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## TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

## Hamilton Happenings

Phi Beta Psi sorority is hosting its annual lasagna dinner on Friday, Oct. 11, at Sheridan High School before the game against Eastern. This annual fundraiser is how the sorority raises money to support scholarships. Serving begins at 5 p.m. and carry out is available. There is also a gluten free option. Tickets before the event are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. At the event, prices are \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Phi Beta Psi Sorority members or at the Sheridan Public Library.

## Three Things You Should Know

**1** The Indiana Debate Commission is accepting questions from Hoosier voters for Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates on the Nov. 5 ballot. In keeping with its mission of "Putting Voters First," the commission invites Hoosier voters to submit questions via its website [www.indianadebatecommission.com](http://www.indianadebatecommission.com) using the "Ask Your Question" link at the top of the homepage. The governor's race is a three-way contest this year between Republican Mike Braun, Democrat Jennifer McCormick, and Libertarian Donald G. Rainwater II. They have agreed to debate on Oct. 24 and it will be broadcast from 7-8 p.m. from WFYI-TV in Indianapolis and will also be live-streamed on the commission's website and YouTube channel.

**2** Our friends at 101GreatGoals.com carried out a survey of 3,000 sports fans across the country to find out which cities and states house the most notorious online trolls. These trolls turn sports rivalries into an art form, crafting the perfect comment to get under the skin of their opposition. Nationally, Buffalo and New York City top the list, but in Indiana, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Carmel were the best... or worst, depending on your point of view!

**3** Margaret Zeitouny went for a walk with her dog on a trail in Waltham's Cedarwood Park in Massachusetts and stumbled upon a formation of pinecones "in a circle pattern with a repetitive design. Making them is a meditative thing. I don't know if the artist is coming up and checking on it, but I am. I want to take a picture a day until it's not there anymore. I am not on board with aliens, and definitely not on board with satanic ritual. I appreciate that someone spent a significant amount of time putting it together and put it together on the edge of the trail."

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## Pull the 'Ripcord' for Laughs, Revelations At Westfield Playhouse

**Play Director Will Pull Own 'Ripcord' For A Sellout Weekend**



**BETSY REASON**  
Columnist

Andrea Odle has "sky-high dreams of a sellout" for the comedy that she is directing at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

If opening weekend sells out for "Ripcord," the directing team -- Odle and assistant director Clay Howard -- will jump out of a plane and pull their own "ripcords."

Yep, the directing team will skydive.

"I have never done this before and neither has my assistant director," Odle said. "We thought it would be a fun and creative way to get audience members to join us opening weekend."

Skydive Indianapolis has been working with the cast during the production. "And we will be jumping with them ... if we sell out," Odle said.

Opening-weekend performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are still available at [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org). The show continues through Oct. 13.

Main Street Productions in Westfield is promoting "Ripcord," its first show of the 2024-25 theater season, as "a comedy of one-up womanship," with artwork of a smiling woman parachuting from the sky.

"'Ripcord' is a show about aging while not getting old," Odle, of Noblesville, said.

The characters Abby and Marilyn (played by Miki Mathioudakis and Tina Nehrling, respectively) are



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

**Scott Prill, Claire Slaven, Tina Nehrling, Malcolm "Marshall" and Miki Mathioudakis rehearse for Main Street Productions' 'Ripcord' comedy, directed by Andrea Odle, opening Thursday and continuing through Oct. 13 at Basile Westfield Playhouse.**

competing for the bed by the window in a New Jersey senior living facility.

"They try to out-prank each other in a no-holds-bar bet of fear vs. anger," Odle said. "Think 'Golden Girls' meets 'The Odd Couple.'"

She said, "Ripcord is a delightful, theatrical experience that offers laughter, tears and a valuable lesson about the resilience of the human spirit. Pull the Ripcord for an evening of laughs and revelations."

The play was brought to Odle by a longtime theater friend, Gary Cohen, who had seen it on the West Coast and was impressed by the production. He thought the Westfield/Carmel/Indianapolis is community needed to see this show.

The comedy in this show is two-fold, Odle said. As with any comedic script, there is traditionally a bit of sketch comedy, with short comedic scenes that take audiences away from the main plot.

"With the help of the audience's imagination and a few strategic set pieces, we are transported to a haunted

house, a sky-diving expedition, and a local park featuring a masked man in a not-so-threatening mask," Odle said. "The other comedy is more of an everyday life humor. We all should laugh at ourselves more often. Life is just plain funny when delivered in an expertly, and realistic way. This cast delivers this concept in every scene."

Six "extremely talented" actors make up the cast. "They have quickly become an inseparable family." While some cast members are theater veterans, "others are just beginning their journey," Odle said. "It has been a delight to watch our veterans take our newbies under their wing."

Award-winning set designer Jay Ganz of Fishers, who a year ago designed the set for Odle's "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" musical, has created yet another fabulous set, this time for "Ripcord."

Odle said, "He has done a fantastic job creating a room that represents the dichotomy of the two characters and their journey

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## The case of the Indian Murders



**PAULA DUNN**  
From Time to Thyme

Two hundred years ago on Oct. 7, a man named James Hudson went on trial in Madison County for his role in what early local historians referred to as "The Indian Murders."

While it's questionable whether this was, as some have claimed, the first time in this country's history that a white man was held accountable for the murder of Native Americans, it was, nevertheless, a significant event.

Normally, I stick to Hamilton County history, but there are enough Hamilton County connections to this that I feel justified in straying past the county line. (I'll get to those connections later.)

If you've read Jessamyn West's 1975 fictionalized account of the murders, "The Massacre at Fall Creek," you're probably familiar with the story already.

In March, 1824, a small band of Native Americans had established a hunting / trapping / sugaring camp on Madison County's Deer Lick Creek (not nearby Fall Creek, the location usually given.)

After all these years, many details surrounding this incident are in dispute, but most accounts refer to the Indians as members of the Seneca tribe and the most reliable descriptions indicate there were three men, three women and four children.

Enter Thomas Harper, a devout Indian hater, who'd recently come to Madison County to visit relatives.

Harper managed to convince some of the local settlers that the Senecas were a threat, and he and his followers proceeded to murder everyone in the camp -- even the women and children -- in a manner so heinous, I'm glad I don't have room to go into detail.

The other men who took part in the massacre, John T. Bridge Sr. and John Bridge Jr.; Andrew Sawyer and his son, Stephen;

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## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Take a walk after eating, particularly if the meal contained a lot of fat.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.



## TODAY'S QUOTE

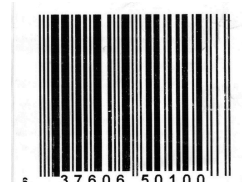
"It's as much fun to scare as to be scared."  
Vincent Price

## TODAY'S JOKE

Why do witches wear name tags?  
So that they can tell which witch is which!

## OBITUARIES

None



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

### Timmons Gets an Odd Phone Call



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

How do these people find me?

I was sitting at work, minding my own business.

Not bothering a soul . . . which translates to the fact that I wasn't writing a column causing the woke crowd more dilemmas.

The phone rings.

"The Times, Timmons."

"I am Goose, Dr. Goose if you will. I bring you greetings, I bring you thrills."

I repeat – how do these people find me?

"I'm sorry?" I tried. "How can I help you?"

"In today's world we toil, while politics give us roil. Try as we might, it always ends with fright."

Sigh.

"The Dems they have Kamala, the Repubs are stuck with Trump. What they give to all of us is another kick in the rump."

I tried to interrupt. "Look, this is The Times. Is there something—"

"Election's coming, voting starts soon. You know whoever wins will certainly make us swoon. There is no choice, no winner on tap. A sharp pain across our face, this feels like a slap.

"Biden he's senile, Obama is scheming. How they get Michelle

elected has all of them dreaming.

"But on the other side stands a big ol' orange-haired man. He's plenty loud he's certainly rude. His followers they love him but with everyone else he gets booed.

"Look, Goose. I need—"

"It's DOCTOR Goose you silly old fool. I make the insanity rhyme. I don't care if it's cool. It's time we wake up, rise to the top. This wokeness absurdity has to come to a stop."

He paused. I saw my chance.

"OK, DOCTOR Goose. I appreciate you calling and all. But is there something I can help you with or something you needed?

"I won't keep you, make you spend more time. Clearly you don't appreciate my lessons through a rhyme. But this has to change, get better you must admit. Because if it doesn't this country is going to—" I had enough and hung up. How do these people find me?

*Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.*

### Lasagna Dinner Set in Sheridan

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Serving begins at 5 p.m. and carry out is available. There is also a

gluten free option.

Tickets before the event are \$12 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. At the event, prices are \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from Phi Beta Psi Sorority members or at the Sheridan Public Library.

The annual lasagna dinner is held in loving memory of Martha Rocky.

## Opening of New Route Major Milestone



### A big crowd was on hand as the reimagine Pleasant Street project took another step.

A major milestone was achieved for the Reimagine Pleasant Street project as a new roadway and bridge over the White River opened to traffic.

Noblesville and Hamilton County officials celebrated the historic event last Thursday as the new thoroughfare from River Road to Eighth Street opens to traffic the next day. The Reimagine Pleasant Street project enhances mobility through Noblesville and increases trail connectivity to create a safe, vibrant corridor for residents and visitors to drive, walk, or bike to downtown Noblesville.

"The Reimagine

Pleasant Street Project is more than an infrastructure project. It's been 40 years in the making and is a transformational corridor in our community," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "The new Pleasant Street is a massive transportation and quality-of-life project that takes people east to west in the community, easing the commute for everyone traveling to and through our city. This project celebrates our community's history and looks ahead to the future with local artwork incorporated as well as serving as a trail connector for the River Walk, Midland Trace, and Nickel Plate trails. The Reimagine Pleasant Street Project



Photos courtesy City of Noblesville

### Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said this has been 40 years in the making.

is a game-changer for Indiana's Hometown of Noblesville."

This portion of the project is the critical first phase with construction activities continuing for two other phases. When complete, Pleasant Street will be an aesthetically pleasing boulevard and serve as a new east-west corridor for Noblesville. The entire project will be open to traffic by the end of 2025.

"It's exciting to see this project come to life," Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger said. "These improvements have been discussed for many years. This new bridge is critical to the

future of our county and will increase safety for all motorists and pedestrians in our community."

Representatives from American Structurepoint, Beaty Construction, CHA Consulting, and USI Consultants attended the Party on Pleasant celebration, helping cut the ribbon for the new road and bridge. American Structurepoint is managing the design of Pleasant Street. Beaty Construction was the contractor for Phase 1 of Pleasant Street. CHA and USI will lead the construction inspection of the project.

## Heights Homecoming Friday



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

### This year's Homecoming Parade kicks off at 4 p.m. Friday.

Attention Husky fans and enthusiasts. Hamilton Heights High School's Fall Homecoming takes place Friday. Everything is building up with various fun and spirit-filled activities to rally the Dawgs before the big game against the Twin Lakes Indians at 7:30 p.m. on the Husky Field that night.

This week has been full of "spirit" days where students and staff showed off their spirit. Monday was Pajama Day, Tuesday Class Powder Puff Day, today is Toddler vs. Senior

Citizen Day, Thursday is Dress Like Your Hallway Day, and Friday is Orange and White Day. Friday's activities begin bright and early at 8 a.m. with the Ryan White Fest, now over three decades strong, at the football stadium and practice field. Student Government will be selling a variety of concessions, and there will be wiffle ball, kickball, and corn hole tournaments. A student pep session featuring our Hamilton Heights band, cheerleaders, and football team will be held at the football field from 1:40 p.m. to

### Heights Homecoming Parade Route

Illinois from the school parking lot – North to Main – turn left  
West on Main to Dora – turn left

Dora – Parade stops – the high school band – will disperse and return to school on buses located at the middle school – athletes will join their respective teams

South on Dora to South Street – turn left  
East on South to East Street – turn right  
South on East Street to Franklin – turn left  
East on Franklin to Illinois – turn right  
South on Illinois – back to the high school

2:30 p.m.

The parade line-up begins at 3 p.m. in the northwest high school parking lot. The award-winning Hamilton Heights High School Band and Amber Guard will lead the parade with the school song and impressive flag routine through the streets of Arcadia beginning at 4 p.m.

Halftime Festivities include recognition of alumni from the classes of '75, '85, '95, '05, and '15, followed by the presentation of

the 2024 Homecoming Court and the crowning of this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

On Saturday, Hamilton Heights will honor and induct the Class of 2024 to the Athletic Hall of Fame with lunch (ticketholders only) at noon followed by the induction ceremony in the high school gymnasium. The Fall Homecoming Dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. at the high school gymnasium.

Looking for a part-time job that does not involve the words:

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outside of the senior living facility.”

Master carpenter Mason Odle, Andrea Odle’s husband, brought Ganz’ design to life, “and did a great job incorporating the director’s change orders.”

Besides the set, lighting “is always the icing on the cake for directors and audience members,” she said. “A show is beautiful on its own but with the right lighting, the audience can feel a part of the story.”

Clay Howard, a 2022 Noblesville High School graduate, is the assistant director, technical director and light designer for “Ripcord.” Odle said, “Clay Howard has lived up to his reputation of creativity and expertise. He and J Herold (light operator and 2023 NHS grad) have added an extra character due to the extraordinary lighting design.”

She said, Rob Stokes’ sound design “provides us a way to escape the senior

living facility, and the show wouldn’t be the same without it.”

What else is Odle most thrilled about in doing this show?

“I am most excited about giving an opportunity to two fabulous roles for two older women,” she said. “Older audience members will identify with Abby and Marilyn, but so will anyone who has a parent of an age or becoming of a certain age. It presents a concept of how we live out our lives with dignity and humor, and I hope the audiences go away with “it’s not over” no matter how old you are.”

Abby has a line in the show “that sums this up beautifully,” Odle said.

“I’m. Not. Done.”

*Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times editor Betsy Reason at [betsy@thetimes24-7.com](mailto:betsy@thetimes24-7.com).*

### Want TO GO?

**What:** Main Street Productions presents “Ripcord,” a comedy written by David Lindsay-Abaire and directed by Noblesville’s Andrea Odle.

**When:** Oct. 3-13, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (Oct. 3 and 10) and Fridays and Saturdays (Oct. 4, 5, 11 and 12) and 2:30 p.m. Sundays (Oct. 6 and 13).

**Where:** Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield.

**How much:** \$17 for adults, \$15 students (with identification) and 62 and older, free to active military and veterans with identification. First Thursday special offers tickets to the Oct. 3 performance for \$10 each.

**Reservations required:** Call 317-402-3341 or visit [www.westfieldplayhouse.org/](http://www.westfieldplayhouse.org/)



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**Tina Nehrling and Miki Mathioudakis (as Marilyn and Abby competing for the bed by the window in a New Jersey senior living facility) rehearse for Main Street Productions’ “Ripcord” comedy, directed by Andrea Odle, opening Thursday and continuing through Oct. 13 at Basile Westfield Playhouse.**

**Tina Nehrling (from left), Scott Prill, Claire Slaven and Miki Mathioudakis rehearse Main Street Productions’ “Ripcord” comedy, directed by Andrea Odle, opening Thursday and continuing through Oct. 13 at Basile Westfield Playhouse.**

## BASILE WESTFIELD PLAYHOUSE SEASON

Main Street Productions’ 2024-25 Basile Westfield Playhouse season features “Ripcord” by David Lindsay-Abaire, directed by Andrea Odle, Oct. 3-13, 2024; “Greetings,” a festive comedy by Tom Dudzick, directed by Jeremy Tuterow, Dec. 5-15, 2024 (auditions 6:30 p.m. Oct. 6-7); “Geezers,” a heartwarming drama by Tommy Lee Johnson, directed by Lori Raffel, Feb. 6-16, 2025; “Spiders Web,” an Agatha Christie Play, directed by Jan Jamison, April 3-13, 2025; “Wit,” a drama by Margaret Edson, directed by Eric Bryant and Becky Schломann, May 29-June 8, 2025; and “Puffs,” a summer youth production, directed by Amber Roth, July 17-27, 2025. Two productions already announced for the 2025-25 season are “The Rocky Horror Show” by Richard O’Brien, directed by James H. Williams, Sept. 25-Oct. 5, 2025; and “Death of a Salesman” by Arthur Miller, directed by Kelly Keller, Nov. 13-23, 2025.

### MEET THE CAST

Miki Mathioudakis as Abby Binder; Tina Nehrling as Marilyn Dunne; Malcolm “Marshall” as Scotty; Claire Slaven as Colleen and Woman in White; Scott Prill as Derek, Masked Man and Zombie Butler; Cameron Ponce as Benjamin, Lewis and Clown.

### MEET THE CREW

Andrea Odle, director, props/set decoration; Clay Howard, assistant director/technical director/light designer; Amy Buell, stage manager; Jay Ganz, set design; Mason Odle, set master; Georgie Teipen, producer; Rob Stokes, sound design/operator; J Herold, light operator; Jen Poynter, stagehand; Karen Cones, costumes; Tessa Gibbons, hair/makeup.

## Roberts Settlement Legacy Walk Opens

The Legacy Walk at Roberts Settlement, a self-guided outdoor experience that tells the story of Indiana’s Black pioneers who settled in northern Hamilton County in the 1830s, will hold its public grand opening Thursday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Roberts Settlement is located at 3102 East 276th St. in Atlanta.

Visitors will be greeted by “Morning Light,” a dazzling entry feature symbolizing exploration, discovery, opportunity, and ownership. Beyond, the Legacy Walk winds through four separate interpretive-themed stations dedicated to the black pioneer story. Each station includes a title monolith, a bench, and an interpretive story panel with photos, maps and other graphics. Structures are fabricated from weathering steel and an exterior “stone-like” cladding material. The Roberts Settlement Legacy Walk as well as the surrounding grounds are always open to the public to enjoy and embrace the rich and diverse history of Hamilton County.

“We are thrilled to share this piece of our Roberts family history with the public,” said

LaVella Hyter, President of the Roberts Settlement Board of Directors. “Their significance as black pioneers is beautifully represented at the very place where they gathered to worship and began building a legacy of perseverance and determination that continued through generations of Roberts Settlement descendants. I believe they would be very proud today.”

More than \$400,000 was raised in grants and private donations to bring this dream to fruition. Major donors include Hamilton County Tourism, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund/Preserving Black Churches grant (a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation), Central Indiana Community Foundation/Community Leadership Innovation Fund, Crosser Family Foundation, and Duke Energy. Beck’s Hybrids (concrete), Burtner Electric, and Old Town Companies (construction) donated substantial materials and labor services for critical exhibit infrastructure.

Roberts Settlement was founded in 1835 by free blacks of mixed racial heritage who migrated mostly from North

Carolina and Virginia as southern slavery threatened their freedoms and way of life. Their goals were the pursuit of economic, educational, and religious aspirations with the freedom and liberties that they believed rightfully belonged to all people. For 100 years the descendants have gathered annually for the family Homecoming to celebrate their shared history and renew family bonds. For more information, visit [RobertsSettlement.org](http://RobertsSettlement.org)



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Noblesville, IN 46062

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IN RE: Change of Name of Adult )
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Sealed bid proposals for managing the Morse Park Softball Complex program for the 2025-27 spring, summer, and/or fall leagues (minimum of 2 seasons) at the Morse Park Softball Fields, 19777 Morse Park Ln, Noblesville, IN 46062 will be received by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department's office, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville, IN, 46060-1305, until 4:30 p.m. (Local time) on Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024.

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time listed below will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder. 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.

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PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Noblesville High School. The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the facility. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact Roy Wallace, email: roy\_wallace@nobk12.in.us, phone: (317) 716-3505.

Interested Prime Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents at no cost from Eastern Engineering, http://distribution.easternengineering.com. All other bidders may purchase electronic or printed sets directly from Eastern Engineering, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, 1-866-884-4115. Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to KBSO Consulting, 317-344-8044, Contact Andy Steiner, asteiner@kbsconsulting.com or Kelly Bieghler, kbieghler@kbsconsulting.com.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Public Works and Safety, City of Noblesville, at the Office of the Clerk, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, until 9:00 a.m. (local time) on October 15th, 2024, and then will be publicly opened and read aloud at 9:00 a.m. on October 15th, 2024. Any bid(s) received later than 9:00 a.m. (local time) on October 15th, 2024, will be returned unopened.

106th Street Water Main Extension (East of Ditch Road)
The installation of approximately 140 feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main by open cut installation, 780 feet of 12-inch HDPE water main by horizontal directional drill installation, along with related fittings, service lines, hydrants, asphalt walkway repair, appurtenances, and other incidental work necessary for a complete installation.

PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:
The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with all laws of the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental units.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Base bid work for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of a prefabricated sanitary force main pump structure and supporting site work including but not limited to: existing structure demolition, removal of concrete pavement and generator pad, removal of existing equipment and piping, abandonment in place, removal of existing generator on site and delivery to owner, rerouting of gas line to new generator location, protection and reuse of existing electrical meter, rerouting of electrical service, bypass pumping with quick connect fitting, new structure installation, equipment installation, guide rail installation, wet well cover installation, pump installation, connection to existing force main, piping, piping connections, valves not included with the Prefab structure, utility coordination and relocation, concrete pavement, earthwork and excavation, and restoration.

all as required by these Bidding Documents, the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, and Specifications and Drawings. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined upon notification at the office of the Utility Director, or at the office of Wessler Engineering, 1130 AAA Way, Carmel, Indiana 46032, Telephone (317) 788-4551. All copies are distributed to Contractors and other interested parties by Wessler Engineering, Inc. (www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/) for a non-refundable fee. A complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$150.00. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents is available for \$250.00.

PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT BOND:
The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with all laws of the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental units.

INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Standard Questionnaire Form 96 - Revised 2013, completely filled out and signed, including Attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement.

Bids must be submitted on the forms found in the Bid package, must contain the names of every person or company interested therein, and shall be accompanied by:
(1) Revised Form No. 96 as prescribed by the Indiana Board of Accounts and as required in the Instruction to Bidders, including a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work;

CARMEL UTILITIES
30 West Main St., Suite 200
Carmel, Indiana 46032
PH (317) 571-2443 WATER UTILITY
FAX (317)571-2265 WASTEWATER UTILITY
ADVERTISEM / NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF CARMEL, INDIANA
RIVER ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety for the City of Carmel, Hamilton County, Indiana, will receive sealed bids for the below described "Project" at the office of the Clerk, 1000 South Rangeline Road, Carmel, Indiana (2nd Floor) until 4:00 p.m. EST on or before Tuesday, November 5, 2024, or at City Hall, One Civic Square, Carmel, Indiana (Front Desk) until 9:45 a.m. EST or in the Council Chambers between the hours of 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. EST on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, and commencing as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS: All contractors, suppliers, and subcontractors shall demonstrate 5 years of progressive experience in work similar in nature to this project. All workers employed on the project shall have documented legal citizenship or immigration status. Any general or subcontractor that has outstanding fees or inspections or has outstanding work-related, performance, or quality issues with the City of Noblesville may be deemed as non-responsive or non-responsible.

(2) Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety or by a certified check on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be evidence of good faith that the successful Bidder will execute within fifteen (15) calendar days from the acceptance of the Bid, the Agreement as included in the Bidding Documents. The Bid Bond or certified check shall be made payable to the Owner.

RIVER ROAD AND 126th STREET WATER MAIN EXTENSION
The installation of approximately 860 linear feet of 12-inch HDPE by horizontal directional drill installation; 245 linear feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main by open cut installation; along with related fittings, valves, hydrants, pavement repair, sidewalk repair, appurtenances, and other incidental work necessary for a complete installation.

EU-000417
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH KAYE ENGLEWOD, DECEASED
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that Amber L. Gray was, on September 24, 2024, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Judith Kaye Englewod, Deceased, who died on August 24, 2024.

Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, but no bidder shall withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) days after the actual opening of the Bids.

All Work needs to be substantially completed by March 28th, 2025 in advance of the proposed roundabout road improvements project, and completed and ready for final payment by April 30th, 2025.

TO: Nitha Mohler and Todd Clark, and/or unknown heirs, the State of Indiana needs to acquire your property and/or access rights to your property for a public improvement project along US 31 in Hamilton County, Indiana, known as Project #2002313. The State of Indiana is seeking to acquire your property located at 25720 US 31N, Arcadia, IN 46030, in conjunction with said project. A formal offer for this land is now on file in the Hamilton County Clerk's Office located at One Hamilton County Square, Ste. 106, Noblesville, IN 46060. If you are the aforementioned property owner or feel that you have an interest in this property, please pick up a copy of the offer packet at the Clerk's Office. If a response to this notice is not received by November 8, 2024, the State of Indiana shall file suit to condemn the land or interest therein.

All Bid Bonds and certified checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned by the Owner upon selection of the successful Bidder and execution of the Agreement, and provision of the required Performance Bond and Payment Bond.

all as required by these Bidding Documents, the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, and Specifications and Drawings. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined upon notification at the office of the Utility Director, or at the office of Wessler Engineering, 1130 AAA Way, Carmel, Indiana 46032, Telephone (317) 788-4551. All copies are distributed to Contractors and other interested parties by Wessler Engineering, Inc. (www.wesslerengineering.com/planroom/) for a non-refundable fee. A complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$100.00. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents is available for \$150.00.

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Performance Bond with a good and sufficient surety, acceptable to the Owner and Engineer, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement.

non-refundable fee. A complete digital set of bidding documents is available for \$150.00. A complete hard copy set of bidding documents is available for \$250.00.

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NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO CLAY TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS
The taxpayers of Clay Township of Hamilton County, Indiana are hereby notified that on October 15, 2024 at 6:00pm, the Clay Township Board will meet at its regular meeting place located in the Community Room of the John W. Hensel Government Center, 101701 N. College Avenue, Carmel, Indiana, to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

(1) Revised Form No. 96 as prescribed by the Indiana Board of Accounts and as required in the Instruction to Bidders, including a financial statement, a statement of experience, a proposed plan or plans for performing the Work and the equipment the Bidder has available for the performance of the Work;

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Fund 0101 - General Fund
Category: Services and Charges
Housing - Township Assistance - Rent (3ME) \$ 65,000.00
Complex Building (3FB) 10,000.00
Accountant's Services (3AB) 25,000.00
Category: Personal Services
Medicare - Township Share (1BB) \$ 1,000.00
Total Additional Appropriations: \$ 101,000.00

any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, but no bidder shall withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) days after the actual opening of the Bids.

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any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, but no bidder shall withdraw his Bid within ninety (90) days after the actual opening of the Bids.

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TL21867 10/2 10/9 2t hspaxlp

TL21868 10/2 10/9 2t hspaxlp

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that City of Fishers, hereinafter referred to as the OWNER, will receive sealed bids at the City of Fishers Department of Public Works at 10212 Eller Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038 until 1 PM on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, for the following projects: Solar Array Procurement and Installation at Fishers Police Station, 4 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038 Billericy Park, 12690 Promise Road, Fishers, IN 46038 Any bid received after the above-designated time will be returned unopened. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bid summaries and recommendations will be made in public during the next available Fishers Police Stations Board Meeting. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will take place at 10 AM on Tuesday October 15, 2024, at City of Fishers Department of Public Works at 10212 Eller Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038. Construction shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions included in the design documents including Scope of Work, Specifications, and Drawings. Bid documents are available from the Architect, Telamon Energy. Please contact Mike Morley at mike.morley@telamon.com to receive an electronic copy of the documents. All bids shall be accompanied by (1) completed Itemized Proposal, (2) completed Form 96 with required attachments, (3) Non-discrimination affidavit as required by the laws of the State of Indiana, (4) Bid security, as described below, and (5) Other bidding documents as described in the instructions to bidders. Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid shall accompany each Bid. Bid Security may be in the form of a Bid Bond, certified check, or cashier's check. If the Bidder withdraws a bid within sixty (60) days after the opening date, without consent of the Owner or fails to execute a satisfactory contract within ten (10) days after notice of acceptance, the Owner may declare the Bid deposit forfeited as liquidated damages. The successful Bidder will be required to carry Workmen's Compensation, Employee's Liability Insurance and Comprehensive Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance in amounts and with companies satisfactory to the owner. In addition, the contractor shall furnish Performance and Payment Bonds for 100% of the Contract Sum. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to waive any irregularities in the bidding. All bids may be held for a period not to exceed 60 days, or as otherwise stated in the Contract Documents before awarding the contract. TL21874 10/2 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Auditor will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 1A, 1st Floor of the Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN. This public hearing is for public comment on the proposed amendment to the certified statement of assessed values for pay 25. Respectfully, Hamilton County Auditor TL21875 10/2 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Monday, October 14, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana in Conference Room 1A. Purpose of this meeting will be a Public Hearing concerning additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions concerning said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing. 1000 General Fund Other Financing 10,000,000 4822 Judicial Center Capital Outlays 10,000,000 Construction Fund TL21876 10/2 1t hspaxlp

LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals, will meet on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, second floor courtroom, 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. (Enter using west side entry doors) in order to hear the following petition: DOCKET NO. BZA-RV-0006-10-2024 A variance concerning Article 03, A-2, 4 of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023 to allow a reduction of the minimum required acreage in an A-2 district from 10 acres to approximately 9.36 acres. Project Address: 27685 Arthur Baker Road, Atlanta, IN 46031 Parcel number(s): 01-01-12-00-00-016.005 Property is zoned: A-2 Size of property: 10.14 Acres Is legal description attached: Yes The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan Commission, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13, Noblesville, Indiana. Please call (317) 776-8490 should you have any questions. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing. The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. Petitioner's Name: Jerryn & Janice Schmidt Date: 09/19/2024 TL21879 10/2 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Noblesville Economic Development Commission (the "Commission") will hold a public hearing on behalf of the City of Noblesville, Indiana (the "City"), at 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), on October 23, 2024, at the Noblesville City Hall, 16 S 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, regarding the proposed issuance of the City of Noblesville, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Note, Series 2024, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) (the "Series 2024 Note"), pursuant to the authority of Indiana Code 36 7 11.9 and Indiana Code 36 7 12, each as amended. If the Series 2024 Note is approved and issued, the proceeds thereof will be loaned by the City to Kittles Properties LLC or an affiliate or permitted assignee thereof (the "Borrower") on a forgivable basis to finance certain public improvements consisting primarily of storm water improvements and road improvements related to the construction by the Borrower of a new state-of-the-art furniture and design center generally located at East 141st Street and Cabela Parkway in the City, all for economic development purposes. The location of the economic development project is in, serving or benefitting the Noblesville Consolidated Economic Development Area and the consolidated allocation area located therein (the "Allocation Area") established by the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission (the "Redevelopment Commission"). The Series 2024 Note will not be in any respect a general obligation of the City, the State of Indiana or any political subdivision thereof. The Series 2024 Note will be payable solely from the repayment of the loan by the Borrower and from certain other revenues and properties, including certain tax increment revenues generated in the Allocation Area (the "TIF Revenues"), as described in the agreements of the City concerning each of the financing of the economic development project and payments to the City with respect to the financing (such agreements, collectively, the "Financing Agreements"). Copies of the form of Financing Agreements relating to the Series 2024 Note will be on file with the Clerk of the City and are available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk of the City located at the City Hall, during regular business hours daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. The TIF Revenues are expected to be pledged by the Redevelopment Commission for the payment of the Series 2024 Note. Neither the City nor the Redevelopment Commission shall have any obligation with respect to the payment of principal of and interest on the Series 2024 Note other than the payment of TIF Revenues as such may be pledged by the Redevelopment Commission. The public is invited to attend and comment on any of the matters herein noted and all taxpayers, residents or interested parties who appear will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views, orally or in writing, on the proposed issue of Series 2024 Note and the location and nature of the proposed economic development project to be financed. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, written comments concerning any of the matters noted above may be addressed to the attention of Amy Smith, Economic Development Manager, City of Noblesville, 16 S 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Written comments will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time), on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at said address. If the Commission shall find for itself and on behalf of the City that the proposed financing will be a benefit to the health and welfare of the City and its residents and complies with the provisions of Indiana Code 36-7-11.9 and 36-7-12, the Commission will adopt a resolution approving the form of the Financing Agreements, including the Series 2024 Note in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 and a proposed ordinance to be adopted by the Common Council of the City with respect to the Series 2024 Note. Dated the 1st day of October, 2024. City of Noblesville Economic Development Commission TL21873 10/2 1t hspaxlp

LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fishers Parks, located at 8100 E. 106th Street in Fishers, Indiana 46038 is submitting a Notice of Intent to notify the City of Fishers Indiana, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit 327 IAC 15-5, to discharge storm water from the construction activities for the following project: Fishers White River Park. The project, located at 5650 White River Park Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46250. More specifically, this project is in the southwest quarter of Section 09, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, in Delaware Township of Hamilton County, Indiana. The project includes a trailhead, trails, boardwalk, parking, restroom, bio-swales and kayak launch. There are steep slopes on the east side of the project which convey stormwater runoff to the site from the River Place commercial & multi-family residential development. Run-off from the project site will discharge to White River. Please direct questions to: Jake Reardon McSoley Director, Recreation and Wellness Fishers Parks 8100 E. 106th Street, Suite 150 Fishers, Indiana 46038 317-595-3150 TL21870 10/2 1t hspaxlp

PUBLIC SALE NOTICE

Spring Valley Storage 21335 N. State Road 19 Cicero, IN 46034 Spring Valley Storage will offer for sale by public sale all items stored by the following named individuals/tenants: Melissa G. Horna - Unit 19 Linda O. Ousley - Unit 134 Chelsey A. Kennett - Unit 201 Angela K. Duncan - Unit 233 Britany N. Harmon - Unit 354 Judy L. Mundell - Unit 400 The Personal Property stored in the tenants rented space will be sold to satisfy the owner's lien as granted per Indiana Code I.C. 26-3-8-11. The public sale will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at Spring Valley Storage located at 21335 North State Road 19, Cicero, Indiana 46034. The contents of the storage units will be sold to the highest bidder, or will otherwise be disposed of pursuant to state law. This notice constitutes the public notice and advertisement of this sale as required by Indiana Code I.C. 26-3-8-14(b). Spring Valley Storage TL21871 10/2 1t hspaxlp

The following will be sold for charges:

18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD On 10/18/2024 @ 02:00 PM 2007 CHEVROLET 1GNNDT13S672252997 \$1,910.00 2017 FORD 1FM5K8F89HGB47735 \$2,150.00 2017 MERCEDES-BENZ 55SWF4KB6HU199887 \$2,150.00 TL21872 10/2 1t hspaxlp

LEGAL NOTICE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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Public Notices Deadline: 11:00 a.m. 2 Business Days Prior to Publication: legals@thetimes24-7.com

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THE TIMES

County Councilman Endorses Three for School Board

Dear Editor, If you live,

own property or work in Noblesville, please give me two minutes of your time and read why I am endorsing Brad Helvey, Dave Dawson, and Allison Hanley for Noblesville School Board. Please read why I ask you to join so many of us in supporting them and casting your votes for these three candidates in this change election.

The people of Hamilton County hired me to watch our tax money as if it were my own. This letter to the Editor, is one way to fulfill that promise. Here is a summary of relevant points.

School board elections are non-partisan, but candidates are partisan. Liberal, Conservative, or somewhere in between. The voters need to know how the candidates will oversee K-12 education policy and taxpayer budgets.

Noblesville remains a center right community. Until school board elections become partisan it is up to us to determine the views of the school board candidates and how they will govern. Policies and spending for an enterprise larger than the budget of our City Government are at stake.

The best predictor of future behavior is past behavior. Incumbents running have cast ZERO no votes in almost four years. This speaks volumes. Forty-seven percent of

our property tax bill goes to Noblesville Schools

Noblesville schools' referendum rate is .4662. It is the highest in the county.

Noblesville has the highest tax rate of the big four county cities. Noblesville students scored just 54% proficiency on I-Learn testing.

Noblesville Schools has lost 13% of our K-12 students to private schools (not including home school families) the highest of the big four cities.

Carmel has five more schools and 5,000 more students than Noblesville and their referendum rate is half of the Noblesville rate.

We tend to elect friends or names that we know and more of the same means more of the same. Change is not easy and who you vote for is private. You can still be friends and vote for less money out of your pocket.

Fourteen billion dollars in Indiana is spent annually on Education when including local funding. We don't have a money problem! With good oversight, there is enough money to pay teachers well and achieve safety with academic performance.

Teachers are taxpayers too. The increases in property taxes make affordability in Noblesville a challenge.

\$172 million-dollar estimated 2025 budget. Separation of decisions

and influence is good policy - incumbents and their running mate serve with The Education Foundation, Redevelopment Commission and Chamber of Commerce.

Outsiders represent independent autonomous oversight without the promise of automatically supporting higher spending and more referendums.

The increased S&P rating only matters if the plan is to borrow more money. What is better for our children, oversight of checks and balances, fresh perspectives or more borrowing, more spending and less oversight.

The people who serve on the Noblesville School Board are good and caring people. It is a hard and often thankless job. The three candidates that I endorse are good caring people also. I have met with and questioned these candidates. They bring a fresh perspective and conservative fiscal oversight to our school board. Our vote is a choice as to what leadership we want for our kids, teachers, administrators, wallets, and school system.

The two incumbents who are asking to be rehired have a voting record and a history that is responsible for where our education system, performance and costs are today. According to the record the two incumbents have voted "Nay" zero times during this past

term. I would think that during almost four years of votes that there would have been at least a few no votes on something, right? Everything couldn't have been perfect with all those approvals, right? Unchecked spending results in higher budgets. Why go to the expense of a better S&P rating unless the plan is to borrow more?

At the recent candidate forum, the two incumbents and their running mate all publicly acknowledge their fervent support for additional referendums.

My endorsement isn't personal regarding candidates that I am not endorsing. As I mentioned previously, these are good people who already are involved in so many other civic minded boards, charities, and causes.

My endorsement is personal regarding the people that I represent. The people I committed to, to watch and report on taxes. The people who can't afford to stay in their homes with the rising costs of everything. Now they face the prospect of even more referendums and more tightening of their belts with the incumbents' promises of spending. It's personal because of the people who can't afford to buy a home in Noblesville.

I'm reminded by folks at church that Teachers are homeowners too!

See LETTER on Page A6

PAULA

From Page A1

Andrew Jones and James Hudson were all caught. Harper managed to escape and was never found or punished.

Jones and Stephen Sawyer turned state's evidence. The other four were tried for murder, with Hudson's trial coming first. Hudson was convicted and was hanged the following January.

A few months later, Sawyer and both Bridges were also convicted. The two older men were executed, but many of central Indiana's most prominent men, including William Conner, signed a petition to save John Bridge Jr., citing his youth (he was 18 at the time of the murders) and his remorse.

It worked.

In a scene out of a movie, Indiana Governor James Brown Ray arrived to hand Bridge Jr., a written pardon, just as the young man was standing with the noose around his neck.

Now, about those Hamilton County connections . . .

Madison County was so new at that time that it didn't have a magistrate or even a jail yet, so the defendants were taken before Andrew W.

Ingraham, a Hamilton County official, for their initial hearing.

Fearing reprisals from Native Americans, Indian agent John Johnston recruited

William Conner to travel with him to Indian villages and camps in this area in order to reassure the inhabitants that the U. S. government would see justice was served.

Early Fall Creek Township settler Samuel Holliday was one of two associate judges at the trials. Holliday had bought land in Fall Creek Township in 1820 and he's buried in the township's Arnett Cemetery.

According to local historian Augustus Finch Shirts, when Fall Creek Township's first permanent settlers arrived, they discovered two abandoned cabins on Fall Creek near the mouth of Thorpe's Creek. Shirts states that he accidentally learned one cabin had belonged to Bridge Sr. He assumed the other belonged to Sawyer.

I know of no documentation to prove that, but it's possible. The Bridge family could have been squatting on the land before it came up for sale, as the first Horseshoe Prairie settlers had.

Note: I'm desperately in need of woolly worm sightings for the annual weather column. Please let me know if you've seen any.

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

# FOR THE RECORD

For The Record is a public service and regular feature in The Noblesville Times. It is designed to tell you what is scheduled to happen and what actually does happen in meetings paid for with your tax dollars. The Times encourages all citizens to take an active role in being involved in local government.

## HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13  
Noblesville, Indiana 46060  
DATE: Wednesday, October 23, 2024  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, second floor courtroom, 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana (Enter using west side entry doors)

### Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Communication/Reports:
4. Approval of Minutes – June 26, 2024
5. Old Business:
6. New Business:

Docket No. BZA-RV-0006-10-2024  
A variance concerning Article 03, A-2, 4 of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023 to allow a reduction of the minimum required acreage in an A-2 district from 10 acres to approximately 9.36 acres.

Project Address: 27685 Arthur Baker Road, Atlanta, IN 46031  
Parcel number(s): 01-01-12-00-00-016.005

Property is zoned: A-2  
Size of property: 10.14 Acres  
Owner: Jerryn & Janice Schmidt  
Docket No. BZA-RV-0007-10-2024

A Land Use variance concerning Article 03, A-2, 4 of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023. To permit a lot of less than the required minimum of 10 acres in an A-2 zoning district to be considered a buildable lot.

Project Address: 28921 Arthur Baker Road, Atlanta, IN 46031  
Parcel number(s): 01-01-01-00-00-017.0015

Property is zoned: A-2  
Size of property: 7 Acres  
Owner: Wesley and Kathryn Farr  
Docket No. BZA-LUV-0008-10-2024

A Land Use variance concerning Article 03, A-2, 4 of the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023. To permit construction of a single-family dwelling in a floodway.

Project Address: 168 Tippecanoe Drive, Noblesville, IN 46062  
Parcel number(s): 10-07-16-02-02-034.000

Property is zoned: A-3  
Size of property: 0.11 Acres  
Owner: Niles & Joan Millikan

7. Director's Report:
8. Legal Counsel Report:
9. Next BZA Meeting - Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm Hamilton County Historic Courthouse, second floor courtroom, 33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, Indiana
10. Adjournment

# LETTER From Page A5

They feel the same pain of high taxes that the rest of us do.

Add to the mix, the high likelihood of tax reform coming from the state legislature. Local government funding is likely to change. Who do you want watching spending and the budget in some uncertain times? Demonstrated perpetual yes votes or actual scrutiny?

Forty-seven percent of our property taxes go to our schools and well over 50% of the state's budget goes to education. At a time when costs are spiraling, the value of your home has gone up 20-30%, and taxes on that value have also exploded.

I choose to support candidates this time who have committed to balancing good teacher pay,

and excellent academic performance with fiscal oversight. These folks have pledged oversight on the hundreds of millions of dollars that will pass through our schools during the next four years. I choose to support candidates who believe that fiscal prudence can successfully coexist with academic excellence. Candidates that will bring fresh eyes, fresh perspectives, and sensible fiscal oversight to our school board.

The education of our children is critical to our future success. Teachers are heroes and some of the most important impactful neighbors that we have. Like most of you reading this, teachers have been major influences in my life.

If you are pleased with the educational experience of your kids/grandkids, this election is more about your personal

budget. If you are not pleased with the educational experience of your kids/grandkids this is about budget and quality of education.

When you cast your vote, please consider our neighbors who can't afford more increases to school spending. In my view, the 47% of our property taxes going to schools already hurts many family budgets. We can have safe, high-quality schools with well-paid teachers and live within our means. Your choice matters. Please join so many of us who choose to support teachers, great schools, and fiscal oversight. Please join us in voting for Brad Helvey, Dave Dawson, and Allison Hanley on or before Nov. 5.

Respectfully,  
Mark Hall  
Hamilton County Councilor

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<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">SOLD!</p>  <p><b>18877 PRAIRIE CROSSING DRIVE</b> NOBLESVILLE Over 2,700 square feet of living space in this 4BR, 2.5BA home in the heart of Noblesville. New flooring, HVAC, roof, water heater. Home is move-in ready! Listed at \$334,900</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">SOLD!</p>  <p><b>102 PIN OAK COURT</b> NOBLESVILLE Custom-built brick ranch with finished basement, sits on a wooded, tree-lined lot, with 3BR, 2BA. Updated kitchen. Listed at \$343,900</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">NEW LISTING!</p>  <p><b>909 FENNEL COURT</b> CICERO Hard to find brick ranch with basement and located on a quiet cul-de-sac. 3 BR, 2 BA plus large great room and a 3-season sunroom. Listed at \$344,900</p>

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