waste Center Expansion and Relocation, and the Pleasant Street Office Buildings. The Fairgrounds Project is located at 2005 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The Pleasant Street Projects are located at 1717 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The County currently contemplates that the Project will include: • The PSOB shall consist of the renovation of an existing structure for the Weights and Measures Department and Soil and Water Conversation Department. The structure will be approximately eleven thousand (11,000) square feet. • The HHW Center shall include added office space to the previous Human Society building and renovations of additional steel structures on the site. • The Fairgrounds shall include improvements to the 4H Bicentennial Pavilion, 4H Llama Barn, 4H Maintenance and Storage Building, and the 4H Exhibition Center Project, including upgrades to the site's current drainage system. • Demolition or removal of any current existing structure shall not occur until the end of October 2023. The existing Fairgrounds, HHW Center and PSOB structures will continue to operate during construction or until demolished as part of the City of Noblesville's Pleasant Street road project. Careful coordination with the Fairgrounds', HHW Center, and PSOB leadership will be critical to preserving operational efficiency as well as providing for the physical safety of both public visitors and County's personnel throughout the construction phase. Site development includes any and all site development required for the development of the Project, including but not limited to on-site new utilities and reconfiguration of existing utilities, hardscape/landscape, road and traffic control improvements (on and adjacent to the site), parking modifications, overall site security upgrades, and utility improvements from the property boundary to support the Project. The Project shall be separated into two separate phases/projects. The Fairgrounds shall be referred to as the "Fairgrounds Project". The HHW Center and PSOB projects shall be combined and referred to collectively as the "Pleasant Street Projects". The County intends to select one offeror to develop both of the Fairgrounds Project and the Pleasant Street Projects. The County preliminarily engaged a firm for design services for each project. The County intends to assign both design services contracts to the Developer. However, the County reserves the right to either not assign their preliminarily hired design service firms and/or the ability to terminate the preliminarily design services contract if the Developer provides a more practical and efficient solution/approach for design services. All services performed by the preliminarily engaged design services firms through the preparation of the schematic design documents will be paid for by the County pursuant to the contracts existing design services contracts. Any other professional services and consultants required to build, operate and maintain a project of this magnitude, including, but not limited to civil, structural, and MEPT engineering, AV/IT, security, procurement, etc., shall be selected and engaged by the Offeror. IV. PROJECT BUDGET The Project will be funded directly by the County. The Fairgrounds Project's budget is not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000). The Pleasant Street Projects' budget is not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000). V. PROJECT GOALS The goals for the Project include but are not limited to: • Provide a high quality, resilient, and efficiently maintainable Fairground facilities, HHW Center facility and PSOB facilities; • Build state of the art Fairgrounds facilities; • Upgrade the HHW Center; • Provide new offices for the HHW Center and PSOB; • Achieve facility operational savings through selection and commissioning of efficient building systems; • Achieve operational efficiency through efficient planning of space to accommodate departmental processes; and • Achieve best value in the construction, furnishing, operation, and maintenance of the facility, taking into account the long-term cost impacts of design, construction, and equipment. Sustainable design is a key attribute that must be considered and incorporated into the Project. This preference may include: (i) Energy efficient design; (ii) Material reduction in utility costs over current facilities; (iii) Consideration of renewable energy systems; (iv) Reduction of storm water runoff, water usage and sanitary reduction while demonstrating the ability to deliver lowest first cost approaches; and (v) any other energy/environmental efficiency mechanism available that could be used to obtain funding from any source of federal funding or federal program. VI. PSQO CONTENTS Each offeror shall submit its PSQ shall include at a minimum, and as more particularly described in the RFPQ, the following: • Cover Letter • Project Approach to GMP • Project Schedule • Project Experience with Public Private Agreement and GMP • Qualifications • Narrative of services to be performed and execution plan TL19985 1/18 1/25 2t hspaxlp



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Senate Committee Passes First TANF Hike in 30 Years

By Whitney Downard

Hoosier families in deep poverty might be getting more help from the state government through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program if senators have their way.

"I hate to say 'bare minimum,' but I feel like this is the bare minimum we can do," Sen. Greg Walker, R-Columbus, said Monday during a Senate Family and Children Services Committee he chaired.

Bill author Sen. Jon Ford, R-Terre Haute, highlighted shortcomings within the program, including how less than 10% of the state's annual \$206 million goes to families and Indiana has one of the stingiest eligibility thresholds in the country at 13-16% of the federal poverty level (depending on family size).

"This is really a workforce development program that can help women and families get the skills to improve their income (by providing) things like job training, childcare, transportation," Ford said in committee. "All the things that somebody needs to help improve themselves."

The increase in benefit amounts and eligibility guidelines under Senate Bill 265 wouldn't cost the state more money because Indiana already doesn't spend all of its allotment of federal funding, with \$54.4 million leftover from previous years.

A look at TANF in Indiana

On average, states spend just over 22% of their funds on direct assistance, the largest portion, followed by 16.6% on childcare and 15% for "other benefits and services," according to a December 2022 report from the Congressional Research Service, part of the federal government.

In comparison, Indiana spent just 4.8% on direct assistance, 34.2% on childcare and 42.4% of other benefits and services. Indeed, as the fiscal note for Ford's bill notes, Indiana prioritizes childcare and other services – which have their own funding streams – over direct assistance.

"The transfer of TANF funds to the CCDF (Child



Photo by Whitney Downard courtesy of Indiana Capital Chronicle

Anti-poverty advocate Jessica Fraser testifies before a Senate committee on expanding TANF eligibility.

Care and Development Fund) would take precedence over any future increase in cash assistance," the fiscal analysis said. "Indiana transfers federal TANF Block Grant money to the CCDF before any other expenditures are made. In recent years, this transfer has been at the maximum amount allowable, or \$61.8 (million) in 2020."

Benefits for the program haven't increased since 1988, before the welfare reform of the 90s, and haven't kept up with inflation, remaining at a maximum monthly benefit of \$346 for a family of four.

But families would be lucky to receive that much. According to the December Monthly Management Report from the Family & Social Services Administration (FSSA), the average one-parent family received \$195.59, or \$297.69 for two-parent families per month.

In total, just 3,836 families received TANF last month, or a total of 7,676 Hoosiers. Of those, 89%, were children.

Just one in 20 families living in poverty received TANF direct assistance in 2020, or 5%, compared to 21% nationally. Only four states rank lower than Indiana in terms of cash assistance – Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

TANF, implemented as part of the Clinton administration's welfare reform in the mid-90s, actually served more families in 1995/96, with 56,412 families receiving

benefits compared to 92,933 families in poverty and another 25,012 in deep poverty.

In 2019/20, that number shrunk to 6,338 – even as the number of families in poverty and deep poverty grew to 117,085 and 50,584, respectively. In 2022, Indiana approved just 7% of TANF applications, down from 14.3% in 2016.

According to Ford, Indiana's low eligibility means that any family making more than \$307 per month would be considered too wealthy for the program. Under his proposal, the cutoff would increase to \$950 per month.

"People do not need to make much money to disqualify themselves from TANF in Indiana," Ford said in an interview last month.

Details of Ford's bill

Under Ford's bill, eligibility would increase to 50% of the federal poverty level over two years, still under the federal definition for 'deep poverty.' Roughly 600 families previously denied each year would now qualify for the program.

Benefits would also increase for families. Under Indiana statute, amount maximums are fixed at \$155 for one child, with another \$65 for each additional child, or \$255 for one parent and child.

Ford proposes increasing those to \$248 for a child, with another \$104 for each additional child, or \$409 for a parent and child. Benefits would also regularly be adjusted,

similar to Social Security, to account for inflation.

Ford's bill would also continue to prioritize the maximum transfer to CCDF over direct benefits.

Potential pushback from state

Jessica Fraser, the director of the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute, credited the fund's flexibility, for both the state and recipients, for making it a powerful anti-poverty tool.

"There is so much potential in the TANF program to help support families who are extremely vulnerable to get on a track that would allow them to reach their potential, to meet their goals, to explore ways they can get into the labor force and to contribute to their communities because it's so flexible," Fraser said. "The flexibility can be a blessing and a curse."

TANF is the only program that gives cash to families with no caveats, unlike other assistance programs that only cover food, rent or utilities.

"Families need cash because kids need diapers and band-aids and school field trips – all of those things that come with life," Fraser said. "Parents, especially extremely low-income parents, need cash to meet those unexpected and everyday needs that arise when you're taking care of a family."

TANF is the only government program that covers diapers.

But that flexibility benefits states as well. Administrators routinely

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How does TANF's flexibility benefit Indiana? The following programs could get funding from the program, though how much funding isn't always clear.

- Child Care
- First Steps
- Healthy Families
- Father Engagement Programs
- Parent Education
- Parenting/ Family Functioning Assessment
- Visitation Facilitation
- Tutoring/ Literacy Classes
- Community Based Family Preservation Services
- Community Partners for Child Safety
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Pregnancy Support Program

Source: [in.gov/fssa/dfr/files/TANF_Indiana_State_Plan_amendment.pdf](https://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/files/TANF_Indiana_State_Plan_amendment.pdf)

spend funds with little federal oversight and state governments are responsible for tracking which organizations get money and if they do anything with it.

The flexibility of TANF makes the program ripe for abuse, as seen in Mississippi. The wide-ranging scandal, which has ensnared the state's former governor and retired football star Brett Favre, diverted at least \$77 million in funds for impoverished families to things such as building a volleyball stadium and shoring up a pharmaceutical company.

Mississippi's spending was obfuscated by the state agency's awarding of grants to private organizations claiming they met TANF's federal objectives of self-sufficiency, work support, reducing out-of-wedlock pregnancies and fostering two-parent families.

Indiana operates similarly by prioritizing programs over direct payments to families.

In the past, even Indiana's spending has caused some concern – such as when the state used \$61 million in TANF funding to pay textbook fees for low income families. Indiana is one of only seven states to charge families for school textbooks.

Some advocates worry that state governments treat the program as a "slush fund to plug budget gaps," rather than prioritizing needy families.

No representative from FSSA appeared before the committee to testify on the bill.

The bill's path forward Repeatedly, Ford has

emphasized the program's potential to train Indiana's workforce. Many of those utilizing TANF don't have a high school diploma or marketable job skills – both areas where TANF funding can close the gap. The Department of Workforce Development, in their budget presentation, specifically asked for millions more to fund their adult education programs, citing a workforce shortage.

Ford has authored a bill on TANF eligibility in 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019. The bill twice passed the Senate with overwhelming support only to die before the House Ways and Means committee.

In an interview last month, Ford expressed concerns about the bill's future in the Senate, worrying that senators might tire of it. But new leadership in the House, including a new chair of the Ways and Means Committee, gave him the push to try again.

"To be honest, I wasn't planning on bringing this if we didn't have positive discussions with the House," Ford told his fellow committee members Monday.

The bill passed unanimously on an 8-0 vote and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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USDA Announces Additional Assistance for Dairy Farmers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the details of additional assistance for dairy producers, including a second round of payments through the Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program (PMVAP) and a new Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP).

The update to PMVAP and the new ODMAP will enable USDA to better support small- and medium-sized dairy operations who weathered the pandemic and now face other challenges.

"The Biden-Harris administration continues to fulfill its commitments to fill gaps in pandemic assistance for producers. USDA is announcing a second set of payments of nearly \$100 million to close-out the

\$350 million commitment under PMVAP through partnerships with dairy handlers and cooperatives to deliver the payments," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt.

"USDA is also announcing new assistance targeted to small to medium size organic dairy farmers to help with anticipated marketing costs as they face a variety of challenges from weather to supply-chain challenges."

Pandemic Market Volatility Assistance Program

PMVAP assists producers who received a lower value due to market abnormalities caused by the pandemic and ensuing Federal policies. As a result of the production cap increase, USDA's Agri-

cultural Marketing Service (AMS) will make PMVAP payments to eligible dairy farmers for fluid milk sales between 5 million and 9 million pounds from July through December 2020.

This level of production was not eligible for payment under the first round of the PMVAP. Payment rates will be identical to the first round of payments, 80 percent of the revenue different per month, on fluid milk sales from 5 million to 9 million pounds from July through December 2020.

USDA will again distribute monies through agreements with independent handlers and cooperatives, with reimbursement to handlers for allowed administrative costs. USDA will contact handlers with eligible producers to notify them of the opportunity to

participate.

As part of the first round, PMVAP paid eligible dairy farmers on up to 5 million pounds of fluid milk sales from July through December 2020. The first round of payments distributed over \$250 million in payments to over 25,000 eligible dairy farmers. These dairy farmers received the full allowable reimbursement on fluid milk sales up to 5 million pounds.

More information about the PMVAP production cap increase is available at ams.usda.gov/pmvap.

Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program

The new ODMAP, to be administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is intended to help smaller organic dairy farms that have faced a unique set

of challenges and higher costs over the past several years that have been compounded by the ongoing pandemic and drought conditions across the country.

Many small organic dairy operations are now struggling to stay in business and FSA plans to provide payments to cover a portion of their estimated marketing costs for 2023. Final spending will depend on enrollment and each producer's projected production, but ODMAP has been allocated up to \$100 million.

The assistance provided by ODMAP will be provided through unused Commodity Credit Corporation funds remaining from earlier pandemic assistance programs. The assistance will help eligible organic dairy producers with up to

75 percent of their future projected marketing costs in 2023, based on national estimates of marketing costs.

This assistance will be provided through a streamlined application process based on a national per hundredweight payment. The payments will be capped at the first five million pounds of anticipated production, in alignment with preexisting dairy programs that target assistance to those smaller dairies that are most vulnerable to marketing challenges. This program is still in development.

Details about the Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program will be available and updated at farmers.gov as more details are released in a Notice of Funds Availability later this year.

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basketball and soccer in school.

"I've been an athlete all my life, so shooting, hitting or kicking a ball is easy. Putting all the pieces of dance together is altogether different," she said.

The 15th annual Dancing Like The Stars is open to the public, as is voting. "Voting is highly encouraged," said Keith, who is asking family and friends and Noblesville folks to vote for Team 16 -- \$1 per vote for the People's Choice Award -- for Keith and her professional dance partner, Diana Miller of Fishers, an independent dance instructor at The Dance Center in Lapel, Fishers YMCA, Noblesville Parks and for other local clubs and venues, plus Continental Dance Club and USA Dance. It's Miller's ninth year participating in the Paramount fundraiser, of which she's been a past recipient of the Judge's Choice, Audience Choice and People's Choice Runner-Up. Miller has also won several awards while participating in Hamilton County Meals on Wheels' "Dancing Like the Stars" fundraiser, which this year will take place Sept. 7 at The Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

This weekend is the first time in Anderson's "Dancing Like the Stars" 15-year history that two female dancers have partnered up, "and I'm proud to be a part of that," Laura Keith said.



Laura Keith

Their performance is fast paced and about two minutes long.

She said her instructor is wonderful. "She's been most patient, and we get along great," Keith said.

Among her 13 lucky fans already planning to attend the event on Saturday are Keith's husband and their two sons, Evan, 23, and Aaron, 21, and her parents, Skip and Sally Peck, plus an aunt, and maybe her brother, Darren Peck, and several good friends.

She has "drug" her husband to a couple of dance programs at ABC Ballroom in Noblesville, where it all started, and "he's actually enjoyed it," although it's not his favorite way to spend an evening, Laura Keith said.

Originally, when Keith started attending Zumba classes at ABC Ballroom, she found that she knew the owner, Nicole (Morrison) Coy from high school (NHS class of '88).

"Laura and I have known each other since



Diana Miller

grade school but friendship didn't culminate until she entered the studio. She's awesome," Coy said.

"She asked if I was interested in being part of a group waltz formation that was starting soon. "Having no idea what that really even meant, I tentatively agreed," Keith said. "I'm definitely not a natural when it comes to any of this, but it was a great experience, and I don't regret it." From then on, she attended group dance lessons for different dance styles and joined ABC Ballroom in three more formation teams.

Keith was actually in the "Dancing Like the Stars" event in 2022 as part of a group formation of four couples. The group, from ABC Ballroom, won Judges' Choice award in 2022, and Keith is pictured along with the group on this year's promotional poster. This year, she was approached by the "Dancing Like the Stars" committee chairperson, Kay Anderson. (Anderson's grand-



Photo courtesy of Laura Keith

Noblesville High School 1990 graduate Laura Keith (right) and professional dance instructor Diana Miller of Fishers (left) rehearse for the 15th annual "Dancing Like the Stars" fundraiser, which is Saturday night at The Paramount Theatre Centre & Ballroom in Anderson.

daughter, Abby McGrew, is a dance instructor for ABC Ballroom.)

For this year's "Dancing Like the Stars," Keith has had about 15 hours of rehearsals since October. But she said, "I've learned so much during this time, I can't even put it into words. There are so many details to remember: head, arms, hands, core, hips, knees, feet, let alone the choreography itself."

Keith's participation in "Dancing Like the Stars" was a way for her to help raise money for the event venue, the historic Paramount Theatre Centre & Ballroom. (She's a fan of historic buildings and even lives in an historic 1910 home in Noblesville.)

"Dancing Like the Stars" is the Paramount's largest annual fundraiser, and the funds raised by this event assist in

keeping the Paramount's doors open. "This was an opportunity to be a part of that effort. It is a beautiful piece of history that should not be lost on future generations," Keith said.

She shared a little of the history of the Paramount, which was built by John Ebersson and opened in 1929. The beautiful entrance has thousands of hand-laid tiles, a high theater ceiling is painted like a sky, and original statues line the walls, she said. Of the 155 similar theaters built by Ebersson, the Paramount is one of only 12 remaining in the United States. In 1989, the Paramount, which had stood empty for four years and in disrepair, was a few weeks from being demolished and turned into a parking lot when a group called The Paramount Heritage Foundation saved the

building, and renovated and reopened the theater in 1995.

While the Keiths are in the midst of doing their own second round of renovations to their historic home, she said their renovations "are nowhere near the scale of the Paramount." But the Keiths can "definitely appreciate the blood, sweat and tears that go into such a task," and is one reason Laura Keith is "passionate about keeping the Paramount alive and thriving."

To vote -- for \$1 per vote -- for Noblesville's Laura Keith and instructor Diana Miller of Fishers -- or learn more about the "Dancing Like the Stars" fundraiser, or to buy tickets or make a donation, visit dltsanderson.org

Contact Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com

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just two doors down from the store and she said she would walk to the DQ for an ice cream cone when she visited them.

Pam ended by saying, "Those were the good old days!" (I agree!)

Pam Ferber, who gave me the "Remember When?" clippings that inspired that column, was curious about the old laundromat that used to sit on the east side of 10th Street, immediately north of the newer Dairy Queen.

I'm glad she asked because I'd been thinking the column on 10th and Pleasant was incomplete without a mention of the laundromat building, the OTHER commercial property at that intersection that was razed for the Pleasant Street project.

I enlisted Nancy Massey's help to try to trace the history of the

building, but we were only partially successful. (I guess laundromats don't make very exciting newspaper copy.)

The first mention I found of a commercial venture at that address was in 1954 when the Weaver Upholstering Co. opened there. They stayed about a year and half, then in December of 1956, Quality Cleaners, a drive-in cleaners and laundry, moved in. Quality Cleaners operated there until the fall of 1961.

In December of 1961, James Deering opened a coin-operated dry cleaning business in the building. (An 8 pound load cost \$1.50 — AND they gave out S & H Green Stamps!) I'm not sure when Deering left, but in 1965, the business was advertised as "Harry Wiggins Coin-Op Dry Cleaners."

After that, it really got

difficult to trace the building's history.

Nancy Massey found evidence the Sunshine Center laundromat was there from 1983 to 2006, but we have no exact dates for that business, so it's unclear if that was the only laundromat at that location, or if there were others.

One thing is certain — the building sat empty for many years before being torn down.

Now a little housekeeping . . .

Does anyone know anything about our Sensational Centenarian, Melford Pearson?

Joel Fowler wanted to know if Mr. Pearson is still with us and I'm not sure. Joel pointed out that, if Mr. Pearson is still alive, he'd be 106. I was fairly certain he had to be over 100, but until Joel contacted me, I'd had no confirmation

of that, so I didn't feel comfortable noting it on the Notable Nineties list.

Joel said he was curious because Mr. Pearson had been married in Joel's Vermont church in 1943. (The marriage was to Adelaide Pelley, the daughter of controversial journalist, author and political activist William Dudley Pelley.)

Neither Nancy Massey, nor I have been able to find an obituary for Mr. Pearson, so at this point I'm assuming he's still living. I'd like to know for sure, though, because I try to keep the Notable Nineties list current.

Thanks to Nancy Massey for her help with this column!

Paula Dunn's From Time to Thyme column appears on Wednesdays in The Times. Contact her at younggardenerfriend@gmail.com

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The results of the study led the company to select a location near 146th and Promise Road in Noblesville, approximately 13 miles from its current corporate headquarters. The site will provide ample space for manufacturing, engineering, research and development, and thoughtfully designed outdoor spaces, which will be used to engage with the larger Noblesville community.

"Bastian Solutions has proven itself to be a committed partner who values Indiana's long history in advanced manufacturing," said Governor Eric J. Holcomb.

"This investment will reach beyond company walls and create an

engaging environment through connectivity that will improve quality of life for employees, partners, the Noblesville community and beyond."

This transformative project includes \$130 million in total capital investment and Bastian has committed to 250 new jobs over the next five years. Their move includes 400 retained and relocated jobs.

"Bastian Solutions is not only investing in their future, but also in Noblesville's," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said.

"This project speaks to Bastian's commitment to job growth and economic development in Noblesville, and we are excited for our upcoming

successes and bright future together."

Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development (IEDC) board of directors and based on the company's job creation plans, the IEDC committed an investment in Bastian Solutions of up to \$4 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired.

The IEDC also committed an investment of up to \$2 million in assignable redevelopment tax credits, which provide an incentive to companies to invest in the redevelopment of vacant property to improve

the quality of place within Indiana.

In 2017, Bastian Solutions was acquired by Toyota Advanced Logistics, a subsidiary of Japan-based Toyota Industries Corporation (TICO). The building of this corporate campus is the latest example of TICO's commitment to the growth and success of Bastian Solutions.

The company recently made investments in improvements to Bastian facilities in Boise, Idaho; Greenfield, Indiana; Georgetown, Kentucky; St. Louis, Missouri; and Dallas, Texas. These dedicated facilities will provide nearly unlimited design and manufacturing capabilities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF NOBLESVILLE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By / At: City of Noblesville, Indiana
Office of the Clerk
16 S. 10th Street
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Project: **2023 STREET REHABILITATION CONTRACT I EN-362-01**

Until: February 14, 2023, 9:00 AM

Receipt of Bids: Bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall submit financial data, statement of experience, proposed plan for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work, along with a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No. 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and address of the Bidder, and clearly identified:

SEALED BID: 2023 STREET REHABILITATION CONTRACT I EN-362-01

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City of Noblesville at the Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana 46060, at 09:00 A.M., local time, February 14, 2023.

Pre-Bid Meeting: There will be no pre-bid meeting for this project. Qualification of Bidders: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Asphalt Pavement Milling", "Traffic Control: Pavement Markings", and "Surface Masonry and Misc. Concrete."

The Work: The Work shall be completed by certified / qualified Contractor(s) and Subcontractor(s) for the Project all as required by the Bidding Documents which have been assembled into a bound Project Manual and consists of: Base bid for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of 122000 SYS of pavement rehabilitation, including: Concrete ADA ramps, sidewalk and curb spot replacement, full depth HMA base repairs, milling, HMA surface, and striping.

Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its Bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all Bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitation when it is not in the best interests of the Owner, and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities in bids received in its sole discretion. The Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon selection of the successful Bidder, execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance and Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance.

Bid Documents: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after January 27, 2023. Interested Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents by sending an email to arodewald@noblesville.in.us and dochoa@noblesville.in.us requesting instructions to download project documents.

Submit all bid questions in writing to City of Noblesville - Engineering Department prior to 12:00PM, local time on Thursday, February 9, 2023. Questions will only be accepted from firms on the official Plan Holders list. A written response will be emailed to the address on the official Plan Holder's list that is required to be completed at the time the plans are purchased. No questions will be answered by telephone. The contact person for questions is:

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Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the Project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual. Bids must be submitted on the forms contained in the Project Manual and must contain the names of every person or company interested therein.

Bid Security:
Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be security that the successful Bidder will, within ten (10) calendar days or such other time specified by Owner from the acceptance of the Bid, execute the Agreement and provide the required Payment and Performance Bonds, included in the Project Manual and Certificate of Insurance.

Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond:
A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

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All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Secretary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.


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