

TODAY'S VERSE
Isaiah 40:31 But they
that wait upon the
LORD shall renew their
strength; they shall
mount up with wings as
eagles; they shall run,
and not be weary; and
they shall walk, and not
faint.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY
People who call our community their own.

What makes Zack Flowers smile? "My kids," said the 31-year-old Noblesville Fire Department firefighter, who has triplets -- two girls and a boy -- who will celebrate their first birthday today. He and his wife, Tara, have been married five years but have known each other most of their lives. Their triplets are Ari (left), Frances (middle) and Eleanor (right). They were found on Saturday attending the Noblesville Fire Department's annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station in downtown Noblesville. He has been a Noblesville firefighter for six years and works at Fire Station No. 75 off of 191st Street and Indiana 37 and is primarily on the Fire Engine. "I love the job, love doing it." He loves "being able to help people." He likes the variety of his job. He was born and raised in Alexandria and graduated from Alexandria High School in 2010. "I always knew I wanted to help people. So I thought about becoming a nurse (both of his parents are nurses), then I started volunteering at the fire department where I lived as a kid. I loved that. That's the path I chose. I still get to help people." Also see a larger photo of the family in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...

1. Halloween Fun For The Whole Family

The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville would like to invite our community to a free Trunk-or-Treat event in the church parking lot. * Bring your little ghouls and goblins and enjoy lots of treats, a make-n-take craft, music, movie and a brown bag hotdog dinner. Bring the whole family and wear your costumes! October 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville 1207 Conner Street. *In the event of inclement weather, festivities will be inside our fellowship hall.

2. Volunteers Needed:

The Westfield-Washington Historical Society is in need of volunteers to host the opening of the Museum and Barker Cabin. The Museum and Barker Cabin are open Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For those who have not volunteered for one or the other, training will be provided. Please consider helping the Historical Society by volunteering to be a Museum or Barker Cabin host. We need two volunteers for Saturday 23rd immediately. Text Jeff Beals at 317-460-4844 or email jbeals@wwhs.us to be scheduled.

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Leah (Woodward) Fisher, 65, Noblesville, the daughter of the late 4-H volunteer of more than 70 years, Paul Woodward, poses wearing her dad's 4-H jacket with a lifesize cutout of the late O.V. (Orlando Vanderbilt) Winks and Winks memorabilia, which was set up as a photo booth in the O.V. Winks Building during Thursday's open house to celebrate the years of the O.V. Winks and Annex buildings before demolition this fall.

Community Celebrates Memories Of O.V. Winks, Annex Buildings



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

The community gathered at an open house on Thursday to celebrate memories of Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds' Annex and O.V. Winks buildings, which will

be demolished this fall to make room for a new Bicentennial Hall.

The O.V. Winks Building still looks much like it did the past 70 years, with white linoleum floor, ceiling tiles and knotty pine paneling. The building through the years has been used for 4-H Club meetings, Extension Homemaker meetings, local club meetings, anniversary and birthday parties, auctions and sales, and just about anything you can think of.

"It's where people want to meet. It's rented a lot," said Susan Peterson, Purdue Extension Hamilton County agent, who greeted visitors in the O.V. Winks building at the open house.

The O.V. Winks Building was named after O.V. Winks (Orlando Vanderbilt Winks), who was county agriculture agent and extension administrator from 1939 to 1966. The O.V. Winks building was the first building built at the Fairgrounds.

With the City of Noblesville widening Pleasant Street, we will soon lose the O.V. Winks and Annex buildings, and the fairgrounds maintenance garage. Plus, a \$65 million, three-phase expansion project will soon begin to update the 40-acre 4-H Fairgrounds to be able to offer a larger array of programming. A new 8,000-square-foot building, called the Bicentennial Pavilion, a rentable venue to the public, which will run parallel to Pleasant Street, will be built to replace the O.V. Winks Building.

Those visiting the open house looked at scrapbooks and shared stories as well as tears, reminiscing about days gone by. But most said that change is "inevitable" though sad.

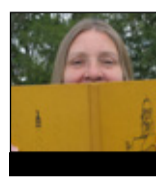
Betty Estridge, 95, Carmel, a 1946 Carmel High School graduate, has been involved with the Hamilton County 4-H program now for about 80 years first as a 4-H'er then co-founder 60 years ago of Carmel 4-C's 4-H Club of which she is still the leader. She has a parking sign at the Fairgrounds designating her 70 years. Her granddaughter, Amber Blakley, 37, a Hamilton County 4-H'er and a 2004 Carmel High School graduate, attended the open house with her on Thursday.

She was sad but stayed positive.

"Change is good. We're going to miss some of the things.

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A Little Allisonville Road History



PAULA DUNN
From Time to Thyme

I always thought the migration of wealthy movers and shakers from Indianapolis to Hamilton County was a phenomenon that began during my lifetime, so I was surprised to run across a story in the January 28, 1912, Indianapolis Sunday Star Magazine that proves it actually started long before that.

The article's headline reads: "Hoosier Motor Enthusiasts Plan to Transform Historic Indian Trail into Roman Road."

The story describes the efforts of a group of Indianapolis/Marion County business and professional men to turn the Indianapolis Road, i.e. Allisonville Road, into a boulevard (a broad, landscaped thoroughfare.) from the State Fairgrounds to Noblesville.

The men had erected some palatial year-round residences and summer retreats along the route and they wanted to be able to drive their automobiles on a better thoroughfare than the one they had.

Their goal was to get a

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Changing Of The Seasons In Hamilton County



Mark Hall
Guest Column

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7:00 PM the first Wednesday of every month at the judicial center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent, part one.

September in Indiana is known for the changing of

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:45 a.m.
SET: 7:27 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 87 °F
Low: 62 °F



Today is...

- National Golf Day
- National Taco Day
- National Vodka Day



What Happened On This Day

• **1957** World's first artificial satellite launched. The Soviet Union launched the Sputnik from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Baikonur Cosmodrome is the world's oldest and largest space launch facility still in operation.

• **1895** First US Open for Golf. The now annual event was played at the Newport Country Club in Newport, Rhode Island, for the first time. 11 people played the 36-hole competition in a single day. Horace Rawlins, a 21-year old Englishman won the tournament and took home a trophy and \$150 cash.

• **1582** Last day of the Julian Calendar in Catholic countries. The next day, the Gregorian calendar took effect in Italy, Poland, Portugal, and Spain by the order of Pope Gregory XIII. The calendar was put in place to realign events like equinoxes and solstices with the calendar, ensuring that Easter is always celebrated around the Northern Hemisphere's spring equinox.

Births On This Day

- **1895** Buster Keaton American actor, director, producer
- **1822** Rutherford B. Hayes American politician, 19th President of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- **1974** Anne Sexton American poet
- **1669** Rembrandt Dutch painter

➔ **HONEST HOOSIER**

Anyone remember soaping windows at Halloween - and getting caught and having to wash them? Huh? Oh no, I don't...



➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Exercise is one of the best ways to treat stress. 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.



➔ **INSIDE TODAY**

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➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"You wouldn't believe on All Hallow Eve what lots of fun we can make, With apples to bob, and nuts on the hob, and a ring-and-thimble cake."
-Carolyn Wells

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

What's a vampire's favorite fruit?
A neck-tarine!

➔ **OBITUARIES**

John "Sid" Thomas

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **PEGGY BEAVER** for subscribing!



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OBITUARIES

John "Sid" Thomas

Saturday, September 30, 2023

John "Sid" Thomas, 85, of Noblesville, formerly of Franklin died September 30, 2023.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be Sunday, October 15th from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Forest Park Inn Overlook Room, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 with a prayer service at 1:00 p.m.

Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Please visit www.flinnmaguire.net for full obituary



Statement On Beaver Materials BZA Decision

"The City of Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals has voted to approve the Beaver Materials' land use variance application with a 3-2 vote at tonight's meeting.

City staff's focus was on reviewing the petition, remonstrance, and associated materials and ensuring that procedural requirements were adhered to and all interested persons had an opportunity to have their voices heard. The approved land use variance includes several

conditions that have to be followed during excavation and transporting activities on the site, including a prohibition on blasting or the use of explosives, site watering to limit dust pollution, and timing limitations.

Because the proposal is a land use variance, this item will not go before the city's plan commission or common council. Final decisions of the board are subject to judicial review in superior court as provided by applicable state law."



Photo courtesy of HHHS

Hamilton Heights High School September Coffee Bean Award recipients (l-r): Ethyn Huffman, Lizzy Smith, Andrea Ward, and Kegan Barr. Not pictured: Olivia Goldfarb, Riley Gillam, and Kamy Messer. Congratulations!

HHHS September Coffee Bean Award Recipients Named

Hamilton Heights High School would like to recognize the following students who were named as Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of September. They include Kegan Barr, Riley Gillam, Olivia Goldfarb, Kamy Messer, Ethyn Huffman, Lizzy Smith, and Andrea Ward.

The name and award, inspired by The Coffee Bean, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition.

At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five-to-seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a closer sense of community at the high school. Students and staff can nominate students. Nomination forms can be downloaded at <https://www.hhschuskiies.org/domain/82>.

Cook Named Noble Crossing Principal

Noblesville Schools announced today that they will be promoting Renee Cook to the role of principal of Noble Crossing Elementary, pending formal board approval on October 24. Cook will replace Pat Haney, who recently announced his departure to lead the East Central Educational Services Center after serving Noblesville Schools for over 25 years.

Cook brings 16 years of experience in education, including her most recent role as the assistant principal of Noble Crossing Elementary since 2017.

"Renee has been a strong partner in leading Noble Crossing for the last six years and is more than ready to step into this next level," shared Dr. Heather Hendrich, assistant superintendent of human resources and safety for Noblesville Schools. "I'm confident she will continue to guide Noble Crossing to even greater heights."

"Pat Haney has made a lasting impact on me and our whole school community and we are all so incredibly grateful for his



RENEE COOK

service to Noble Crossing," added Cook. "I am truly humbled to take on this new opportunity and excited to continue the great work that our team has accomplished together to best serve our students, staff and families."

Cook is a Noblesville resident and has three children who attend Noble Crossing Elementary. She holds a master's degree in Educational Administration from Ball State University and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Indiana University.

Noble Crossing will begin considering candidates to fill the assistant principal vacancy soon and will be celebrating Haney's tenure with an open house in his honor

Firefighter Today Celebrating First Birthday Of Triplets



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville Firefighter Zack Flowers and his wife, Tara, have triplets – Ari (left), Frances (middle) and Eleanor (right) – who turn 1 year old today. They were found on Saturday attending the Noblesville Fire Department's annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station in downtown Noblesville. He has been a Noblesville firefighter for six years and works at Fire Station No. 75.

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Spartz Threatens To Resign From Congress Unless A National Debt Commission Is Formed

By Casey Smith
Indiana Capital Chronicle

U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz of Indiana threatened on Monday to resign from Congress if no debt commission is passed this year.

Her departure would reduce the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives and create the possibility that Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb would have to call a special election before May.

Spartz announced in February that she will not run for re-election in 2024 to focus more on her family.

"I've done many very difficult things being one woman standing

many times with many very long hours and personal sacrifices, but there is a limitation to human capacity," Spartz said in a statement. "If Congress does not pass a debt commission this year to move the needle on the crushing national debt and inflation, at least at the next debt ceiling increase at the end of 2024, I will not continue sacrificing my children for this circus with a complete absence of leadership, vision, and spine. I cannot save this Republic alone."

With just hours to spare — and after days of fierce debate among lawmakers — Congress avoided a government shutdown on

Saturday with a temporary spending plan. The deal will keep the government open for 45 days while policymakers hash out a more long-term budget.

"If Congress does not pass a debt commission this year to move the needle on the crushing national debt and inflation, at least at the next debt ceiling increase at the end of 2024, I will not continue sacrificing my children for this circus with a complete absence of leadership, vision, and spine." — U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz

Indiana's Congressional delegation was mostly split on the plan. GOP Reps. Jim Baird, Larry

Buschon and Erin Houchin, along with Democrat Reps. Andre Carson and Frank Mrvan, voted in favor of the measure in the House.

Indiana GOP Sen. Todd Young voted for the plan, but Sen. Mike Braun did not.

Spartz and fellow Republican Reps. Jim Banks, Greg Pence and Rudy Yakym voted against it.

Spartz and other Republicans in the House continue to push for the formation of a bipartisan debt commission to focus on the long-term effort to curb government spending and bring down the national debt.

An earlier spending bill

voted on in the House last week would have created the bipartisan commission but ultimately failed to pass. The latest version approved over the weekend did not include language on the commission.

Spartz criticized the deal on WISH-TV on Sunday, and said, too, that she's "open-minded" about Florida Congressman Matt Gaetz's threat to force a vote to remove Kevin McCarthy as House Speaker.

"This deal has more money, actually more money than Nancy Pelosi gave to Biden, but doesn't have a plan to deal with the country's crushing debt," Spartz

said. "(The debt) is a very important national security issue, but unfortunately Republicans didn't have the backbone to put it forward."

The conservative Ukrainian-born politician represents north-central Indiana in the Fifth District.

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5 Ways To Get Your Pet Ready For Fall

(Family Features) Pets provide unconditional love to their companions; in return, it's important to make sure they live happy and healthy lives by providing the best care possible. This means making sure that in addition to food, treats and toys, they receive daily care for their eyes, ears and overall health.

With a desire to bring a dog into his family's lives, Albert, a Bausch + Lomb employee, rescued a terrier mix named Watson. However, it soon became apparent Watson needed some extra love and care to help protect his eyes and ears from irritation and excess buildup. When finding a remedy proved difficult, Albert worked with veterinarians to develop Project Watson Health Care for Dogs, a comprehensive line of quality products targeting these specific areas.

To help ensure your furry member of the family has the best head to tail health possible, consider these tips.

Schedule Regular Vet Visits

Routine wellness checks are an essential part of your pet's care. Annual screenings, even if your dog seems healthy, allow your veterinarian to provide vaccines to combat disease and uncover any health issues that may have otherwise gone undiagnosed until symptoms advanced.

Watch Your Pet's Diet

Feeding your pet a proper diet based on his or her breed, age, size and lifestyle plays a big role in overall health. A balanced diet that includes high-quality food can lead to a shiny coat, healthy skin, bright eyes and may also help strengthen your pet's immune system, maintain intestinal health, increase mental acuity, regulate weight, keep muscles and joints healthy and more.

Support Clean Ears and Eyes

Often overlooked, the eyes and ears are vital areas to the overall health and wellness of your pet. To help keep these areas free of any buildup of bacteria that may cause irritation, consider an option like the line of Project Watson Health Care Products for Dogs, which includes an eye wash, eyelid wipe, ear wash, ear wipe and supplements made using high-quality and naturally inspired ingredients.

Excessive blinking or pawing at the eyes can be signs of buildup, irritation or infection. Dirt and debris trapped around the eyes can also clump in fur, leading to skin irritation and infections while excessive tear production can lead to fur staining, which can develop an unpleasant odor. Eye wipes can be used daily to relieve staining and remove

excess buildup. Washing your dog's ears may help reduce dirt, debris and wax buildup; help prevent itching; and reduce the chance of infection while keeping ears smelling fresh.

Create an Exercise Routine

Walks, games in the backyard and social time with other pets can help keep your furry friend in good physical condition. While different breeds and species often have different needs, adequate activity can provide benefits beyond the physical, including reducing boredom, which can potentially lead to anxiety or destructive behaviors.

Prevent Pests

In addition to regular vaccinations, ensure your pet is up to date on parasite prevention. This includes fleas, ticks, mites, heartworm and more which can cause reactions ranging from mild to severe (or even fatal in some cases of heartworm or Lyme disease). Look for pests and skin abnormalities when grooming your pet and contact your vet if your pet excessively scratches, chews or licks his or her fur or ears, or persistently shakes his or her head.

For more solutions to keep your four-legged friend happy and healthy, speak with your veterinarian or visit tryprojectwatson.com.

Steps To Take Before Contractors Begin Work On Your Home

(StatePoint) Achieving your dream home through a remodeling project is an exciting prospect. Just ask the 55% of homeowners who reported renovating a part of their home in the past year.

As eager as you are for the work to get started, taking the time to ensure the job is done smoothly, safely and securely is important. Before contractors begin, take the following steps first:

1. Ensure that any contractor working on and having access to your home is adequately insured and bonded should there be a mishap, injury on site, or damage to your property. It is appropriate to ask for your contractor's license as well as proof of insurance, coverage limit details and a lien waiver.

2. Read the contract carefully and ensure it includes a construction schedule, detailed hard and soft cost estimates, and any other information that may be required by your city's building inspection department, such as construction drawings or permitting plans.

3. Make a good investment by checking references and reviewing any Better Business Bureau ratings or complaints that have been filed against the company. Some states also provide public access

to civil and small claims cases that have been filed against companies or individuals. This is important, considering homeowners spend significant sums to renovate their spaces according to their vision. In fact, the Joint Center for Housing Centers of Harvard University estimates that Americans will spend \$485 billion on home improvement projects in 2023.

4. You can't be there at all times to let in contractors. Certainly, don't start giving out your garage door code or leaving your door open -- this comes at high risk for theft. Instead, invest in a versatile lock box for which only you control the combination so you can grant access to a particular contractor on a given day, and then change the combination for the next need or worker. From the front door to the pool gate to the storage shed, find lock boxes that fit your project's needs. The newest models from Master Lock include #5480D, which features a removable shackle for easy installation in many locations; #5481D, which is wall-mountable, and #5482D, which features a removable cable that provides flexibility to secure it in hard-to-reach and discreet locations. All feature double the storage

capacity to accommodate keys, fobs, garage door openers or key cards in all shapes and sizes.

"We studied customers' needs and reimagined our product solution to provide bigger, easier to use lock boxes that work for any door, piece of property or access point," says Becky Fellows, senior category manager at Master Lock. "And after the remodel, you can repurpose it to provide a dog walker or short-term renter access to your property."


5. Make a plan for pets. This could be as simple as using gates to separate them from construction. However, if the project is kicking up dust and debris, or your pet is sensitive to loud noises, consider having them stay elsewhere, whether that's with friends or at a pet hotel.

6. Protect your property and make life easier for your contractor by clearing their work area of furniture and other items. Determine whether you'll relocate these items to rooms not being remodeled, store them in the garage or shed, or use a third-party storage space.

No matter the size of your home project, if contractors are involved, you'll want to ensure they are up to the task, and that your home is prepared for their arrival.

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by MEGAN ANN JACOBS



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18025 River Road
Noblesville, IN 46062
Attn: Dr. David Hortemiller
**FOR A NEW: Noblesville High School
Academic Addition &
Renovation Project**
18111 Cumberland Road
Noblesville, IN 46060

UNTIL: 1:00 P.M., local time, November 2, 2023.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Work includes a new Academic Addition and Renovation to the existing Noblesville High School.

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail, or another carrier, must be addressed to: Hagerman, Inc. c/o David Hortemiller, Noblesville Schools 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062 and received on or before 1:00 pm, Tuesday November 2, 2023, to be valid. Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder.

BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, November 2, 2023, at 1:00 pm local time in the Board Room of the Noblesville School Educational Services Center located at 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 1:00 PM local time. We will meet at the main entrance (labelled door #1), at the Noblesville High School located at 18111 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060. This meeting is not mandatory, but all Interested Bidders are encouraged to attend.

CONTRACT TYPE: The project(s) will be constructed utilizing the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) delivery method for public work. The Construction Manager will contract with multiple First Tier Subcontractors for the Bid items listed below, with bids received on a lump sum basis for each bid item. Each proposal shall include all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Construction Drawings, Project Schedule, Project Manual and Technical Specifications.

The Construction Manager will receive sealed Bids for the following Bid Item(s) of work:

- Bid Item #01: Site Excavation and Utility Work
- Bid Item #02: Asphalt Paving Work
- Bid Item #03: Landscape Plantings and Seeding Work
- Bid Item #04: Concrete Work
- Bid Item #05: Steel Work
- Bid Item #06: Masonry Work
- Bid Item #07: Roofing and Metal Panel Work
- Bid Item #08: Aluminum Curtainwall, Window, Door, and Folding Door

Work
Bid Item #09: Metal Stud, Drywall, Insulation and Acoustical Ceilings, Sound Panel Work

- Bid Item #10: General Trades and Select Demo Work
- Bid Item #11: Painting and Wall Covering Work
- Bid Item #12: Tile Work
- Bid Item #13: Carpet, LVT and Base Work
- Bid Item #14: Epoxy Resinous Flooring Work
- Bid Item #15: Manufactured Casework and Top Work
- Bid Item #16: Food Service Equipment
- Bid Item #17: Fire Protection Work
- Bid Item #18: Plumbing, Mechanical, HVAC Ductwork and Temperature Controls Work

Bid Item #19: Electrical, Fire Alarm, and Technology Work

SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: All subcontractors must be pre-qualified prior to submission of the bid. Pre-qualification forms can be obtained by contacting Dylan Flannery, Hagerman, Inc., 812-363-2407, dflannery@hagermangc.com, or Mike Holtkamp, Hagerman, Inc., 317-577-6836, mholtkamp@hagermangc.com. The completed pre-qualification forms with attachments shall be submitted to Mike Holtkamp by 5:00 PM October 13, 2023. Completed forms may also be emailed to Dylan Flannery or via hard copy delivered to Hagerman's office (10315 Allisonville Road) in a sealed envelope. Financial information will be kept confidential. Pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00 PM October 17, 2023.

Documents Prepared by:

CSO Architects, Inc.
8831 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, IN 46240
Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc):
Hagerman, Inc.
10315 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038

BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may purchase Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering. Documents will be available on or after October 2, 2023. Documents are available electronically by contacting:

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Mike Holtkamp, Hagerman, Inc., mholtkamp@hagermangc.com
Michael Schwartz, Hagerman, Inc., mschwartz@hagermangc.com
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Eastern Engineering
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Office: (317) 598-0661

Any questions concerning bidding this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to:

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Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): (317) 577-6836.
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW: Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:

1. Noblesville Schools
18025 River Road
Noblesville, IN 46062

2. Hagerman, Inc.
10315 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038

3. CSO Architects, Inc.
8831 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, IN 46240

BID SECURITY: Bids are "not" required to include a Bid Security or Bid Bond or Certified Check.

PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Amount may be required of the successful bidder. Bidders will provide a cost for this bond on the bid form.

E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7. https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify and background checks.

SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOSHA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project and all contractors shall abide by the 2020 Hagerman Safety Manual. The safety manual can be found accessible at www.thehagermangroup.com using password "safety."

TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the "Sales Tax") for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. The owner will provide a tax-exempt form.

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Noblesville And Kokomo Lawyer Launches Bid For 5th District United States Congress

Kokomo and Noblesville Attorney, Mark Hurt, filed his candidacy to run for the United States Congressional seat being vacated by U.S. Congresswoman Victoria Spartz. Mr. Hurt is a Republican candidate.

Hurt spoke of constitutional and common sense conservatism that works to solve real live issues as a backbone of his campaign. Hurt believes he is the right candidate for the time because of his unique combination of strong educational, political and private sector business experience.

My extensive legislative experience and international expertise sets me apart from the pack. My small business experience makes me a better and more mature candidate as I have lived under the regulations and taxes that Congress imposes on us in business. While serving as one small brick in the wall of justice, I learned the importance of earning the trust of the community and law enforcement officers to keep people safe. I believe strongly in term limits, am a pro-life conservative who views the 2nd amendment as a fundamental right, and an American who respects the United States Constitution. All of my views and weekly reform ideas can be located at markhurt.org.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Hurt, who earned a master's degree focused on international relations from Baylor University, noted we must strengthen our military capabilities, maintain peace through strength, stand up for our friend, Israel and stand against the spread of communism from the People's Republic of China and North Korea, and stand vigilant against the heightened threats from Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Bottom-line, we need to win the hearts and minds of those being suppressed to dictatorial control.

Hurt opposes the advancements of weapons grade uranium in the deep bunkers at Furdo as Iran moves closer to having a nuclear weapon.

MILITARY AND VETERANS ISSUES

Hurt spoke strongly about the need for more active enlisted military personnel, more focus and resources for reservists and National Guardsmen, and unwavering support for veterans who have served the United States. Hurt would like to see targeted and strategic increased spending on military weapons systems, and believes issues such as border security with Mexico should include the expansion of sensors and satellite technologies, now in use in Israel, which can better defend those areas from tunnels and provide surveillance for meandering rivers which flow miles in and miles from the fluid U.S. border.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

For over 18 years, Hurt states he has served as one small brick in the wall of justice by serving as a part-time Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at the local level for the State of Indiana. Hurt sees the flow of heroin and illegal drugs into the United States as a major national security problem. Heroin laced with fentanyl is tearing at the fabric of our society. Cartel chemists create potent drugs that lead to death, addiction and a lack of self-control that is

splitting our families and leading to a number of grandparents who serve as guardians, working multiple jobs, while caring for grandchildren. Hurt would like tougher penalties on those dealing drugs.

MENTAL HEALTH REFORM

In criminal justice reform, Hurt stated "there is no co-pay and no deductible when receiving mental health care through the jail. I commend the foresight of our elected officials in Indiana in starting an expansion of HIP 2.0 to those leaving the prisons and jails so expanded health care services, transportation, housing and counseling services - medicine evaluation and medical treatment - can occur through forensic diversion. There are no Democrats, Independents or Republicans when it comes to mental health reform. The 20 year tax free bonds and building of the neuro diagnostic center at the Community East campus in central Indiana was much needed.

Federally, Hurt is committed to working with the Indiana delegation to expand loan repayment and loan forgiveness for doctors and counselors willing to serve the mentally ill, believes

HEALTH CARE

In the area of health reform, Hurt supports expansion of competition as a way to reduce the escalating cost of health insurance premiums and co-pays. Hurt noted the billions spent on bureaucracy and taxes have hit small business especially hard. The small business markets have seen large increases in premiums.

Hurt would like individual policies similar to catastrophic coverage under health savings

accounts that allows Americans to buy riders to have added coverage for important areas such as maternity care, chiropractic coverage and many of the other items presently required through state mandates. Hurt supports more insurance companies entering the markets and allowing businesses to build on business commonality, with insurance companies serving businesses operating across state lines with larger purchasing groups and greater negotiating power.

FAMILY ISSUES

Hurt stated, "At this time, our 5th Congressional District needs a member of the U.S Congress who will fight for the people and support the right changes. We must regain parental control in areas of our children's lives, protect our U.S. Constitution from those who claim emergencies allow for a change to a living document, and we must fight to ensure that our families, communities and nation are safe."

Hurt, a former staffer of U.S. Senator Dan Coats, and a business owner of 26 years, spoke strongly about the need to support families - the first line of defense in our national security.

Life is precious and you hope the hearts and minds of people work to help them see how precious life and family are. Hurt spoke out against taxpayer funded abortion, supports the Hyde amendment, and supports expanded delivery of health care for all Hoosiers through local community health centers.

Hurt contends: "Government takeovers

in health care, costly regulations with no cost/benefit analysis, government intervention in unprecedented sectors of our economy, attacks on religious liberties and so many areas of our individual lives, are fostering dependence, disillusionment, and hopelessness among so many.

Hurt adds: "We need to provide support for mothers and fathers who teach their children the values of hard work, the importance of serving others, and compassion for the poor."

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY REFORM

Hurt believes we must stop the movement of omnibus legislation where Congressional leaders move bills in the last hours of a session, without formal hearings, with legislation not read or understood by those members voting on the proposed laws. Hurt supports institutional reforms requiring hearings and transparency for the American public who desire to be involved in the public policy process.

Hurt stated, "During the past three (3) years of the Biden administration, costly regulations with no cost/benefit analysis, unsustainable spending, attacks on both our religious and personal liberties, attacks on Supreme Court justices and our U.S. Constitution have become all too common. We need a new found respect for the separation of governmental powers. The U.S. Congress must reclaim its authority, not allow the Supreme Court to serve as a rubber-stamping body, push for states' rights, and for the idea that the state exists to preserve freedoms. Bottom-line, Americans must maintain the rule of law and ensure the judiciary rules on what the law is, not what the law should be."

Hurt strongly supports regulatory reform efforts requiring a cost benefit analysis and an up and down vote on measures affecting clean coal, clean air and so many other areas of our society. Hurt believes the United States Congress has allowed its legislative functions to be unduly

delegated to unelected staff at administrative agencies. Staff and appointed officials at agencies circumvent Congress, and through obtrusive regulations, growingly bypass elected representatives in carrying out unwise regulations and hidden taxes. Hurt, as a constitutionalist, strongly believes in the separation of powers and the placement of legislative power in the legislative branch of government, not the executive.

On the issue of lawmaking, Hurt states: "America needs leadership that respects the United States Constitution and the rule of law, not just in words, but in actions. We need a newfound respect for the separation of governmental powers, for states' rights, and for the idea that the state exists to preserve freedoms. We also need a reborn realization that the duty of the judiciary is to say what the law is, not what the law should be."

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health care solutions that actually work and a strong and well balanced military that provides for our national security needs. Hurt is convinced that a team of committed Congressman and Senators are needed to work together and provide the needed leadership to advance real solutions for strengthening families and allowing for parental control of textbooks and teaching, protecting and expanding our farmers and their markets, public safety that holds felons accountable, a coherent foreign policy, mental health and health care solutions that actually work, and a strong and well balanced military that provides for our national security needs while cutting out waste and inefficiencies. Yes, a new generation of leadership is needed for the days ahead.

BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Hurt stated he is "uniquely positioned to help make a difference and move the needle in the right direction." A graduate of Taylor University (teaching), Baylor University (international relations-political science), Michigan State University College of Law (law), service as a part-time deputy prosecuting attorney, and over 25 years' experience running a business through my two private law offices in Noblesville and Kokomo, Hurt states he is a working man Republican who will hit the ground running the first day I represent you in Washington, D.C. Prior to the practice of law, I served United States Senator, Dan Coats, helping create health savings accounts, complementing my work on pharmaceutical and medical device issues. For Michigan Governor, John Engler, I traveled the state and worked with the auto industry and National Governors Association to defeat the Clinton health care reforms. And with United States Congressmen Fred Grandy, Hurt played an important role in the floor management on the family and medical leave act, offered private-sector alternatives in health care reform, developed education and labor reforms, and drafted a compromise on the funding of the National Endowment of the Arts. Hurt states that he wants to use this experience to serve this country and the citizens of the state of Indiana.

Hurt is a member of the Christian Legal Society, Federalist Society, National Federation of Independent Business, National Rifle Association, Federalist Society, Christian Legal Society, Grissom Community Council, and Kokomo Chamber of Commerce.

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the seasons, the excitement of football, cool evening winds and our thoughts beginning to turn to the holiday season. Except, if you work in Hamilton County Government. Inside your county offices September also means budget meetings. The fulfillment of months of budget planning by dozens of departments culminates in lots of buzz, presentations, needs analysis, questions, anxiety, justifications, and occasionally difficult conversations. This is where the rubber meets the road, the council sets the county tax rate, through a process of reviewing and approving the annual budget, it is one of the primary responsibilities of your county council. Once the budget is approved, detailed allocation of the funding gets approved at monthly meetings. The council reviews expenses against budgets for allocations and approval. It is a complete series of ongoing checks and balances. Some county government functions, like tourism, parks, and libraries, have their own tax rates. It is still the responsibility of the council to oversee these departments' tax rates and spending. Here is a link to a handy reference from last year to check the breakdown on your property tax rates. Find the city, town, or township where you live, and you can see the detailed property tax percentages broken apart as you read the column.

<https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/DocumentCenter/View/16834/2021-pay-2022-Certified-Tax-Rate-Chart>

As an example, if you lived in Noblesville last year you may be surprised to learn that your county tax rate is 0.27440 but your school tax rate is 1.33710. When it comes to our property taxes, every

property can be unique with exceptions and deductions, but it strikes me as important to inform you that much less of your property taxes go towards county government services than most people think. Over the past ten years the county tax rate has gone from .3074 in 2013 to the present rate in 2021. The same rate continues to be in place to this date. As the volume and values of properties in the county have increased so has the county revenue.

As part of the budget approval process, every staff addition and every dollar requested was examined. All department budget requests were analyzed, including submittals for new personnel, benefits modifications, pay increases, facility renovations, highway projects and capital expenses. The review process included several rounds of department and line-item cost reviews by the entire council. Each subsequent round completed additional budget revisions. Frankly, it's difficult to make these decisions individually, let alone as a group. Arriving at dozens of departments budgets requires a majority vote to obtain the council's approval. Doing so while keeping in mind the bigger picture of the overall county budget is a difficult balancing act. With a submitted budget request that exceeded \$272 million dollars, up nearly \$50 million from 2023's submitted budget request, it's critical that we look closely at any reoccurring expense that exceeds the 8.7% growth in the county tax base. That is exactly what we did.

There is so much to report from last month, it's broken down into two reports this time. This is my Timesheet, please look for my Overtime Timesheet published soon to get the remainder

of last month's report. There are several large projects in the queue, including expanding the Judicial Center, a new 911 Operations Center, the Wastewater treatment plant at Bakers Corner and a new Domestic Violence Shelter to name a few. My job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget; however, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at 317-832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

The Overtime Timesheet

Welcome to the Overtime Timesheet. Last month was busy, out of respect for publishing brevity it made sense to break September's time report in half. My Timesheet was previously published and here is my Overtime Timesheet.

This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly

reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7:00 PM the first Wednesday of every month at the judicial center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent, part two.

Every department budget submitted was evaluated. When the smoke cleared and the job was done, we trimmed \$5.4 million dollars from a requested budget of over \$272 million dollars. This included approving roughly twenty-five new positions. The budget provides an average 7% increase for employee's compensation, improvements in employee and retiree benefits, and it strengthened public safety in multiple areas.

I am pleased to report a balanced budget that includes a strong increase in your rainy-day fund, the first planned rainy-day budget contribution in a few years. The County tax rate will remain the same and we have a healthy AAA bond rating, which allows borrowing at the lowest rates possible. The budget will get final approval at the public meeting on October 16th and is subject to State Government approval from the Indiana Department of Local Government & Finance. The process is not easy or simple but is filled with the give and take that delivers a fiscally responsible budget for the taxpayers.

Time spent this month was largely consumed with the County 2024 budgeting process. We deal with a tremendous amount of data, money, personnel, and expectations. The 2024 budget included requested funding for over fifty new county employees, increases in benefits,

salaries, retirement, and operational costs. In my view the first priority of government is public safety. As such, those departments got my attention first.

With the county tax base increasing 8.7%, any reoccurring expenses that increase annually beyond that percentage eventually become unsustainable. These must be scrutinized to properly manage reserves, our bond rating, debt, and our tax rate. The challenge becomes a balance of great services with the proper stewardship of taxpayer money. It's walking a tightrope of sorts balancing the two.

This month, our in-person personnel committee meeting was cancelled. Personnel change requests will be voted on by the full council at our October 4th meeting. Our highway committee meeting provided updates on existing projects. We discussed several bridge projects. I was surprised to learn that we have 66 timber bridges across the county. Many of these bridges will need maintenance or replacement over the coming years. Highway projects require council sponsorship. Project details are reviewed in advance, sponsored, and then moved to votes at a subsequent full council meeting.

This process, along with statutory regulations that govern procurement, are in place to ensure value and multiple checks and balances on behalf of the taxpayers. Highway project expenses are still high, but we think that some moderation in component costs has begun.

In addition to the County Council budget, public and committee meetings, September's work included attending a Cicero town council public meeting, constituent's meetings regarding county board appointments, HEPL, county services disputes and the

councils proposed increase in the Homestead credit. This month's work also included meetings on behalf of the Hamilton County Senior Center and Janus Development Center.

Of note this month were meetings with representatives of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority and meetings with Daniel Shackle, the new director of the State of Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance. In addition, I was honored to represent the county in meetings with the Hamilton County Leadership Academy, at the Fishers State of the City luncheon, the Nickle Plate Arts 11th annual gala and the Silver Sneakers Champ Camp Gala.

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during month nine. There are quite a few projects in the queue and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

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- Mark Hall is a successful businessman, husband, father and grandfather. He is serving his first term on the Hamilton County Council.

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revamped road that would be as durable as those of the Romans, one coated with a waterproof cement surface that would be serviceable all year round.

William V. Rooker, an Indianapolis attorney who'd built a mansion on the hill just south of Noblesville a few years earlier, headed the committee pushing for the improvements (Rooker's former home is currently Third Phase Christian Center.)

The names of many of the men who backed Rooker's project have faded with time, but some you might recognize include Indianapolis attorney William Holton Dye, who was active nationally in the Progressive Party; Walter C. Marmon of the Nordyke-Marmon Automobile Company and the Noblesville Milling Company; and attorney and politician Addison C. Harris.

Harris served as minister to the Austro-Hungarian Empire during the McKinley administration. His home, known these days as the Ambassador's House, originally sat on the northwest corner of Allisonville Road and 96th Street. It's now an event venue located in Fishers' Heritage Park.

Another name that may be familiar is Hilton U. Brown. Brown, the general manager of the Indianapolis News, owned some land along the road where he spent summers, camping in a tent.

The article paints a glowing picture of the area through which the road passes. "The broad white boulevard will lead through picturesque glens, past prosperous farms and along the tops of the bluffs, where White River lazily winds its way long below."

The weak spot in the piece is the author's attempt to educate readers about some

of the historic locations along the route. He mangles the history so badly, I didn't know whether to howl with laughter or cry.

He notes that the road goes by "the old Conner home," which was then part of a farm owned by H. C. Atkins, the president of Indianapolis' E. C. Atkins Saw Company.

That's about all he got right about the Conners.

According to him, "two small lads, John and 'Jacob'" Conner, were stolen by the Delaware Indians from a western New York settlement and brought here to grow up with the tribe. "The whole family was captured in Ohio by the British and their Indian allies, and were taken to Michigan.)

"Jacob" founded Connersville (that was John Conner,) while "John" (William) founded "Connerstown, the first county seat of Hamilton County." (It wasn't.)

Another whopper is the notion that Washington Irving once spent two weeks at the Conner house. (He didn't.) That may, however, explain the origin of the similar tall tale about James Fenimore Cooper visiting the Conners. (Cooper never dropped in on William Conner, either.)

There are more historical blunders in the article, but thankfully, I've run out of space, so I can't be tempted to point them out.

Note: I'm in dire need of more wooly worm sightings for the winter weather forecast. If you spot any, please let me know what color they were and where you saw them.

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

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But it's going to be great," said Estridge, after looking at the master plan that was displayed on posterboard in the O.V. Winks Building during the open house-style celebration.

Among the visitors were multiple generations that included Jeanne Flanders and daughter Donna Lehman and 4-H Dog leaders Linda Arbuckle and daughter Dawn Arbuckle Moos, who have all been involved in the 4-H programs for many, many years.

"This is where Junior Leaders met," said Moos, who started in 4-H in 1970. "My wedding reception was in this building. We had family reunions for a number of years. My parents were into antiques so we auctioned here all of the time."

Flanders, 82, Noblesville, in White River Township, came in 1959. She was a 4-H Crops leader and a mom with four kids in 4-H and then grandchildren and great-grandchildren in 4-H. She was with her daughter, Donna Lehman.

They attended a lot of Farm Bureau meetings, water conservation meetings and showed 4-H Food and Sewing projects in the building.

"There's a lot of memories in here that I wish could be kept," Flanders said.

Helen Dailey, 93, Noblesville, who has

volunteered for 70 years for the 4-H Fair and Extension Homemakers in Noblesville, and volunteered during the time that O.V. Winks served the county. She even has a parking space with her name on it to celebrate her years.

Leah (Woodward) Fisher, 65, Noblesville, a 10-year 4-H'er in Forest Hill 4-H Club, said her late dad, Paul Woodward, who also had a parking space and now has a memorial bench by the Show Arena, and was involved with the Hamilton County 4-H program as a leader for more than 70 years. "I brought my dad's jacket," said Fisher, who modeled the green jacket trimmed in white with a 4-H emblem. "It hangs in my closet, and I knew Dad would want to be here."

"We had all of our 4-H meetings here," said Fisher, a 1976 Noblesville High School graduate whose three older brothers, her three children and all of her 10 nieces and nephews were 10-year 4-H'ers. She showed 4-H Cattle and Swine and participated in the 4-H Queen Pageant around 1975.

"They had the queen pageants in here until they took them to the Show Arena," she said of the O.V. Winks Building, in which at one time there was a stage for pageants and other events.

What made her smile?

"Memories, everybody here, thinking of Dad," she said. "I love all of the pictures and all of the stories that Dad used to tell."

Fisher posed wearing his jacket with a lifelike cutout of the former O.V. Winks and Winks memorabilia, which was set up as a photo booth at the south end of the O.V. Winks building during Thursday's open house.

"You can have your picture taken with him, literally," said Bernie Huber, program assistant for Purdue Extension Hamilton County, earlier pointing to the O.V. Winks cutout at the photo booth.

John Peterson, husband of Susan Peterson, said he came to Hamilton County in 1965 in first grade. He remembered attending meetings in the O.V. Winks building. "There used to be a fireplace over there," he said pointing to a blank space along the wall of the building. "On a cold, snowy winter day, we'd have a fire burning in the fireplace and have our meeting," said John Peterson, a 10-year Hamilton County 4-H'er and a 1975 Carmel High School grad. "But most of all during the 4-H Fair, this was the iconic building before the other building was built over there. This is where things happened, here and in the Annex, where everything was displayed during the Fair." He

grew up with Betty Estridge's kids, who were 4-H'ers in Carmel.

He met his wife, Susan (Bales) Peterson, when she was a Purdue Extension 4-H youth agent at the Fairgrounds, and they've been married nearly 25 years and have two daughters who were 10-year 4-H'ers.

Peterson said he knew "most everybody" at the open house.

He was a little sad but said, "A bunch of us are going to gather next week and take off the knotty pine" to save for the new building. "They're talking about making a dedication wall in the new building."

Peterson said they are trying to save some pieces of history. "So when they start tearing this down, there will be something to hold onto from the past."

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com. My own daughter had her first 4-H meeting, for Stringtown Pikers, and also learned to clog with the 4-H Clover Cloggers, in the O.V. Winks Building. Also, read more about longtime 4-H volunteer Betty Estridge in an upcoming edition of The Times. To read more about the O.V. Winks building and history, read the Betsy Reason column from the June 22, 2023, edition of The Times.

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