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TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Hamilton Happenings

Carmel Utilities is conducting city hydrant flushing maintenance over the next several weeks. Flushing is a controlled, quick release of water from fire hydrants, to optimize water quality and confirm that each hydrant is operating properly every year.

Three Things You Should Know

1 The family of the Eiteljorg Museum's first executive director recently gave the museum \$250,000 to start a memorial endowment that will fund internships for rising museum professionals at the Eiteljorg. Michael Duty was the museum's inaugural executive director. Hired by museum founder Harrison Eiteljorg in 1987, Duty served through the museum building's construction and grand opening in 1989. He led the museum until 1994, then spent nearly another 30 years in the Western American art field, working with other institutions and organizations. A resident of Georgetown, Texas, Duty died there April 23 at age 72, surrounded by family.

2 The experts tell us that a bonfire "quiets your thoughts and engages your senses." If that's the case the bonfire in the town of Craigyhill was surely big enough to calm the nerves of the whole of Northern Ireland, and then some. The pyre was 205 feet and a few inches tall, big enough to make it into the Guinness Book of World Records. The big blaze was part of a traditional celebration known as The Eleventh Night. But before the fire was lit a bold parachutist threw himself off the top of the flaring tower.

3 According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, bungee jumping is a sport in which the jumper falls from a high place connected to a large elastic cord. Stunt driver Laurent Lasko took bungee jumping to a new level recently when he attached his car to eight bungee cords and dropped no less than 213 feet, three inches, becoming the first daredevil to win the Guinness World Records title for "the highest car bungee jump." The event took place in the Paris Business District, organized by the Nissan motor company.

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Remembering Buddy Whitacre

Former Ledger Custodian, Great Friend Always Made Us Smile



BETSY REASON
Columnist

Buddy Whitacre was a great friend ever since we met as co-workers when I started at The Noblesville Ledger newspaper in 1986.

He was the custodian. But he was also a protector, watching out for us reporters who stayed late working on stories.

If I was working late, and nobody else was in the building, Buddy would come into the newsroom and make sure I was OK, then go about his work. He did the same for others.

If he heard a news "scoop," he would share it with reporters so they could do a "write-up" in The Ledger. He told a lot of funny stories and made a lot of people smile.

Buddy Whitacre passed away on Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was 77. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Buddy never had a driver's license or drove a car. An Old Town Noblesville resident, he walked to The Ledger, which was on Logan Street in downtown Noblesville. Then later, bought a moped which he rode around town and in the Noblesville parades, usually donning patriotic red, white and blue for the Fourth of July parade, and his Santa hat for the Christmas parade.

Former Noblesville parade organizer Cyndi Kirby said,



Photo by Sadie Hunter / Courtesy of The Current

The late Buddy Whitacre of Noblesville -- who loved to ride his moped around town and in the Noblesville holiday parades -- will be remembered during an 11 a.m. graveside service today, Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

"Buddy always loved the parades. He would see that I received his entry as soon as the entry form was sent out." He also rode his moped out to Noblesville Golf & Batting Center where on the weekends he washed golf balls for owner Sid Davis.

The first year that the Batting Center had a public Easter egg hunt, Buddy was the "Easter Duck" after Sid Davis admittedly waited too long to rent an Easter Bunny costume. Buddy wasn't thrilled to be a duck, but he was a good sport. And it was all in fun for the kids.

Buddy had a good sense of humor and could easily laugh at himself.

He was also very giving.

I remember the day that Buddy came driving up to my house riding his moped with a giant plush Easter bunny strapped to the back of the scooter like a passenger. He had won the bunny as a prize at the Batting Center's Easter egg hunt and brought it to me for an Easter gift.

Buddy would always bring me a flower on Valentine's Day. But I wasn't the only recipient of his kind

gestures. He gave out several flowers every Valentine's Day.

He also gave artwork he created and stuffed bears and candy.

In his later years, he grew a white beard and liked to play Santa for the kids.

Whenever anybody needed any help, Buddy was there. When I moved from a Noblesville rental house back home one summer with my parents, he and Ledger employee, the late Dallas Bland (1956-2010), a Ledger graphic artist (1976-2007), volunteered to help me move. When they were done unloading, all that Buddy would accept was enough money for he and Dallas to drive to Anderson to buy two sacks of sliders at White Castle, his favorite fast-food restaurant. He was sure glad when White Castle later opened in Noblesville.

Mark Bader, former Ledger pressman (1986-2002), said he helped Buddy take his moped to the dealer to get fixed a few times. "He always bought lunch. Even though I told him he did not need to give me anything." Where did

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Winter Weather Forecast for 2024-25



PAULA DUNN
From Time to Thyme

The winter weather forecast column is a little late this year because until recently I had zero woolly worm sightings.

Thanks to some alert readers, however, we're back in business.

I just wish Clara Hoover was still around to answer my questions. She was an expert at crafting winter weather forecasts from folk signs. I am not.

What I can do, though, is collect the data so you can make your own forecast.

We'll start with August fogs. According to Clara, those determine how many big snows we'll have.

I use WISH-TV's fog maps for my count because I live in town and often don't see fog that appears in the countryside.

This year, the fog maps only showed fog in Hamilton County twice, both times in just a small portion of the county. I don't know if those should even be counted, especially since Jeanne Flanders, who lives in the country, reported that she didn't see a single fog!

Moving on to wind directions at the autumn equinox . . .

The wind direction the day before the equinox indicates the weather we can expect in November and December, the equinox wind foretells January and February's weather and the day following the equinox is what March and April will be like.

The chart Clara left behind states that a north wind is a sign of cold weather, wind from the northeast indicates heavy snow and a northwest wind predicts blizzard conditions. Wind from the east is "wet cold," a west wind means cooler weather and a south wind points to fair weather. A southwest wind foretells fair and cooler weather.

(Curiously, Clara didn't leave an interpretation for a southeast wind.)

I used timeanddate.com for the wind directions. That website displays local daily weather conditions at

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Women aged 65 years or older should have a bone density screening.

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



OBITUARIES

None

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Proof of our society's decline is that Halloween has become a broad daylight event for many."

Robert Kirby

TODAY'S JOKE

Why did the Headless Horseman apply to college? He wanted to get ahead in life.

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Hammer Back Again, Talking Family



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

I heard him coming down the hall. Then again, it wasn't a quiet Saturday. It was a

Tuesday and the office was busy. But the heavy plodding of large feet was unmistakable. John Hammer was paying me another visit.

"We're losing the family," he said as he stepped his massive frame into my doorway.

This was strange. I had just seen the behemoth of a man known as John Hammer about a week ago. Normally, he only came around a few times a year.

For those unfamiliar, John Hammer is a good man to know. He's bigger than an NFL lineman and has spent a lifetime of physical labor. His huge, calloused hands and rough neck betray a hard life. He doesn't suffer fools and if you cut through the rough and tough exterior, it's not difficult to find a heart of gold and a deep love of country.

"Let me ask, Timmons. Does your family gather each Thanksgiving and Christmas."

"Sure, John. We may not always be able to do it on the specific holiday, but we figure it out."

"How many people?"

"Oh, we have eight grandpups and their parents, so about a dozen."

"Dogs?"

"Huh?"

"You said grandpups."

"Oh, sorry. That's just what I call the grandkids. There are seven boys and one girl."

"How many generations?"

"Uh, well three."

"How does that compare to when you were a kid?"

I had no idea where he was going with this.

"Look, Timmons. I'm sure there are still families who have big, huge get-togethers, no doubt. But I got a feeling that it's not as many as it used to be. I got a feeling that it's getting smaller all the time. And I got a feeling that we're losing something in the process."

I still had no clue.

"Timmons, do you remember your great-grandparents? Or your grandparents' brothers and sisters? Their cousins? I don't mean your first cousins. I mean the second and third cousins. The great aunts and uncles. The great-greats? What do

you remember?"

"Well, my great-grandparents on my Mom's side were gone before I came along. But sure, I remember my great-grandparents from Dad's side. Why?"

"What do you remember?"

"I remember going to their house, especially at the holidays. I remember my great-grandma always gave me a jar of homemade jelly – and boy was it good! I remember my great-grandpa showing me his pocket knife and the things he used to whittle out of wood. I remember his pipe and how good it smelled. I also remember that they had a big radio, but no TV."

"How about the extended relatives? Remember any of those?"

"Of course."

"So what about now? You have eight grandkids Timmons. How many generations are they exposed to?"

"Well, we still have the family dinners, but not as many can make it. You know, busy schedules and such. My kids and their kids, well, we'll all get together. But it's hard to figure out schedules with the big extended family."

"That's what I'm saying, Timmons. We're losing that in today's world. Some folks are all about making new traditions. Some are just so doggone busy they don't have time. But answer me one more question. Over the last few years, how many in your extended family have passed?"

"A few."

"Well, your grandkids won't have the opportunity to be around them again, will they? And they won't have the memories of wood whittling or the smell of a pipe or a living room without a TV. They'll have memories all right, but they won't have much to do with their family, the people they came from. I think that's sad, Timmons."

Hammer left. Like usual, he had cut through all the clutter and made a point worth considering.

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 timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Another Reader Backs Dawson, Hanley, Helvey

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 I am a lifelong resident of Noblesville. I attended Conner School (no longer there), Noblesville Junior High School (now an office building on Conner Street) and graduated from Noblesville High School (now Ivy Tech). I preface this to say, I am committed to my hometown and our school system. My children as well as my grandchildren have or are in our schools.

The value we need to place on education is of utmost importance. Although we citizens have a great deal to be proud of, there is still room for improvement.

With rising costs of all goods, it is understandable that the school finances are important to explore. 47% of our property

taxes contribute to a \$146 million budget. As with our own personal bills, we have to prioritize and spend wisely.

Having spent time with the 3 new and conservative candidates, David Dawson, Alison Hanley and Brad Helvey, have convinced me that they are the right choice. They have mapped out their plan to be fiscally responsible with our money while still supporting our teachers as well as the academic and sports programs.

I encourage you to research their backgrounds, attend any of their meet and greet opportunities and ask them the tough questions.

*Kris Hare
 Class of 1970
 Noblesville*

County Student Honored by Secretary of State

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales recently recognized Hoosier students for being winners in the 2024 Indiana Secretary of State "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest, including one from Hamilton County.

Liam Bruce, Maple Glen Elementary School in Westfield, finished third in the state-wide competition in the kindergarten through third-grade category.

This contest was an opportunity for children across the state to get involved in the election process. Morales encouraged creativity and civic engagement by challenging Hoosier students to design "I Voted" stickers that will be handed out to voters at the polls in November. There were nearly 1,000 creative sticker designs submitted from Hoosier

children across the state.

"I am incredibly proud of the young Hoosiers who participated in the "I Voted" Sticker Design Contest. Creativity and enthusiasm for our election process shine through each design, showcasing that the future of our state is bright. Congratulations to our winners – you've made a positive mark on Indiana's elections with your artwork," said Diego Morales, Indiana Secretary of State.

First-place winners from each age group and their parents are invited to visit the Indiana Statehouse Oct. 29. Second and third place designs will be displayed on the Indiana Secretary of State website as well as featured on social media. All top three winners for each category will receive a certificate.

Holcomb Re-Appoints Carmel Man

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb recently announced that he was reappointing a Carmel man to the board of trustees at Vincennes University.

Scott Brand, president and CEO of Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc., will serve another term that lasts until Oct. 3, 2027.

County Health Department Hosts HPV Webinar

The Hamilton County Health Department, in collaboration with the Indiana Immunization Coalition, will host a webinar to educate parents and guardians about human papillomavirus (HPV), its associated health risks, and the importance of vaccinating children against HPV-related cancers. The free event will take place on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

"Imagine if you could save your child from cancer with just a simple vaccine—wouldn't you want to do everything in your power to protect them," asks Julie Nagel, Immunization Coordinator at the Hamilton County Health Department. "The HPV vaccine is a crucial tool in preventing certain cancers, and we want to ensure that every parent has the information they



Julie Nagel Sara Vivo

need to make this important decision."

Sara Vivo, Adolescent Program Manager for the Indiana Immunization Coalition, adds, "Nearly 80 million people in the United States are currently infected with HPV, and about 14 million new infections occur each year. By vaccinating our children, we can significantly reduce these alarming numbers and help prevent the development of cancer down the line."

Registration for the webinar is free. Those interested in attending can register at <https://tinyurl.com/whyhpv>

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they go to eat? Always “White Castle,” Bader said. Other memories of Buddy? “The biggest thing I remember is his willingness to help ... “ and “he loved being in the parade and handing out candy.”

He was a friend and protector.

If Buddy saw me out on a Saturday night with friends, he would make sure I was safe. He’d say: “You come and tell me if anybody’s bothering you.”

Chuck Godby, former Noblesville Ledger sports editor (1981-90), said, “My first night alone in The Ledger office I thought I was the only person in the building. A couple hours in, I looked up from my computer and there stood Bud in the doorway just staring at me. That’s the last time I saw him that night. I had to ask someone the next day who he was ... Over time, he sorta became my protector, and we developed a friendship. I nicknamed him ‘Scoop’ because he filled me in each evening on what was going on.” Godby also said Buddy was “fiercely loyal to The Ledger and worked hard to keep it clean and tidy.”

Buddy also liked going out, having a good time and spending his paycheck. I remember Buddy looking forward to renting a limousine and inviting some lady friends and taking them to a concert at the former Deer Creek Music Center in Noblesville. He also relied upon his guy friends, such as Dallas Bland, to occasionally take him to enjoy the nightlife in Indy, where they would come back with stories of a most memorable evening.

Buddy was definitely one of a kind.

Dallas Bland, who was 10 years younger than Buddy, once told me that Buddy was “very smart” in elementary school but on recess one day was running really fast and hit his head on a steel-framed casement window that was open. He said, “Buddy was never the same after that.”

Whether that’s true or not, Buddy definitely was special to all of us who knew him.

Angie (Baranski) Hopkins, a former Ledger reporter, said, “Buddy was such a pleasure to be around. I always looked forward to seeing him around town and at the office when I worked at the Noblesville Ledger. When I got my first truck, he thought that was the funniest thing he ever saw. He kept asking: ‘Why would you want to drive a pickup?’ Then he would laugh and laugh. He was just a great guy who will be missed by all who knew him.”

Kathy Lepper, a former Ledger typesetter and production employee

(1985-2000), said, “Buddy was very funny. He was always telling a joke or a funny story. He could always be seen riding around town on his moped ... If he knew you, he would stop and have a chat.”

Rebecca (Snelling) Schroer, former Ledger reporter and wire editor (1981-85), said, “Buddy was always ready with a smile and kind word ... and sometimes would tease me when I saw him at The Ledger and The Club Bar, our two haunts. Buddy was an icon at The Ledger, always there and dependable. He was a very special person, and I am saddened by his death.”

Rebecca Duvall, a former Ledger reporter, said, “Buddy was a gentleman and a gentle soul. He would always stop whatever he was doing and chat.”

Deb Wofford of Noblesville, who has lived and worked in downtown Noblesville for many years, said, “He touched a lot of lives.”

Bill Whitacre, 76, who graduated in the Noblesville High School Class of 1966, said he and his brother, Buddy - who was a year and 20 days older -- were in the same class after Buddy was held back one year in the third grade. They remained in the same class the rest of his schooling, Bill Whitacre said. “They just moved him along.”

Buddy didn’t graduate high school but still lived his best life.

He loved newspapers, especially working at The Ledger and being a paperboy, when he was younger, having a paper route on the south side of Noblesville, passing The Noblesville Ledger and The Indianapolis Star.

Buddy Dean Whitacre was born on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1947, at Harrell Hospital in Noblesville, to the late William and Dorothy (Dashiell) Whitacre. He was also raised by a stepfather, Albert Harrold.

Bud was an avid bowler for more than 20 years. He also loved to fish.

He worked in janitorial services for The Noblesville Ledger, Syd’s Bar, and the Silver Dollar Saloon where he was a barback and cooked hot dogs and other easy-to-prepare bar menu items in the microwave for customers. After leaving The Noblesville Ledger, he worked full time doing janitorial work at Vibromatic, Feb. 7, 1994, to Sept. 30, 2018.

Buddy was taken to the hospital after collapsing at work at Vibromatic on Aug. 31, 2018, and was in intensive care at Riverview, where I happened to see him there while I visited a family member in the ICU.



Photo by Sadie Hunter / Courtesy of The Current

The late Buddy Whitacre -- who waves to the crowd as he rides his moped in a Noblesville Fourth of July Parade -- will be remembered during an 11 a.m. graveside service today, Wednesday, Oct. 23, at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

After a few days, we learned that Buddy could no longer live at home and would be moving into Riverwalk Village, where he would receive kidney dialysis. Buddy felt right at home after staff gave him “a broom and a dustpan,” said Noblesville’s George Kristo, a longtime Riverwalk volunteer who knew Buddy.

Buddy’s sister, Barb (Whitacre) Moseley, also moved into Riverwalk Village, where he lived until his recent peaceful passing.

He is survived by his brother, Bill Whitacre; sister, Barbara (Whitacre) Moseley;

nephew, Andrew Moseley; and several cousins.

Graveside service will be 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in the northeast corner of Noblesville’s Crownland Cemetery with his parents’ graves, with arrangements being handled by Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville. Buddy, may you rest in peace.

Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times editor at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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READERS' CHOICE 2024

Westfield FFA Students Competing in State

Three Westfield FFA students are joining in with more than 100 others from around the state to compete in the 97th National FFA Convention & Expo next week in a variety of Career and Leadership Development Events, the Agriscience Fair and Agricultural Proficiency Awards.

The three are Ava Lee, Ella Carlson and Benjamin Wiggins – all working in Marketing.

Students will be competing in career development events such as Environment and Natural Resources, Forestry, Agronomy, Livestock Evaluation and Parliamentary

Procedure. Others will be competing in leadership development events such as Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Agricultural Issues Forum and Creed Speaking.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is an additional key competition that is part of the annual National FFA Convention & Expo. Individuals or teams conduct scientific research projects pertaining to the agriculture industry in their state in one of six categories: animal systems, environmental services/natural resource systems, food products and processing systems, plant systems,

power, structural and technical systems or social science.

“I am always impressed with the talent, leadership and work ethic of Indiana FFA members,” said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “Best of luck to each Indiana FFA member competing on the national stage at the 97th National FFA Convention & Expo right here in Indianapolis.”

The National FFA Agriscience Fair is an additional key competition that is part of the annual National FFA Convention & Expo. Individuals or teams

terminating at 10th Street in downtown Indianapolis.

Phase 2 will begin in 2025, extending the trail 1.1 miles north to the Hamilton/Boone county line, completing the trail within Hamilton County.

“This is an exciting time for the Sheridan community. We are thrilled to bring the Monon Trail to downtown Sheridan and to offer parking options for trail and downtown visitors at the new trail head,” said Silas DeVaney, Sheridan Town Council president. “Next year’s trail extension project will deliver the Monon to the Hamilton County boundary, and we are happy to pass the torch of extending this iconic park to Boone County. We would not have been able to accomplish this project without the Next Level Trails program.”

As part of Gov. Holcomb’s Next Level Connections initiative, NLT is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. The now \$180 million program is administered by the DNR and facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. Thirty-seven of the 89 NLT projects are complete, totaling more than 103 miles of trail built since the program’s inception. Several projects are under construction, with many more slated to break ground during the next year.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Sealed proposals for 161st Street and Spring Mill Roundabout and Trail Extension and Pedestrian Bridge over John Edwards Drain will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the Westfield Public Works Building, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074 until 11:00 a.m., local time, on Wednesday, October 30th, 2024.

Project generally includes roadway re-construction with curb and gutter, curbed medians, storm sewers, multi-use path, sidewalk, curb ramps, pavement markings, signing, lighting, and pedestrian bridge construction.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid security.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Public Works and Safety on behalf of the City of Noblesville ("Owner"), will receive bids in the Clerk's Office for the following project on November 12, 2024.

Project: Noblesville City Hall Controls Upgrade. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the City Hall Council Chambers, 16 S. 10th St. Noblesville, IN 46060 at 9:00 a.m. (EST) on November 12, 2024.

Upon notification to the successful bidder, no contract shall be valid until receipt of bond, if so required. The instructions to Bidders contained in the specifications are by this reference made a part hereof, and all bidders shall be deemed advised of the provisions thereof, and of the General Conditions of the contract, specifications, plans, and drawings for the project.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 37389 GCA 140

APPLICATION OF WESTFIELD GAS, LLC, D/B/A CITIZENS GAS OF WESTFIELD FOR A CHANGE IN ITS GAS COST ADJUSTMENT CHARGE FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 2024, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Evidentiary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 9:30 AM on November 14, 2024.

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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 Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes 1000 General Fund, Personnel Services (130,000), Other Services and Charges (90,000), Capital Outlays (15,000), 1203 Tax Sale (3,100), 1213 Guardian Ad Litem (37,000), 1219 Parks & Recreation (920,000).

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS

Taxpayers of the Parks and Recreation District of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "Park District"), which Park District is a special taxing district of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City"), are hereby notified that the Park District has determined to issue special taxing district bonds, in one or more series, in accordance with Indiana Code 36-10-3.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2024. PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of "HC Farms Park Phase 1" will be received by the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department office, at 400 Lafayette Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060, until 2:00 P.M. (local time) on Tuesday November 12, 2024, and will then be publicly opened and read aloud.

The construction of various park improvements at HC Farms Park including site work for erosion control, grading, drainage infrastructure, parking lot, curbs and walks per plans and specifications prepared by Mader Design LLC.

Proposals shall be properly and completely executed on a standard proposal form included as part of the construction documents. The contract documents, including plans and specifications, can be obtained digitally or printed from Eastern Engineering's Plan Room www.easternengineering.com/fishers-in, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

TL21940 10/23 10/30 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSED LEASE WITH THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY BUILDING CORPORATION AND NOTICE OF EXECUTION OF LEASE

Owners of real property in Jackson Township of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Township"), are hereby giving notice that the Township Board (the "Board") has determined, at its meeting held on October 17, 2024, that a need exists for the acquisition, design, construction and equipping of a new Fire Station 355 which will include six (6) apparatus bays, sleeping quarters, kitchen/dining, day room, gear storage and support rooms, a Community Meeting Room, Township Administrative Offices and associated infrastructure, utilities, parking and improvements related thereto (collectively the "Project").

The Township's lease payments under the proposed Lease will be payable from ad valorem property taxes levied and collected on all taxable property within the geographic boundaries of the Township. The proposed Lease will have a term no longer than twenty-two (22) years, commencing on the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Estimated Debt Service Levy Incorporated Area (assuming Lease is Approved), Estimated Debt Service Rate Incorporated Area (assuming Lease is Approved) *. Rows for years 2025 through 2035.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Estimated Debt Service Levy Unincorporated Area (assuming Lease is Approved), Estimated Debt Service Rate Unincorporated Area (assuming Lease is Approved) *. Rows for years 2025 through 2035.

*Estimated tax levy and rate takes into account excise tax to be received. If the Township enters into the Lease, the estimated increase to the Township's debt service levy over the debt service levy that would have been in place had the Lease not been entered into will be \$398,114 (Incorporated Area) and \$898,194 (Unincorporated Area).

As additional rental, the Township shall maintain insurance on the Premises as required in the Lease and shall pay all taxes and assessments against such property as well as the costs of alterations and repairs. After a sale of the Bonds, the yearly rental, payable in semiannual installments on each January 5 and July 5 beginning July 5, 2026, shall be reduced to the multiple of \$1,000 next higher than the principal and interest due on the Bonds in each twelve month period commencing on January 5, plus \$5,000, payable in such semiannual installments.

Owners of property within the Township or registered voters residing in the Township who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed lease must file a petition with the Hamilton County Voter Registration Office that complies with Ind. Code §6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(4) and (5) no later than thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice in the manner provided by Ind. Code §6-1.1-20-3.1.

In addition, in accordance with Ind. Code §36-1-10-14, ten (10) or more taxpayers who disagree with the execution of the Lease may file a petition in the office of the Hamilton County Auditor pursuant to Ind. Code §36-1-10-14(c) within thirty (30) days of this notice stating the taxpayer's objections and the reasons why the Lease is unnecessary or unwise.

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The following will be sold for charges:

14807 GRAY RD WESTFIELD On 11/08/2024 @ 09:00 AM 2009 HONDA 1HGCP26309A060083 \$1,894.92

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 8, 2024 Hamilton County Commissioners 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 157 Noblesville, Indiana 46060 (317)776-8493

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Hamilton County Commissioners.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 1, 2024, the Hamilton County Commissioners, on behalf of HAND, Inc., will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project currently known as Stony Creek Cottages, Phase 2 for the purpose of acquisition of property located at 1488 Greenfield Avenue, in Noblesville, Indiana, for the development of up to six duplexes available to low- to moderate-income households.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Noblesville Housing Authority, 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville, Indiana, or via email to michelle@gonha.org. All comments received by November 1, 2024, will be considered by the Hamilton County Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Hamilton County Commissioners certify to HUD that Mark Heirbrandt, in his capacity as President for the Commissioners of Hamilton County, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hamilton County Commissioner's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Hamilton County Commissioners; (b) the Commissioners have omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

TL21938 10/23 1t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS REGARDING DECISION TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

The taxpayers of the Carmel Clay Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that on October 15, 2024, the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board"), adopted a resolution which determined that the School Corporation will issue general obligation bonds of the School Corporation, payable out of ad valorem property taxes collected by the School Corporation on all taxable property within the geographical boundaries of the School Corporation, to be designated "Carmel Clay Schools, Indiana, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2014" in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Six Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$6,250,000).

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA By: Secretary, Board of School Trustees

TL21921 10/16 10/23 2t hspaxlp

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS REGARDING DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF FISHERS, INDIANA

The taxpayers of the City of Fishers, Indiana (the "City") are hereby given notice that the Common Council of the City determined, at its meeting held October 7, 2024, to issue the City of Fishers, Indiana General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$14,300,000 (the "Bonds").

Dated this 16th day of October, 2024. CITY OF FISHERS, INDIANA

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received: By/At: City of Noblesville, Indiana Office of the Clerk 16 S. 10th Street Noblesville, Indiana 46060

Project: 2024 Pavement Preservation Micro-surfacing Until: 9:00 A.M., local time, Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Receipt of Bids: bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid form as provided in the Project Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as required by statutes of the State of Indiana.

Contract Award: Any Bid may be withdrawn prior to the deadline for receipt of Bids, but no Bidder shall withdraw its bid within sixty (60) days after the opening of the Bids. If the contract is awarded, it will be to the "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12-1 et seq.

Work will be in accordance with the Bidding Documents, which may be viewed at the following location: City of Noblesville Street Department 1575 Pleasant Street Noblesville, IN 46060

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Bidding Documents and the project Manual and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of Bidding Documents or Project Manual.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a Bid Bond as provided in the Project Manual in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid amount, including alternates with a satisfactory corporate surety qualified to do business in the State of Indiana or by a certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville, on a solvent bank in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the total Bid including alternates.

Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond: A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner from provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors and assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered.

STATE OF INDIANA INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NOTICE OF FILING - IC 8-1-2.5-6(d)

CAUSE NO. 46137 VERIFIED PETITION OF INDIANAPOLIS POWER & LIGHT COMPANY D/B/A AES INDIANA PURSUANT TO IND. CODE §§ 8-1-2.5-5 AND 8-1-2.5-6 FOR THE COMMISSION TO DECLINE TO EXERCISE JURISDICTION OVER AND APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY PLAN FOR THE OFFERING OF VOLUNTARY GREEN POWER PROGRAM OPTIONS

Notice is hereby given that on October 3, 2024, Indianapolis Power & Light Company d/b/a AES Indiana filed a Verified Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission for approval pursuant to Indiana Code §8-1-2.5-1 et seq. of an Alternative Regulation Plan for its proposed expansion of voluntary Green Power Initiative programs.

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CITY OF FISHERS ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townfishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: http://tinyurl.com/CityOffFishers

City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department planning@fishers.in.us (317) 595-3155 www.fishersIN.gov/notice Petitioner: Bill Evans, Agent

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF FISHERS
NOTICE OF APPROVED MINOR SUBDIVISION
CASE PP-24-8**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Fishers Plat Committee on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 held a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with UDO Sec. 8.1.3, approved case # PP-24-8: Request to approve a Primary Plat of one lot on 58.91 acres, known as the St. John Vianney Catholic Church property. Subject site is generally located on the northeast corner of Southeastern Parkway and E. 126th Street, with a common address of 15176 Blessed Mother Blvd.

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. If you have specific questions please contact:
City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us

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**CITY OF FISHERS
NOTICE OF APPROVED MINOR SUBDIVISION
CASE PP-24-7**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Fishers Plat Committee on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 held a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with UDO Sec. 8.1.3, approved case # PP-24-7: Request to approve a Primary Plat of 3 lots on 4.08 acres known as the GBW Fishers property. Subject site is generally located near the intersection of Olivo Rd and E 104th Street, with a common address of 10404 Olivo Road.

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. If you have specific questions please contact:
City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us

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**CITY OF FISHERS
NOTICE OF APPROVED MINOR SUBDIVISION
CASE PP-24-6**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Fishers Plat Committee on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 held a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with UDO Sec. 8.1.3, approved case # PP-24-6: Request to approve a Primary Plat of 3 lots on 8.7 acres. Subject site is generally located at southeast corner of the Kincaid Drive & Sunlight Drive, with a common address of 8545 Sunlight Drive.

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. If you have specific questions please contact:
City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us

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**CITY OF FISHERS
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE ANX-24-7**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: <http://tinyurl.com/CityOfFishers>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the City of Fishers City Council at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 18, 2024, at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # ANX-24-7 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 2.669 acres, known as the Kids USA Daycare property. Subject site is generally located east of N. Cyntheanne Road and north of Southeastern Parkway, with a common address of 12344 Cyntheanne Road.

LOCATION: 12344 CYNTHEANNE RD, FISHERS, IN 46037

Written objections filed with the secretary of the City Council before the hearing will be considered. If you would like your written comments to be provided to the Fishers City Council you must submit them one (1) week prior to the hearing date noted above. Oral comments will be heard during the public hearing.

City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us
(317) 595-3155
Petitioner: Bill Evans

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**CITY OF FISHERS
CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE ANX-24-8**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form
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REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # ANX-24-8 - Request to approve a voluntary annexation of 17.75 acres, known as the Autumn Estates property. Subject site is generally located northeast of Southeastern Parkway and southeast of Cyntheanne Road.

LOCATION: 16178 SOUTHEASTERN PKY, FORTVILLE, IN 46040

Written objections filed with the secretary of the City Council before the hearing will be considered. If you would like your written comments to be provided to the Fishers City Council you must submit them one (1) week prior to the hearing date noted above. Oral comments will be heard during the public hearing.

City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
planning@fishers.in.us
(317) 595-3155
Petitioner: Taylor Navarre

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
City of Fishers
Fishers, Indiana
Roundabout Construction – 131st Street and Howe Road General Notice

City of Fishers (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Roundabout construction work in Fishers, Indiana

Online Bids for the construction of the Project will be received for the project until November 22, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read at a special Bid Opening meeting at 10:30 am (local time) on November 22, 2024, in the Fishers Hamilton Conference Room, located at 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. The bid opening can also be joined virtually. No late bids will be accepted. Project Manuals will be available for purchase starting October 21, 2024.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Bid Opening: Meeting ID: 239 806 315 505
Passcode: 9uSWUs

For special accommodations required for handicapped individuals planning to attend the public bid opening meeting, please call or notify the City of Fishers at (317) 595-3160 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

In general, the Work shall be completed by State of Indiana certified/qualified Contractor and Subcontractors for the Project and consists of:
Roundabout Construction at the intersection of 131st Street and Howe Road in Hamilton County, Fishers, Indiana.

Obtaining the Bidding Document
Project Manuals will be available for purchase starting October 21, 2024. Bid Documents and Plans can be obtained digitally from the City of Fishers via link: <https://qepi.questcdn.com/cdn/posting/?group=8012654&provider=8012654&projType=all> and/or www.questcdn.com Reference Quest Number 9321303. To be considered a plan holder for bids, register with QuestCDN.com for a free Regular membership and download the bidding documents in digital form at a cost of \$42.00. Downloading the documents and becoming a plan holder is recommended as plan holder's receive automatic notice of addenda, other bid updates and access to vBid, online bidding via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or Support@QuestCDN.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital bidding documents and vBid questions.

Interested parties may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a plan holder.

To access the electronic bid form, download the digital bidding documents and click the 'Online Bid' button or Online Bidding 'Available' button on the bid posting page.

Bids will ONLY be received and accepted through vBid via QuestCDN.com. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

All payments for Bidding Documents are non-refundable. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Instructions to Bidders
For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Work shall be constructed under a Unit Price Contract.

A Bid Bond or certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each Bid. Performance and Payment Bonds each worth 100% of the Bid will be required of the successful Bidder.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of Drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in Bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on a State Board of Accounts Form 96 (revised 2013). Each Bid shall be accompanied by the Contractor's Bid Attachments (included in the project manual and proposal packet). A financial Statement (completely filled out and signed) shall also be submitted as required by Form 96.

Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of ninety (90) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. The City of Fishers reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than ninety (90) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period.

Submission of a signed Bid by the Bidder constitutes acknowledgment of and acceptance of all the documents and terms and conditions of the Contractual-Legal Requirements and Technical Sections of the specifications in the Project Manual.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities or minor defects in bids or bidding procedure, or reject any and all bids, or to accept any bid as may be lowest responsive or most responsible as exclusively determined by the City of Fishers. The City of Fishers reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the governmental body as determined by the purchasing agency in accordance with IC 5-22-16.2.

A conditional or qualified bid will not be accepted. Award will be made to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

In accordance with Indiana Code 22-5-1.7-11, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to enroll in and verify the work eligibility status of all newly hired employees through the E-Verify program.

In accordance with Indiana Code 5-22-16.5, Contractors entering into a contract with the Owner will be required to certify they are not engaged in business with the Government of Iran, as defined in IC 5-22-16.5.

The Contractor to whom the work is awarded will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract price and must be in full force and effect throughout the term of the Construction Contract plus a period of twelve (12) months from the date of substantial completion.

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Fishers Woman Facing Federal Charges for Fraud

A federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging Christi Lee Dodd, 51, of Fishers, with wire fraud and forging the signature of a federal judge.

According to the court documents, Dodd first filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in the Southern District of Indiana in January 2015. In April 2015, a federal bankruptcy judge issued a signed discharge order releasing Dodd from liability for any remaining debts not resolved in the bankruptcy proceedings.

In December 2019, Dodd again filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy in the Southern District of Indiana, but later decided not to proceed and moved to have the 2019 case dismissed. In June 2022, the bankruptcy court dismissed Dodd's 2019 bankruptcy petition. The court did not issue a discharge order in the 2019 case, and none of Dodd's unpaid debts were resolved.

In 2023, Dodd allegedly created and forged a discharge order purporting to absolve her of debts related to her 2019 Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition. Dodd emailed the fraudulent document to a financial institution purportedly proving that she had received a discharge in her 2019 bankruptcy case so that she could obtain a line of credit to pay outstanding debts owed by the trucking business she owned.

The emailed document was purportedly filed in Dodd's second bankruptcy case with the heading, "DISCHARGE OF DEBTOR IN A CHAPTER 13 CASE." As alleged in the indictment, the forged document was in fact created by Dodd using the discharge order from her first bankruptcy under Chapter 7 and contained the forged signature of the judge who issued the 2015 discharge order.

"Protecting the integrity

and efficiency of the bankruptcy system is an important priority of the Department of Justice. Our office is committed to working closely with our partners at the U.S. Trustee Program to uphold the law and protect the interests of debtors and creditors," said Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

"The filing of a fraudulent court order containing the forged signature of a bankruptcy judge strikes at the very core of the integrity of the bankruptcy system and will not be tolerated," said Nancy J. Gargula, United States Trustee for Indiana and the Central and Southern Districts of Illinois (Region 10). "We are grateful for U.S. Attorney Myers and our law enforcement partners for their commitment to protect the integrity of the bankruptcy process in the Southern District

of Indiana., as demonstrated by this indictment."

The FBI and U.S. Trustee's Office is investigating this case in collaboration with the Southern District of Indiana Bankruptcy Fraud Working Group. The United States Trustee Program is the component of the Department of Justice responsible for overseeing the administration of bankruptcy cases and litigating to enforce the bankruptcy laws. If convicted, Dodd faces up to twenty-five years in federal prison.



FFA From Page A3

make it to such a high level is no doubt also thanks to the FFA advisors, parents and community supporting these young leaders and ag professionals. Each student has certainly already made their home state proud, and we look forward to celebrating them next week."

Indiana FFA members will also compete nationally with their Agricultural Proficiencies, which honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers.

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PAULA

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midnight, 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

On Sept. 21, the wind directions were west, north, south, then west again. On the equinox, Sept. 22, the wind came from the northwest, south, south-southwest and southwest. The wind on Sept. 23 was west-northwest, northeast, east-northeast and east.

So, do we take the predominant wind direction on each day? (And which direction would that be?) Or should we be looking at readings at the same time each day? I wish I knew.

Oddly enough, the wooly worms, which are usually all over the place in terms of color, were fairly consistent this year. (According to Clara, brown wooly worms forecast fair weather, black ones predict cold weather and white ones mean more snow than usual.)

Jeanne Flanders spotted a brown wooly worm and Mari Briggs saw two she described as beige (I suspect Clara would have classified them as white,) but the majority of sightings were brown AND black wooly worms.

Kay Ziegler, Ed Snyder and my cousin, Barbara Glunt, all observed worms that were brown with black on each end (although they used different terms to describe the brown color.)

Clara didn't leave an interpretation for multi-colored wooly worms, but I've read that some people regard them as a sign winter will be cold at the beginning and end, but fair in between.

Finally, the persimmon seeds . . .

On Clara's chart, persimmon seeds that reveal a spoon shape when split in two forecast many snows, knives mean fair

weather and forks represent bitter cold.

Barbara Glunt, Bonnie Zarins and Steve Owens were kind enough to split seeds for me. Barbara's two seeds displayed spoons. Bonnie's seed didn't reveal a definite shape, but she thought it could be a knife. Steve's seeds clearly showed four knives.

Steve noted that this year's seeds were shriveled and VERY hard to cut. He and Bonnie rate a special commendation for their efforts — she sliced a finger splitting hers and Steve split his while recovering from hand surgery!

Thanks to everyone for their help!

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

Rokita Vigilant On 'Sanctuary Cities'

Attorney General Todd Rokita cautioned local officials in Lake and St. Joseph counties that he will pursue legal action against them after November 8 if they refuse to follow state laws that prohibit local entities from restricting immigration enforcement activities and communications with federal immigration authorities.

"Illegal aliens coming across our unprotected Southern border for the last four years have caused a jump in crime, fentanyl overdoses, human trafficking, and an increased financial burden on state and local programs," Attorney General Rokita said. "Hardworking Hoosiers are sick and tired of paying the price for this left-wing nonsense, and our office will not back down from enforcing state law."

A "sanctuary city" is a local unit of government that has implemented a

policy that deliberately and intentionally restricts and obstructs the enforcement of federal immigration laws.

The Indiana General Assembly passed a law this year authorizing the attorney general to file lawsuits against any Indiana colleges, universities, or units of local government that do not comply with the Indiana ban on sanctuary cities.

Attorney General Rokita has heard from constituents about the problems caused by mass migration into areas like Lake and St. Joseph counties. His efforts to combat sanctuary cities are an important way to address these problems.

"Everyone should have the freedom and opportunity to succeed and attain a better life," Attorney General Rokita said. "We welcome migrants to the United

States who show they are thankful to be here by entering our country legally and following our laws. Simply put, if you do not follow our laws, you should not be allowed to stay."

Attorney General Rokita has sent letters to officials in Lake and St. Joseph counties warning them of impending legal action if they do not come into compliance with Indiana law.

Attorney General Rokita also sent letters to officials in the cities of East Chicago, West Lafayette and Monroe County. East Chicago and West Lafayette changed their policy to comply with state law. Our office is pursuing legal action in court against Monroe County.

We continue to evaluate other local governments and will take action as warranted to ensure compliance with state law.

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