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**TODAY'S VERSE**

*Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

**Hamilton Happenings**

Don't forget that Monday is a U.S. Postal Holiday and gives us all a chance to honor our presidents, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. As such, there won't be a Noblesville Times Online Edition Monday. We'll be back, piping hot and fresh Wednesday morning with all your favorite reads! Enjoy the holiday!

**Three Things You Should Know**

**1** Indiana Gov. Mike Braun is urging the United States Forest Service to withdraw the Buffalo Springs Restoration Project in the Hoosier National Forest, which would log 5,000 acres and burn more than 15,500 acres of public national forest land between Paoli, French Lick, and English in Indiana. The area impacted includes Tucker Lake, Springs Valley, Youngs Creek, and Lick Creek Trails. The Orange and Crawford County Commissioners and Paoli Town Council have unanimously passed resolutions opposing the Project. Under the Biden Administration, USFS failed to modify or change the basic components of the Project, despite several alternatives proposed by local residents and organizations.

**2** Penske Entertainment announced that Doug Boles will now serve as President of both INDYCAR and Indianapolis Motor Speedway, succeeding Jay Frye. Boles brings decades of motorsport experience to his new responsibilities, including being the President of Indianapolis Motor Speedway since 2013. At IMS, he oversaw the sellout of the 100th Indianapolis 500, the first full-capacity crowd in the event's storied history. "(Boles is) an exceptional leader and motivator who is appreciated by our fans and respected by our owners, drivers, partners and additional key stakeholders," said Penske Entertainment President & CEO Mark Miles.

**3** Three Hoosier coffee shops have emerged among the best in the U.S. for remote work, according to MarketBeat.com, a leading financial media company. It surveyed 3,013 business executives and remote workers to identify the best coffee shops in the country for working away from the office. The best in the country was Bad Bunnies in Charleston, S.C. with 787 Coffee in New York City close behind. For Hoosiers, Mission Grounds in Evansville, Ascend Coffee (Indianapolis) and Penny Drip (Fort Wayne) all made the top 140.

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**Boomer Bits**

**Ask Rusty – Clarification of Medicare IRMAA and MAGI**



**ASK Rusty**  
Social Security Advisor

**Social Security Matters**

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**Dear Rusty:**  
*I am confused by an article in my local newspaper which said that "MAGI" (modified adjusted gross income), on which my Medicare Part B premium is based, is my Adjusted Gross Income, plus any non-taxable interest, plus 50% of the social security I received. The part that is confusing is the 50% part. When I look at my tax return my Adjusted Gross Income includes the taxable portion of my Social Security benefit which, in my case, is 85% of my total benefits. Why must 50% of benefits be added to my AGI if it is already included in my total AGI?*

**Signed: Confused**

**Dear Confused:**  
The article you refer to was misleading for stating that the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) used to determine

your Medicare premiums includes your normal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from your income tax return, plus any non-taxable interest you may have had, plus 50% of the SS benefits you received during the tax year. What the article should have said was that the MAGI which determines your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) to your Medicare premiums consists of your normal AGI from your tax return (which includes the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits), plus any non-taxable interest you may have had.

For additional clarity, the Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is a supplemental amount added to the standard Medicare premium for those with

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**Post Office Warns About Valentine's Day Romance Scams**

The U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service want consumers to be aware they may be targeted for romance scams, a deceptive form of fraud that preys on individuals seeking companionship. These scams often start online but frequently escalate to requests for money or valuables sent through the mail, leading to devastating financial and emotional losses for victims.

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**Be Aware of Email Scam Using USDA Logo**

The National Organic Program of the USDA is aware that certifiers and certified operations have received emails from sources pretending to be the USDA. These emails, referred to as phishing emails, have been sent using the following information:

- **Fake Sender:** amendez@rooted school.org

- **Email Subject:** 2025 information verification/update

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**City Lands 210 Jobs in Relocation**

Mayor Jensen Presents Proposal to Common Council for Evolve Transporters to Relocate Headquarters and Manufacturing Facilities to Noblesville

Evolve Transporters, a leader in the design and manufacturing of custom transport solutions for the motorsports industry, is planning to invest \$39 million and relocate its headquarters and manufacturing facilities from Painesville, Ohio to Noblesville's Washington Business Park. The move is expected to create 210 new jobs for the local economy. Patch Development will build the 250,000 square foot headquarters and manufacturing facility on Lot 6 at Washington Business Park. The plan is for Evolve Transporters to break ground in April and complete construction during the second half of 2026.

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**Councilman Shares Report on His Time**



**MARK HALL**  
Guest Columnist

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

As your employee, it is important that you know what is being worked on as transparently as is possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also

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**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

**When foods carry healthy labels like "low sugar," we often eat more of them and end up eating more calories.**



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

**TODAY'S QUOTE**

**"I would rather share one lifetime with you than face all the ages of this world alone."**  
*J.R.R. Tolkien*

**HONEST HOOSIER**

**Happy Valentine's Day HamCo! I love you all . . . well, most of you!**



**TODAY'S JOKE**

**Someone asked the boss if he and his wife had a date on Valentine's Day. Yes, he replied. Feb. 14.**

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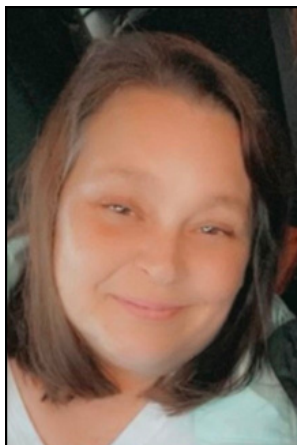


**OBITUARIES**

**Ronna Marie Grace**

April 25, 1968 - January 26, 2025

Ronna “Marie” (Blackstone) Grace, age 56, of Sheridan, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at IU North Hospital in Carmel, Indiana. Born April 25, 1968, in Noblesville, Indiana, she was the daughter of Ronald Dean “Ronnie” Blackstone and Dena M Beard.



She was a 1986 graduate of Marion-Adams High School and a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church.

For 20 years, Marie worked as a CNA, beginning her career at Sheridan Health Care and Rehabilitation, before moving to Harbour Manor in Noblesville. During her years in healthcare, her patients became her extended family. She was not only a caregiver, but also an advocate and friend.

Marie put more love into the world than most people could in multiple lifetimes. And that love was always focused on those she loved most in this world... her family. She loved movie nights with the family, just as much as suffering through another Colts game with her husband because “she loved him so”. But when it came to the grandkids, everything else took a back seat.

Marie made sure to have a little fun along life’s journey. She enjoyed singing and dancing, and loved just about any game you could get her to play, especially Yahtzee and music trivia. She loved her leather purses and handbags, as well as her favorite perfume by Clinique, Happy. Going out to eat with the family was always a special treat, and if the destination was O’Charley’s or Rio Grande, that always made it better. Adding new things to her Holstein dairy cow collection really made Marie happy. If it was cow-related, she had the perfect spot for it. Although her collection of memorabilia was impressive, she always felt that if she could have had a baby cow wandering around in her backyard, then her collection might have come close to being perfect.

Marie leaves a legacy of love and compassion and a lasting imprint on the hearts of all who knew her. She led by example, showing her family that bravery, strength and hard work are just as important as trust and forgiveness, and to always be willing to give more than you receive.

Marie is survived by her loving husband, David Allen Grace. She and David were married on January 4, 2003. Also surviving is her mother, Dena M Beard; son, Ethan Brooks Blackstone (fiancé, Logan Elizabeth) of Sheridan; 3 daughters, Lauren Marie Frank of Kokomo, Natalie Elizabeth Frank of Sheridan, and Megan Michelle Frank (Allen) of Sheridan; “bonus daughter” and friend, Anita Johnson; grandchildren, Isabelle Marie Frank, Brookston Lee Blackstone, Amelia Grace Cole, and Benjamin Mackenzie Smith-Frank; sister, Jama L. Barker (Steven) of Sheridan; nieces and nephews, Lydia, Elliot, Gideon, Emma, Lilli, and many other nieces, great nieces, nephews, great nephews, and cousins; and her precious furbabies, Mitzy, Miles, and Ronnie.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ronald Dean “Ronnie” Blackstone; maternal grandparents, Brooks and Opal Beard; paternal grandparents, Charles “Gene” and Margaret Blackstone; great grandmother, Bessie Beard; cousin, Autumn Danae; and her best friend, Wendy Forbush.

A celebration of Marie’s life will take place at 6:00 pm on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Christ Tabernacle Church, 1600 W. 236th St, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 3:00 pm until the time of service. Pastor Rich Barker will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, Indiana 46069, to help with funeral expenses.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

**Margaret Ellen Rosser**

February 4, 1929 - February 6, 2025

Margaret Ellen Rosser, 96, of Carmel, passed away on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at her home. She was born on February 4, 1929 to Edward and Bertha (Elliott) Krampe in Brazil, Indiana.



Margaret was a faithful member of Cornerstone Lutheran Church and volunteered with the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, quilt guild and braille ministry. She shared many blessings with her husband Jim who were married just shy of 60 years before his passing in 2021. They enjoyed traveling, Broadway shows, and visiting friends near and far. What brought her the most joy was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandson.

Margaret is survived by her daughters, Nancy (Mark) Lawler and Sally Neal; grandchildren, Eric (Diana) Lawler, Anna (Zach) Davis, Claire Lawler, Kathleen and Robert Neal; great-grandson Leo Davis; and her nieces & nephew, Karen (Bruce) Madinger, Richard (Bonnie) Krampe, and Jane (Rob) Gottsch.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jim; brother, Don Krampe; sister-in-law, Millie Krampe; son-in-law, Robert Neal; grandson, Thomas Lawler; and her nephew, Steve Krampe.

Visitation will be from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, with services at 10:00 am, on Friday, February 14, 2025 at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, 4850 East Main Street, in Carmel. Margaret will be laid to rest next to her husband, Jim, at Clearview Cemetery in Brazil, Indiana.

Condolences: [www.randallroberts.com](http://www.randallroberts.com)

**The Color of God**



(Written June, 2020)

**BONNIE ZICKGRAF**  
Learning the Journey

Today I filled out a form online. It was a request for consideration of a discount and financial relief for certain services. The questions that were asked were quite expected, my name, address, phone number, income. The form was quite simple to complete. But when I scrolled down to submit the form, the very last question asked, “Are you a person of color?” I sat and I stared at that question pondering, “Am I a person of color.”

My immediate reaction was, “Yes, my color is white.” Or is white now a “non-color”? If we are all to be equal, a culture without exclusions, then why ask that question at all? Why would the color of my skin bear importance to determine if I am eligible for anything?

Yet as I write this, I am quite sure there are people that would call me racist. I challenge that if we feel it necessary to delineate and give any different treatment to any persons based on color or non-color, then who is truly the

racist? Do I get less of a discount because I am a person of “non-color” and not “of-color”? What color should I be?

I was not angered by that question, but I must admit I sat and stared at that question for several minutes considering how I should answer. It hurt that I am not “of color.” Being of “non-color” makes me a “nothing,” without color. Like I have no color at all. I feel insignificant. There was no text box for me to enter any comments. Am I penalized because I am a “non-color”? A “non-being”? Is this the lesson I am to learn?

I know that we were all created by God and in His image. We are each His children, but there are many persons of “non-color” right now feeling deeply guilty because of the color of their skin. I do not believe that God intends to drive more wedges where they do not belong. But sometimes it does not feel okay to be me anymore. Others would never view me as a victim within the American culture, yet I was shaped by the

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**Wasteful Government Spending Isn’t Just a National Issue**



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

During a time when the president of the United States is meeting with reporters every day, providing more transparency to government operations than Americans have seen before, some lawmakers at the Indiana Statehouse are trying to do the opposite.

A couple of committees are considering taking public notices out of Indiana newspapers and placing them all on a giant, government website that would make looking for a specific public notice like finding a needle in a truckful of needles. Truth is, most of them mean well. They are talking about saving money for taxpayers and creating a one-stop shop for public notices.

But the reality boils down to just a few essential facts.

1. Public notices cost pennies compared to other government spending.
2. If the state has to create a website for this, they will have to spend money to do so and then spend money for staffing and upkeep
3. The state press association already has a public website where those ads are placed at no additional cost to taxpayers
4. Not everyone reads public notice ads, but some do. And for those who pay attention to how our government operates, these information boxes provide invaluable data
5. If the government posts their own notices, where is the check and

balance system? Isn’t that akin to the fox guarding the henhouse?  
6. Newspapers aren’t dying, but evolving. However, the last thing those community icons need right now is another piece of negative news. Wouldn’t it serve everyone better if lawmakers didn’t pass legislation that makes it even harder?  
7. Can you name something the government does more efficiently than private business

Let’s make no mistake about this. Public notices are a positive thing for newspapers. They certainly aren’t the biggest revenue stream we have – by a long shot. But these days, every little bit helps. And there is no doubt that having that information published by those who tend to keep an eye on politicians helps everyone – including the legislators.

Taxpayers are already angry over property taxes and insane government spending programs. Why would Indiana lawmakers want to make such a blatant move that does nothing but make important information even harder to find?

It doesn’t make sense for anyone – and here’s hoping better heads prevail in Indianapolis.

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higher incomes. The thresholds at which the IRMAA supplements apply depend on your IRS filing status, and your MAGI determines the amount of supplement which will be added to the standard Medicare premium. Single filers with MAGI over \$103,000, or married filers with MAGI over \$206,000 will see an IRMAA supplement added to their Medicare premium. Those whose MAGI is under the first IRMAA threshold pay the standard Medicare premium, but those whose MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold above will pay more. How much more depends on how much their MAGI exceeds the first IRMAA threshold by. The IRMAA supplement (the additional premium amount) could be anywhere from \$69.90 to \$419.30 per month for Medicare Part B (coverage for outpatient services), or an additional \$12.90 to \$81.00 per month to the Medicare Part D (prescription drug plan) premium - again

dependent on how much over the initial MAGI threshold the person is for their IRS filing status. You can see the MAGI levels and corresponding IRMAA supplements at this Medicare website: [www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles](http://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2024-medicare-parts-b-premiums-and-deductibles)

IRMAA and MAGI can be confusing. If you have questions about your Medicare premiums, help is available at [SSadvisor@amacfoundation.org](mailto:SSadvisor@amacfoundation.org), or at 1.888.750.2622.

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Phishing is a common type of cyber attack that targets individuals through email or text messages to attempt to acquire sensitive data, such as email passwords. These messages are often designed to look like they come from a trusted person or organization, to get recipients to open malicious links or enter information on malicious websites.

The recent emails contain the USDA logo to make the sender appear valid. Each email asks the recipient to confirm information, click on a button or link, and to enter sensitive information in a location that the fake senders provide. The emails also threaten to suspend or revoke the operation's organic license, which some readers may believe refers to their USDA organic operation certificate. However, it does not.

The emails were not sent by USDA – certifiers and certified operations should not respond to them, click on any links in them, or send sensitive personal or business information.

As a reminder, emails sent by the USDA, AMS or NOP are from the "usda.gov" email domain. To verify email authenticity, look at the information included between the carats (< sample >) or brackets [sample.email@domain.com] shown next to the sender's name. It is possible for the sender to falsely use "usda.gov" in its name. However, it is not possible for a non-USDA government entity to show its email domain (the information between the carats or brackets) as "usda.gov."

When reviewing emails for authenticity, look for the following queues to help identify phishing emails:

- Includes suspicious sender's address that may imitate a legitimate business or government entity.
- Demands you take urgent action.
- Offers generic greetings and signature. Excludes contact information from the signature block.
- Spoofs hyperlinks and websites in body text that does not match the URL text shown when hovering over links.
- Contains spelling errors, poor grammar, or poor sentence structure. Uses inconsistent formatting.
- Includes suspicious attachments with requests for you to download and open the attachment.

If you are a certifier or certified operation and receive an email that claims to be from the USDA, AMS or NOP, and you are concerned about its authenticity, you may contact your Accreditation Manager (for USDA certifiers) or your certifier (for certified operations) to verify the email's validity.

If you received such an email and have already clicked on the link or provided sensitive information, we encourage you to report it to your organization's information technology department, reset your passwords, and scan your computer/device for malicious viruses/malware.

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"Protecting the sanctity and integrity of the mail is our top priority," said USPI Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale. "This includes protecting customers from mail-related crimes, including fraudulent schemes like romance scams. Public awareness is critical in stopping these criminals before they cause harm."

### How romance scams work

- Scammers create fake identities, often using stolen photos and fictitious personal details.
- They cultivate online relationships over weeks or months, building trust through social media, dating apps, or email, and pledge their love early on.
- Once trust is established, they fabricate urgent financial needs – such as medical emergencies, travel expenses, or business problems – to solicit money.
- Victims are pressured into sending cash, checks, wire transfers, or gift cards, making recovery difficult once the fraud is detected.

### How to protect yourself

- Be cautious of online relationships that escalate quickly, especially if the individual avoids in-person meetings or video calls.
- Look for inconsistencies in the person's profile and the information they share. Keep your personal information private.
- Never send money, checks, gift cards, or personal finance information to someone you haven't met in person.
- Be suspicious of requests for secrecy or urgent financial help.
- If you think it's a scam, cut off communication immediately and report it.
- For more information on romance scams visit Romance Scam – United States Postal Inspection Service

## Artisan Geometry in Westfield

The February program for the Westfield Washington Historical Society & Museum will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the City Hall Assembly Room at 130 Penn St. in Westfield. Roy Adams will present. He is a master craftsman who is part of the Chairs of Honor program. The program

### How USPS and USPIS are fighting fraud

- USPS and USPIS are ramping up public outreach efforts to help Americans recognize and avoid mail fraud. In addition to proactive law enforcement measures, the Postal Service is spreading awareness through multiple channels to raise awareness, including:
  - Social media platforms – USPIS regularly shares public service announcements and prevention messaging on several social media platforms.
  - Mail fraud prevention resources – Providing updated scam alerts, prevention tips, and reporting tools on Tips & Prevention – United States Postal Inspection Service.
  - Mailin' It! podcast – Postal inspectors share true crime stories of real cases on the official USPS podcast, *Mailin' It!* These episodes highlight real cases where fraudsters have used the mail to target victims, reinforcing the importance of staying informed and vigilant.
  - Wanted Wednesdays – USPIS has a social media campaign spotlighting wanted criminals involved in postal-related crimes.
  - Fraud prevention webinars and public events – Postal Inspection Service personnel engage with communities through live and virtual events to educate the public on emerging scam tactics.

### How to report mail fraud

If you are someone you know has been targeted by a romance scam involving the mail, report it to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service at [www.uspis.gov/report](http://www.uspis.gov/report). Victims should also notify their local law enforcement agency and the Federal Trade Commission at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov).

## Cicero Kiwanis Learns How Teter Organic Farm Steps Up



Photo courtesy Cicero Kiwanis

### From left, Amber Good, Associate Director of Teter Farm and Mark Bailey Club President

Teter Organic Farm is an outreach mission of Noblesville First United Methodist Church which grows over 40 varieties of mixed vegetables, a mixed-species orchard of 280 trees that produce apples, peaches, pears and plums as well as a cut flower field and 30 beehives. "Our mission is to combat food insecurity, build community through meaningful relationships across barriers that sometimes divide us, and educate children and adults on the importance of environmental stewardship and care," said Amber Good, Teter's Associate Director, as she presented to members of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero.

Despite being the richest county in Indiana with a median household income just shy of \$115,000 according to the U.S. Census Bureau, more than 22,370 people throughout the county, which is about 1 in 10 residents, are food insecure. The percentage of food insecure people is higher among children, at 17 percent.

"This year, we hope to donate 50,000 servings to area food banks, meal programs and families in need" said Good. That has been the mission of the organic farm since it was started in 2016. They also grow

market produce that is sold through a 100-share community supported agriculture (CSA) program, at local farmer's markets and to restaurants. Proceeds from the sales are used to support the farming operations.

The property was given to Noblesville First United Methodist Church by Ruth Teter in 1981. After developing a retreat center, one of the pastors at the church returned from a trip where he visited some nonprofit farms that were growing food to feed the hungry in their communities. Inspired by what he saw and learned, he made it his personal mission to get people on board and they decided to start an organic farm that would donate food and take care of its neighbors. "We grow food because we believe everyone deserves to eat healthily," said Good. "But the farm also offers tours, farm stays and environmental education, as well as hosts outdoor weddings, retreats, coop outings and family reunions. Which means we are always looking for volunteers!"

To learn more about the farm which is located at 10980 E. 221st Street near Noblesville or how you can help visit: [www.teterorganicfarm.shop](http://www.teterorganicfarm.shop)



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**The planned move by Evolve Transporters will create 210 new jobs in Noblesville.**

“The City of Noblesville and Evolve Transporters share a common set of values that promote innovation and forward thinking, and I know they will be an asset to our community,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said.. “This development highlights our state’s deep connection to racing and its potential to attract industry leaders and talent. The Evolve Transporters HQ relocation to Noblesville is a significant announcement for our region and workforce, and I look forward to Evolve being a valued part of our community. I’m grateful to Evolve for investing in Noblesville and embracing our passion for motorsports and culture of innovation.”

Evolve Transporters, a leading designer and fabricator of high-end, customizable trailer transporters for motorsports, has established operations in Noblesville, marking a significant milestone as the city's first motorsports-related company. Renowned for its commitment to quality and innovation, Evolve are a trusted partner of leading racing series as well as the sport’s highest-profile teams. Evolve's investment brings global attention to Noblesville, showcasing the city's exceptional quality of life and positioning it as a destination for the motorsports industry.

With roots back to 1981 through the prestigious High Tech brand, Evolve Transporters was founded in 2019. Evolve Transporters specializes in designing, building, and servicing cutting-edge motorsports

transporters. Evolve Transporters crafts innovative solutions tailored to clients' needs, meeting the increasingly complex demands of teams competing in some of the world’s most demanding races.

"Evolve Transporters is on an exciting journey as we grow our business to support the leading motor racing teams in North America and beyond," said Brad Kossow, Chief Executive Officer, Evolve Transporters. "Our investment in Noblesville and the creation of a new manufacturing center is essential to realize our growth objectives. I want to thank the city, county and state officials who have supported the planning process and in particular, the Economic Development team at the City of Noblesville for working closely with us to realize this project."

“The decision by Evolve Transporters to relocate its headquarters, transport solutions and manufacturing to Noblesville aligns perfectly with our targeted industry sectors for attraction. It is a testament to our economic development strategy that their competitive site selection process led them to conclude that Noblesville is the best place in the U.S. for them to implement an innovative, high-tech approach to meet their client’s distinctive demand. The benefits this project will bring to our economy align with our city’s long-term vision for growth and innovation,” said Noblesville Economic Development Director Andrew Murray.

# Tons of Winners Recognized During Record-Breaking Comic Book in a Day Event



The 12th Annual Noblesville Creates Comic Book in a Day Challenge, presented by Fishers Arts and Culture Commission and held at the Ignite Studio in the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, was a huge success!

Noblesville Creates founded this event to celebrate and grow the comics community – the network of people who love comics, who collect comics, and who create comics. This community came out in force for this year’s event, including 91 contestants, six professional comic book artists, and over 400 visitors curious about comics in general.

On the Friday before the day of the Challenge, Noblesville Creates hosted a special VIP event for its members and donors. During the event, the Comic Book in a Day 2025 Featured Artists partnered with One Hope Wine to design custom wine labels, which were then auctioned off to attendees. Noblesville Creates is excited to continue offering exclusive events for its members and donors, providing unique opportunities to enjoy one-of-a-kind art pieces and activities. To be invited to future VIP events, become a member (<https://noblesville-creates.square.site/product/individual-membership/74?cs=true&cst=custom>)

This year, Comic Book in a Day was broken up into three competitions, an in-person Adult/Teen

Division, Youth Division, and an Online Division. Those who participated in the Challenges had the opportunity to create a comic book from scratch with the help of Featured Artists/Judges Stuart Sayger, Gavin Smith, Deon Parson (widely recognized by the pen name “Supr Dee”), and Joseph Haas, two Host Artists - Erik Lundorf and Victor Dandridge, and additional staff.

The participants had a blast working on their individual comics, learning from the Featured Artists/Judges and Host Artists, participating in fun comic-themed activities, shopping from the Featured Artists’ booths, and mingling with the other participants.

The activities, supplies, and other amenities for participants were made possible by sponsors Fishers Arts and Culture Commission, Browning Day, Griffy’s Art Supply, Baird Creative :: Design Studio, Comic Carnival, Gal’s Guide Library, Ringling College of Art & Design, Knight’s Hall, and Collectors Emporium.

The Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers generously and eagerly opened its doors to the comics community this year, proving once again that they are a unique and tremendous asset to community life and the creative economy of Fishers. The library also paid for the fees for the professional judges, supplied materials to many contestants, and

**WINNERS - Adult/Teen Division:**

- Best Overall:** Helen Raza
- Best Art:** Greg Clack
- Best Story:** Lina Carter
- Level Up Award:** Brianna Stevens
- Funniest:** Anna Hilbert
- Most Creative:** Julia Owens
- Most Polished:** Matthew Inabnitt
- Most Ambitious:** Phoebe Jean-Pierre
- Judge’s Choice - Joey Haas:** Anthony Houston
- Judge’s Choice - Dee Parson:** Avalyn Chau
- Judge’s Choice - Stuart Sayger:** Deborah Owens
- Judge’s Choice - Gavin Smith:** Ellie Hilbert

**WINNERS - Youth Division:**

- Best Overall:** Henry Leopold
- Best Art:** Marie Contreras
- Best Story:** Beckett Main
- Best Page:** Henry Leopold
- Funniest:** Arthur Deckert
- Most Creative:** Lauren Cook
- Most Polished:** Oliver Andrews
- Most Ambitious:** Cami S. & Violet C.
- Judge’s Choice - Joey Haas:** Everly Reitan
- Judge’s Choice - Dee Parson:** Emily Irwin
- Judge’s Choice - Stuart Sayger:** Henry Schmackers
- Judge’s Choice - Gavin Smith:** Iris Furusetth

**WINNERS - Online Division:**

- Best Overall:** Jesus Reyes
- Best Art:** Mallory Benda
- Best Story:** Thadeus S
- Best Page:** Brigid Baier
- Grand Champion and Overall Winner:** Henry Leopold

provided refreshments during the awards ceremony.

At the end of the event, each artist was given an opportunity to present their comic to the Featured Artists, staff, and visitors. The comics created by the participants were judged by the Featured Artists, who determined the winners of each award category. The award ceremony was held on Wednesday, January 22, at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers, during which each award winner was announced and given a

prize.

The 91 contestants and six professional artists together generated nearly 300 pages of brand new comic art during the competition. This artwork will be on display at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers through February 21, and visitors are encouraged to vote for their favorite on the Noblesville Creates Facebook channels. Vote by “liking” your favorite comic of each division. The People’s Choice Award will be announced just after the exhibit ends.

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# IU Only Has to Look North for Identity it Used to Have



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Like his five predecessors as Indiana basketball head coach, Mike Woodson was asked to do the impossible: be the second coming of Bob Knight for a fan base that cannot let go of the past.

Like Mike Davis, Tom Crean and Archie Miller, Woodson was pressured to step down last week during the midst of a disappointing fourth season. Already, dreams of Brad Stevens, Billy Donovan, Bruce Pearl and Dusty May are dancing through the heads of that fan base.

If athletic director Scott Dolson and Board of Trustees chairman Quinn Buckner have learned anything from the success of football coach Curt Cignetti, it's time to move on from the Knight family tree.

Being a star player for Knight during a glorious era of Hoosier basketball was Woodson's lone qualification for the job. Do you think any other school in the nation would hire a sixtiesomething coach with no college experience and a losing resume in the NBA?

Woodson's downfall was being unable to duplicate Knight's ability to build a successful team. With the aid of well-heeled boosters such as Mark Cuban, Ken Nunn and the Cook / Simon families, it almost seemed that Woodson ran his finger down a list of five-star high school recruits / top-ranked transfers and chose the biggest names that their money could buy.

It is almost impossible to believe that a program that won national championships with the likes of Steve Alford, Scott May and Woodson himself has been unable or unwilling to bring in consistent 3-point shooters.

During Miller's four-year coaching tenure in Assembly Hall, the Hoosiers ranged between 31.2 and 32.4 percent 3-point shooting on an average of six attempts per game. Davonte Green in 2018-19 (41 percent) and Armaan Franklin in 2020-21 (42.4) were Miller's lone high-volume 3-point shooters.

Other than the 23-12 season in 2022-23, when Indiana shot 36.8 percent on low-volume 3-point shooting (5.7 per game average), Woodson's teams have shot 33.3 percent (5.9 attempts), 32.4 percent (5.0 attempts) and through 24 games this season, 32.2 percent (6.3 attempts).

Miller Kopp (44.4 percent) in 2022-23 and Luke Goode (41.1) this season, as predicted here, are the only high volume 3-point shooters Woodson has brought in. Both were transfers. Somehow, Goode has only started nine games this season while so-

called transfer portal gems Myles Rice and Kanaan Carlyle have combined to shoot just below 27 percent from 3-point range.

This should have come as no surprise since Rice shot 27.5 percent as a redshirt freshman at Washington State, and Carlyle made 32 percent as a freshman at Stanford. A larger bank account does not guarantee improved shooting.

For the reported \$1.2 million paid to secure center Oumar Ballo from Arizona, plus whatever cash Indiana's boosters paid out to Rice, Carlyle and Goode, the return on investment has been 15 wins, a 6-8 Big Ten record and embarrassing losses to Louisville, Iowa and Illinois.

Now travel 115 miles northwest of Bloomington to West Lafayette. Purdue twice has finished second nationally in 3-point shooting percentage during the Miller / Woodson era. That includes last season's 40.4 percent effort during Purdue's run to the national championship game. In five of the eight seasons, the Boilermakers have shot at least 37.4 percent from beyond the arc.

In 2017-18, when Purdue went 30-7, it started three 40-plus percent 3-point shooters in Carsen Edwards, Dakota Mathias and P.J. Thompson. Vincent Edwards was one made 3-pointer shy of giving the Boilermakers four 40-percent shooters from 3-point range.

Purdue's Elite Eight squad in 2018-19 fielded Carmel's Ryan Cline at 41.7 percent, Grady Eifert at 43.8 percent and Sasha Stefanovic at 41 percent. Stefanovic was a 40-percent shooter from 3 in 2020-21.

The Boilermakers posted a 29-8 mark in 2021-22 with Mason Gillis (41.4), Eric Hunter Jr. (43.6) and Isaiah Thompson (42.4). In lower volume that season, sophomores Caleb Furst (42.3) and Ethan Morton (44.1) were effective behind the 3-point line.

With Zach Edey carrying much of the offense in 2022-23, Braden Smith was Purdue's most effective 3-point shooter at 37.6 percent for the Big Ten champs. Fletcher Loyer improved from 32 percent as a freshman to 44.4 percent a year ago for the national runners-up. Smith (43.1), Gillis (46.8) and Myles Colvin (41.4) also were key reasons why Purdue finished second nationally in 3-point shooting.

Loyer has been even better this season at 45.8 percent, which

would lead the Big Ten if he had the minimum attempts required. Freshman guard C.J. Cox has made 42.1 percent from 3-point range.

Notice many of the names I've just listed. Mathias. Vincent Edwards. P.J. and Isaiah Thompson. Cline. Stefanovic. Gills. Hunter. Smith. Loyer. Going back further in the 21st century, there's Robbie Hummel, E'Twaun Moore, JaJuan Johnson, Rapheal Davis and Caleb Swanigan.

That mix of Indiana and Ohio high school stars used to be prime recruiting territory for the Hoosiers.

Fifth-year seniors Anthony Leal and Galloway are the only native-born Hoosiers to spend their entire collegiate careers in Bloomington. Instead of being the dream destination of every teen-age player from Fort Wayne to Evansville, IU basketball has lost its identity.

Purdue has an identity. Toughness, talented big men and game-changing guards who have spurred an offensive renaissance. Naismith Hall of Fame coach Gene Keady laid the foundation over his 25 years in West Lafayette. His protégé, Matt Painter, has built a luxury high rise on that foundation in his 20 seasons.

Michigan State is another example of stability equaling success. The Spartans have prospered under Jud Heathcote and Tom Izzo for nearly 50 years with 13 combined Big Ten and two national championships.

Since Knight was fired by Indiana president Myles Brand in 2000, the Hoosiers have had Davis, Kelvin Sampson, Dan Dakich, Crean, Miller and Woodson heading the program.

Davis was pushed out in 2006, unable to build off a run to the national title game in 2002 with some of Knight's players. Impermissible phone calls, compounded by a history of rule-breaking at Oklahoma led to Sampson's dismissal. To the chagrin of the Indiana faithful, Sampson has transformed the University of Houston into a Big 12 and national contender.

Dakich restored discipline during his brief interim tenure, but Indiana officials brought in Tom Crean from Marquette to basically start over. After three miserable seasons, Crean brought Indiana back to No. 1 in the polls. The honeymoon ended with the top-seeded Hoosiers losing in the Sweet 16 to Syracuse in 2013. Crean was fired in 2017 after a 10th-place finish in the Big Ten.

Miller was never a good fit despite his success at Dayton. Miller's defense-first mindset lacked the offensive skill players to be a consistent winner.

Like the Purdue football program, which will be paying off a \$9 million contract to Ryan Walters over the next three years, Indiana must get this hire right and not just for competitive reasons. The new coach will almost certainly be forced to restock the roster from the transfer portal with only one high school recruit signed for 2025-26. That will require serious cash on top of the \$8 million deposited into Woodson's retirement account, the discounted buyout of \$15.5 million to former football coach Tom Allen spread over two years and the \$20.5 million annual revenue sharing agreement that begins with the 2025-26 academic year.

*Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.*

## Noblesville Real Estate Slows; Not County

The Noblesville real estate market quieted down a bit in January – compared to the rest of the county. However, sale prices continued to increase – according to the experts at F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies:

In Noblesville:

- Closed home sales decreased 4.8 percent.
- Noblesville homes spent 20 days longer on the market compared to this time last year.
- Home sale prices increased 21.5 percent to a median sale price of \$410,000.
- The median price per square foot of a home in Noblesville also increased 4.4 percent to \$165.

In Hamilton County:

- Pended home sales increased 7.8 percent.
- Homes spent six days longer on the market than this time last year.
- Home sale prices increased 5.7 percent to a median sale price of \$443,997.
- Available inventory increased 5.6 percent.

Overall, despite an

unusually active fourth quarter, central Indiana's residential real estate market stabilized in January with inventory increasing. According to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies:

- Available housing inventory increased 21.3 percent compared to January 2024.
- Homes spent eight days, or 25.8 percent, longer on the market than this time last year.
- Pended home sales decreased 7 percent compared to this time last year.
- Compared to January 2024, the median home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region increased 5.4 percent to \$289,900.

In January 2025, 2,298 central Indiana homes were purchased, down 7 percent from the 2,470 sold in January 2024.

- Hancock County had the greatest increase in pended home sales in January 2025, up 32.3 percent compared to this time last year.

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Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

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available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, January work included: a joint Board of Commissioners and County Council Executive session and working session, a Board of Commissioners public meeting, the annual Liability Insurance renewal meeting, a Finance Committee meeting, a Cicero Town council meeting, a quarterly insurance meeting, an emergency personnel committee meeting and a Noblesville Town Council meeting.

This month I received six constituent service requests. Five requests were specific to the 236th street project in Jackson Township. The questions were either related to the redirection of traffic, the trail along 236th, the bridge and road repair on 236th or the intersection of 236th and US 31. People wanted to understand why the county website had not been updated, how the traffic redirection plan was arrived at, what is the current project status and when does the county expect the project to be completed. Service requests require research from the appropriate department and then providing the response to the constituent. In this situation, given the number of requests and the frustration in their questions, I decided that making county officials available at a public meeting was the best course of action. I arranged for the County Engineer to present the current project status and answer questions at a Cicero Town Council public meeting. The room was full of interested citizens. The County Engineer, Joel Thurman, did a wonderful job presenting the project details and answering questions from the public, he shares our collective frustration over the project. The Hamilton County Highway Director, Brad Davis, also attended and provided several answers during Q&A. One primary reason for delays has been the relocation of utilities in

the area. Twice, assigned crews on our project have been pulled off our project, temporarily reassigned to emergency power restoration projects in the south after storms. Each of these temporary reassignments costs the project several weeks. I streamed the meeting on Facebook for those who were unable to attend in person.

The other constituent request was specific to a regulated drain in Sheridan and flooding that a citizen was experiencing. After speaking with the County Surveyor, he addressed the question with me and then directly with the individual property owner.

Noteworthy items from January included more meetings and research for Hamilton County's Domestic Violence Center. As an update on last month's Director of Council Operations position, several candidates have been through first and second round interviews. I was able to participate by video and expect that we will wrap up the search by the end of February. I forgot to report that last month I attended a portion of an attempted murder trial in Circuit Court. Given that our population growth requires more judges we need more courts. Apart from the intrigue of observing a felony trial, my research includes attending court, watching operations, and comparing how we operate against best practices and state-of-the-art technology. New County Courts will be modernized with improved safety, recording and presentation technology.

The most noteworthy topic from January is Property Tax reform. To be clear we need property tax reform, and I am told that some form of property tax and/or local income tax reform is coming from this legislative session. Senate Bill 1 (SB1) is making its way through the statehouse and in its initial form the impact on Hamilton County revenue is substantial, a 45 percent estimated reduction. The impact

on local governments, townships and schools will also be big. My time has been spent researching the various bills and their impact on Hamilton County. Potential changes in revenue require purposeful advance planning. For now, until we understand the final impact to Hamilton County, my position is to pull back on long term spending commitments that have not already been funded.

This month included attending more events to honor experienced county employees who retired.

It was my honor to represent you this past month at a lunch with Sheridan Town Councilor, Levi Shrock, at a meeting with David West, the new Director of Hamilton County Tourism, and at a meeting with Congressman Victoria Spartz's office advocating for Hamilton County future issues that will require federal assistance to achieve.

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during January 2024. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business. As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it is important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it is important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

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world around me, same as everyone else, throughout our lifetimes.

So now that I was asked, "Are you a person of color" and the only option I had to answer was. "No", then "I am a person of non-color." If I proclaim my skin color is white, I am now told there must be a problem with me. White is a color. That does not make me a racist. Black is a color. That does not make others a victim. If we abolish our individualism, we can never change the community. We are branches to the Holy Vine, and each of us has a part in God's Kingdom, in the here and now and the yet to come.

We should not brag or boast about our skin color, nor should we be ashamed of it. If ever we obey the ways of God and genuinely love one another, even better than we love ourselves, then color becomes a non-issue because all colors join in unison to love each other as God commands, regardless of any color. The only color that will ultimately matter is the color of God.

*2 Corinthians 5: 1-5 (NLT)*

New Bodies  
1 "For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands." 2 "We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing." 3 "For we

will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies." 4 "While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life." 5 "God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit."

12 "Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely." 13 "Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love."

*—1 Corinthians 13: 12-13 (NLT)*

B. Zickgraf, co-author  
June 29, 2020

As a Christian, I seek answers to life's quandaries and concerns through prayer and reading the Bible. As a supplemental measure of comfort, I also take pleasure in reading Sarah Young's, *Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence*. It is a daily devotional written as if Jesus is speaking directly to the reader.

After I wrote *The Color of God*, which was influenced by another book I am currently reading called, *White Fragility; Why It's So Hard for White People*

*to Talk about Racism* by Robin Diangelo, I retired for the evening and opened Jesus Calling at random as I often do, to page 254, which reads,

"Grow strong in your weakness. Some of My children I've gifted with abundant strength and stamina. Others, like you, have received the humble gift of frailty. Your fragility is not a punishment, nor does it indicate lack of faith. On the contrary, weak ones like you must live by faith, depending on Me to get you through the day. I am developing your ability to trust me, to lean on me, rather than on your understanding. Your natural preference is to plan out your day, knowing what will happen when. My preference is for you to depend on Me continually, trusting Me to guide you and strengthen you as needed. This is how you

grow strong in your weakness."

*James 4:13-15; Proverbs 3:5 (AMP); Isaiah 40:28-31*

Once again, God speaks and pulls me (us) closer to Him! Thank you, Jesus!

B. Zickgraf, co-author,  
written June, 2020

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## Heights Senior Inks With Anderson

Natalie Marcum, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana this fall. Anderson University is a member of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference and an NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Shawn and Brenda Marcum.

Marcum, who is undecided about her career plans at the moment, chose Anderson University because it is a faith-based institution with higher education with good academic options and where she can play soccer at the collegiate level.

Marcum, who was named a Top Team Player, a member of the All-Conference Team and All-Academic team twice, Offensive Player of the Year, and MVP, is as strong in the classroom as she is on the field. She has played soccer since the age of five, playing high school and club soccer throughout the year. She also participated in gymnastics for 12 years.

It is her high school and club soccer coaches, Hamilton Heights High

School Head Soccer Coach, Travis Kauffman, Assistant JV Coach, Diane Handy, and Sean Yau, Hamilton North Futbol Club, Marcum credits as being influential in her development as player.

"For four years as a varsity player, Natalie has been a constant for our program," said Travis Kauffman, Hamilton Heights Women's Soccer Head Coach. "Her on-field skills always impacted our offense as she consistently scored and was a team leader in assists. As she continued to mature on the field, her role in the program continued to grow, too. She has been the kind of teammate, leader, and captain that I love to have; she is confident, focused, consistent, and very individually talented but what has made her so special is the respect she's earned from her teammates and the leadership she's provided."

"She has been a trusted voice on the field and has always been a supportive and encouraging teammate who has made others and the team better by her efforts," continued Coach Kauffman. "Natalie has been part



*Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools / Jen Kauffman*

**Marcum is pictured with her Hamilton Heights High School coaches Travis Kauffman and Diane Handy.**

of the heart of this team and the culture that we've tried to create. Her absence will most definitely leave a huge hole to fill but I've no doubt that who she's been and what she's done for the program has been an example others will want to emulate."

"We are very excited for Natalie and the opportunity she has in front of her to continue her soccer career at Anderson University," added Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "Natalie has been an outstanding role model for other athletes both on and off the field and we're certain that she'll do the same for the Ravens as well."

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# Hammer Can't Understand Democrats



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

"Do they even notice?"

The words, boomed across an open empty office, scared the living bejebbers out of me. John Hammer, that huge hulk of a man who somehow finds his way into a locked and dark office on a Saturday, had once again caught me off guard. And listen, as a guy with a ticker that ticked when it was supposed to tock, that's not a great thing.

"Do they even notice what they are saying and how out of touch they are, Timmons?"

"Well, John," I said, trying to catch my breath. "I will play your silly game. What are we talking about."

The look told me he didn't think it was silly. I shut up.

"Everyone is losing their minds," he growled. "Federal employees were given an offer from Trump to resign – but still be paid through September. Timmons, I've only had a few jobs in my life, but there wasn't a one of them that I wouldn't have taken that deal. An eight-month vacation before I had to start working somewhere else? But no, not them. They've lost their minds and claim it's unfair. What the hell is unfair about it, Timmons?!?! Trump got

voted into office by 70some million Americans who are sick and tired of the same old crap. They are tired of the waste . . . and we're just now finding out how bad some of that waste really was. Trump said he'd shrink the government and this is a good start. Why are they mad? Timmons, do you know anyone in regular jobs who gets that kind of a buyout offer?"

Hammer took a breath. I was pretty sure he wasn't done.

"And now you've got all these Democrats ignoring the absolute corruption and waste being uncovered every day," Hammer bellowed. "Tell you what? If they had the brains God gave a goose they'd man up and say they're sorry for letting things get out of hand. They'd call a spade a spade and admit Biden was a terrible president. They'd listen to the will of the people who are hearing about all these sickening ways our government – OUR GOVERNMENT, TIMMONS! – has been spending our money, OUR MONEY!

"That's what they should do. But they're doubling down. They're threatening violence," he growled. "That idiot Senator

Andy Kim from out east said he and his pals will shut down the government rather than let Trump continue. How can they not see that most of the country has had it up to here with this crap? How can they not see that we've been waiting for someone to come in with a chain saw and not a scalpel? How do they not get this?"

Hammer took a breath. He eased his massive frame into a chair that suddenly looked a lot smaller than what it was.

"You know, I grew up Democrat. Didn't really change until later, but I've always kind of figured Democrats are the folks in the neighborhood who come over for burgers and beer on the patio," Hammer said. "The Republicans were the folks on the next street over who ran the places we worked. But now? All I see now is a self-serving bunch of poisonous asses who make themselves rich, lie through their teeth about it and spend money in the most insane ways ever? Paying for theater in OTHER COUNTRIES? What the absolute hell, Timmons? Democrats are just about themselves, their B.S. causes and hating Trump. I don't belong to that group."

I had nothing.

Hammer slowly got up. "It's Valentine's Day Friday, Timmons. I hope you are planning something special for Mrs. Timmons. But I'll tell you what. I got no love for these idiots in government and media who just haven't got the hint that their ways were wrong, that they were killing this country. I've had way more than my fill of them. It's time for them all to just shut the hell up."

With that, the giant of a man headed out, I assumed going to whatever secret passage he's discovered that gets him in here. Pretty sure he wasn't heading to Adriene's to buy flowers for anyone with a D behind their name.

*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@thetimes 24-7.com.*

## Ryan Duffy of IU Earns Prestigious Orr Fellowship

Ryan Duffy of Noblesville, is among 74 college seniors who have been matched with leading Indiana-based partner companies and will begin Fellowships upon graduation in January 2025 for December graduates and June 2025 for May graduates.

Duffy will represent Indiana University (Bloomington) at The Heritage Group

Fellows are selected for their strong leadership potential, academic achievements and commitment to community impact. Over two years, they gain hands-on experience with companies in diverse fields, from marketing to engineering, while participating in professional development opportunities, nonprofit consulting projects and leadership training.

Since 2001, Orr Fellowship has been helping talented college graduates launch their careers while shaping future Indianapolis business and community leaders with the addition of Evansville this year. Over two years, Fellows gain hands-on experience working full-time with one of 60 partner companies in fields like marketing, consulting,

engineering and tech. Beyond their day-to-day roles, Fellows grow through opportunities like hearing from top executives, taking on nonprofit consulting projects and learning essential life skills, such as managing personal finances.

This year's Fellows, formally selected after Finalist Day interviews in Indianapolis and Evansville, will gain unparalleled career development, an expedited pathway into the Kelley Evening MBA program, formal leadership training and community building within Indiana's thriving business ecosystem. The program's growth ensures a pipeline of qualified talent that directly impacts Indiana's economic and entrepreneurial landscape.

"We are thrilled to welcome this new group of talented individuals to Orr Fellowship," said Steven Emch, President of Orr Fellowship. "These Fellows demonstrate the leadership potential and innovative thinking that will drive Indiana's business community forward. With the addition of the Evansville Region chapter, we are expanding our reach across the state and cultivating a network of leaders committed to Indiana's growth and success."

## County 2025 InterFaith Summit March 18

Good Samaritan Network is pleased to announce an InterFaith Summit on March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel.

The Good Samaritan Network Executive Director Nancy Chance said our "objective for the day is to address significant challenges facing Hamilton County and its residents. We want to recognize our similarities and embrace our differences, identify and consider solutions, and work together to be prepared."

This gathering aims to strengthen collaboration among churches, faith-based organizations, and places of worship and engage individuals and agencies committed to making a difference. Together, we will explore practical strategies and initiatives that empower all residents of Hamilton County.

Join in for an in-depth discussion with distinguished guest speakers and expert panel members as we tackle pressing issues affecting our community, including housing, mental health, volunteerism and community safety. The InterFaith Summit will engage in dialogue and possible plans to provide care methods for Hamilton County families in different areas, such as affordable housing, mental health, volunteerism, and more.

The ability "to bring together Hamilton County residents and especially the inter-faith community to increase awareness and engagement with an eventual outcome of being prepared during a devastating disaster or emergency," Chance said, it really is "a return to the grassroots of being a caring community."

Chance also said, "Sponsors, like Gaylor Electric – Chuck Goodrich, are crucial in making this free event possible for Hamilton County, and they deserve our support for taking on this unique event!"

Sponsorships are still available for: EVENT Sponsor, PARTNER Sponsor, and PRIVATE Sponsor. Besides RSVP sign-up, Sponsorship details and sign-up links are listed on our website ([www.gsnlive.org/interfaithsummit](http://www.gsnlive.org/interfaithsummit)).

Hamilton County InterFaith | Panel Discussions Schedule:

The summit will include Q&A, breakout sessions, presentation handouts, and panel discussion topics. Panelists are assembled from a cross-section of varied Hamilton County organizations to lead the discussions, including:

**Homelessness, Housing Instability, and Uncertainties**  
Andrea Muirragui Davis,

**The InterFaith Summit is March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel. Check-in begins at 8:10 a.m. and the agenda runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Space is limited. Advanced online registrations are required by March 14. Visit: [RSVP today at https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/interfaith-summit](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/interfaith-summit). The InterFaith Summit is free and includes entry, complimentary continental breakfast and boxed lunch.**

Executive Director, CFRM, HAND Inc.

### Mental Health Services

Amy Chaudion, Director, LIFEhouse Ministries

Holly Homan, LCSW, LCAC, Owner, Chief of Unlimited Potential, JRNY Counseling

Monica Greer, Executive Director, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Dr. Mary Beth Woehrle, Founder/President, IGNITE Transform & IGNITE Center 4 Community

James R. Ginder, MS,NREMT,PI,CHES®,NCEE,PAI,CCHW, Health Education

Specialist, Hamilton County Health Department

Kaitlyn Ervin, Director of Crisis Services, Aspire Indiana

**Volunteerism**  
Kim Rogers-Hatfield, CVA, Director of Community Resources with Heart of Indiana United Way

Chance said, "Understanding our differences while recognizing our similarities and working together to be better prepared and more resilient as a community is critical – especially in a disaster or emergency."

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## Heights Booter Signs With Saint Mary's College

Savanah Deetz, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame this fall. Saint Mary's College is a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Conference and an NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Scott and Lynn Deetz.



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools / Jen Kauffman

**From left, Luis Hernandez (papa), Carmen Hernandez (grandma), Lynn Deetz (mom), Rebecca Deetz (sister), Savanah Deetz (seated), Becky Deetz (grandma), Scott Deetz (dad) and Donald Deetz (grandpa).**

Deetz was drawn to Saint Mary's because of its amazing and small campus within close proximity to and partnership with Notre Dame University (i.e., to take classes, dine, and purchase student-priced tickets for sporting events). She also liked how each student is recognized for their own uniqueness and not treated as just another student.

"I felt at home here," said Savanah Deetz after her campus visit. Deetz plans to major in business management and graphic design and minor in chemistry. She would like to design promotions and own her own business one day.

A multi-sport athlete (track), Deetz is as strong in the classroom as she is on the field. She was a four-year member of the varsity team and team captain, was named Defensive Player of the Year and All-Conference, and All-Conference Honorable Mention. In addition, she is a member and vice president of the National Honor Society, a Husky Ambassador, and is active in her church.

"I fell in love with soccer when I was 4 years old," Deetz said. She worked hard to prove herself as a great player who could do great things. She took training

seriously and surrounded herself with encouraging teammates, who push her every day. It paid off.

Deetz said it is her parents and high school team who have been a major influence in her development over the years. "Without them, I wouldn't be signing to play college level soccer and wouldn't have the amazing life I do now," she added. "Savannah has shown tremendous growth during her time in the program," said Travis Kauffman, Hamilton Heights girls soccer coach. "She has always been a passionate soccer player with talent but what has grown and helped her make such a huge difference in our program, is her maturity, approach to the game, and soccer IQ. The mark of a great player is how they leave the program after their time in it. Savannah has been instrumental in creating an encouraging team culture that everyone can buy into. She also has helped create a culture where

teammates are pushed to be their best and to earn each and everything they, and the team, get. She has earned the respect and appreciation of her teammates and has earned the many accolades that are a part of her high school career. Coach Handy and I have so much appreciated her on-field talent, toughness, and team-first attitude that has made her teams better."

"Savannah is one of those student/athletes who quietly goes about her business and just gets things done," Kurt Ogden, Heights Athletic Director, said. "She's extremely competitive, both on the field and in the classroom. It's through that drive and determination that she has put herself in a position to continue to play the sport she loves. We wish her the best at Saint Mary's College."

After graduating from college, Deetz said she would like to live somewhere warm and make a difference in the world. "I'm excited for the next chapter of my life," Deetz said.

## Fishers Community Center Memberships Available

Memberships are now available for pre-sale for the Fishers Community Center, set to open in November. With the purchase of a pre-sale membership, you will become a Charter Member of the center and receive recognition on a permanent display inside the center, VIP access during the grand opening, and more. The first 100 Charter Members will receive an exclusive Fishers Community Center branded 18 oz. YETI water bottle.

Members will enjoy full access to amenities including an aquatic facility, fitness center, three sports courts, sauna, and more. Discounts are available for Fishers residents, seniors, veterans, and teachers. Memberships can be purchased at FishersCommunityCenter.com. Only a join fee will be charged at this time, with monthly fees beginning when the center opens in November.

A separate membership for the two-acre dog park will be available for pre-sale beginning this spring.

Designed to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike, the Fishers Community Center will serve as a vibrant hub for community connection. The center includes several groundbreaking features that will be the first of their kind in Fishers, including the city's first public indoor track; Central Indiana's first Aquatics NINJACROSS™ System; and one of Fishers' largest indoor playgrounds, a two-story 5,300-square-foot playspace. Some of these offerings are exclusively for members, while others will be available for free to everyone through a registration system.

### EXCLUSIVELY FOR MEMBERS:

**Aquatics Center**  
Featuring Aquatics NINJACROSS™ Course The center will feature the first indoor Aquatics NINJACROSS™ System in Central Indiana. This unique system, inspired by the show America Ninja Warrior, challenges users to

overcome obstacles above, below, and on the water. The course will be part of the 9,800-square-foot aquatics center, featuring a 25-yard lap pool, AquaClimb wall, enclosed water slide, a zero-depth entry warm water pool with interactive play and splash features, and an on-deck sauna.

**Wellness Center**  
An 11,000-square-foot wellness center will be located on the second floor of the facility. This space will act as the fitness hub of the Fishers Community Center, offering more than 50 state-of-the-art cardio machines from Matrix and Life Fitness, an EGYM Strength Circuit 11-piece tech-enabled system, two group exercise studios, a cycle studio, and a 20' x 48' turf area for functional training and stretching. Group exercise classes will also be included with membership.

**Free Childcare**  
Family memberships include up to two hours of free childcare per day for all children on the membership plan (ages 6 weeks to 12 years). The childcare center will feature separate, age specific areas with a variety of interactive and educational activities.

**Indoor Sports Courts**  
The center will feature an 18,600-square-foot sports court area including three (50'x84') full-size basketball courts that can convert into six cross basketball courts, three volleyball courts, and up to nine pickleball courts.

**Dog Park**  
The Fishers Community Center will be home to two dog parks (a 0.5 acre park for small dogs and a 1.5 acre park for large dogs), ensuring that pets can enjoy safe and engaging playtime with others of similar size. Both areas of the park will have shade, nighttime lighting, security cameras, water fountains, trash receptacles, waste stations, and benches. Separate memberships

for the dog park will be available for purchase this spring.

### FREE FOR EVERYONE: First Public Indoor Track

The Fishers Community Center will feature the first public indoor walking/running track in Fishers, a top-requested feature identified in a resident survey taken in 2021. Overlooking the lower-level gymnasium, this 1/9 mile track will provide year-round space for walkers and runners.

### Two-Story Indoor Playground

The indoor playground, comparable in size to the playground at Brooks School Park, will offer 5,300 square feet of state-of-the-art, interactive play space. Highlights include low-climbing play features, a dedicated toddler zone, and a custom-designed two-story play structure complete with tunnel slides.

### Sahm's Community Cafe

A 2,600 square-foot cafe operated by Sahm's Hospitality Group will be housed on the first floor of the Fishers Community Center. This space will offer a welcoming spot to gather, relax, and recharge. Along with the cafe, other gathering spaces will be available to the public including a one large multi-purpose room and three smaller multi-purpose rooms.

### ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES:

The Fishers Community Center has prioritized accessibility by incorporating recommendations from an ADA consultant, Fishers residents, and the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability. The center will include features like an adult changing table room, universal locker rooms, water wheelchairs, double handrails for pool entry, and specialized fitness equipment.

Learn more about Fishers Community Center and purchase a membership at FishersCommunityCenter.com. ###

## ↓ COUNTY From Page A5

- Shelby County pended sales had the greatest decrease, with 44.2 percent fewer homes sold compared to January 2024.
- Homes sold in 39 days, spending eight days, or 25.8 percent, longer on the market than January 2024. Johnson County homes sold 11.4 percent faster than this time last year, the greatest increase in central Indiana.
- Boone County had the greatest decrease in inventory – down 17.2 percent compared to this time last year.
- Central Indiana year-to-date home sale prices increased 5.4 percent overall.
- Brown County recorded the highest year-to-date median home sale price decrease, down 6.6 percent
- Hamilton County had the highest year-to-date median home sale price in the region at \$443,997..
- Central Indiana experienced a 21.3 percent increase in overall available home inventory in January 2025, compared to January 2024, with 763 more homes available for sale.
- Jennings County had the largest inventory increase – up 63 percent compared to January 2024.

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, three were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 23 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 258 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 835 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 722 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 399 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 58 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

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# Westfield Student Earns Orr Fellowship

Wabash College senior Ben Wallace of Westfield has earned Orr Fellowships, guaranteeing a two-year salaried position with some of Indiana's most dynamic, high-growth businesses.

Wallace will receive executive mentorship and participate in a curriculum designed to develop understanding and skills vital to entrepreneurship and business leadership. Further, as an Orr Fellow, he will grow professionally through an active and supportive network with opportunities for cultural and civic engagement.

"The Orr Fellowship is an incredible way to start a career and history has proven it's a great way to take the liberal arts skills into business roles and further the development and networking started on campus," said Cassie Hagan, director of professional development and Center for Innovation, Business, and Entrepreneurship (CIBE). "It's extremely competitive and I am proud of our 2025 Orr Fellows and all of our seniors who chose to put their resumes in the candidate pool."

Wallace, a native of Westfield, is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, the Little Giant soccer team, the Bachelor, the campus newspaper, and was president of the pickleball club, and served as a statistician for the athletic department. Previously, he studied abroad in Salzburg, Austria, and has interned with Sever Storey LLP and at Great Point Capital.

He has paired with Steele Benefit Services, a company



**Ben Wallace**

that specializes in employee benefits consulting and administration.

"Receiving this fellowship was something I've wanted since the start of the school year, and the long process made receiving the offer even more rewarding," said Wallace, a financial economics major and German minor. "I look forward to meeting a group of young professionals fresh out of college and building lifelong friendships in the process. I know the professional development opportunities the Orr Fellowship provides will help me throughout my career."

Orr Fellows work in a variety of job functions, ranging from marketing to engineering to consulting, sales, and more. Fellows are matched with industries of all types and partner with companies from small start-ups to enterprise-level global organizations.

To be considered for an Orr Fellowship, a student must demonstrate leadership on and off campus, have a cumulative 3.2 GPA or higher, and have a strong interest in entrepreneurial business or organizational leadership.

A total of 39 Wabash students have earned Orr Fellowships since 2007, including 34 in the last eight years.

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## HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Osprey Pointe Pavilion

19777 Morse Park Lane

Noblesville, IN 46060

February 18th, 2025

\*\*\* 5:00pm Executive Session – Land,

Litigation & Personnel \*\*\*

6:00pm Board Meeting

1. Call to Order 6:00pm
2. Board Positions
3. Agenda Amendments
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of January 21st, 2025 Minutes
6. Finance Report
  - a. Approval Claims/Payroll/Transfers
7. Committee Reports
8. Friends Report
9. Old Business
  - a. Potter's Bridge Mural
  - b. Administration Office Update
  - c. Steve Nation Pathways Update
  - d. Project Updates
10. New Business
  - a. Potter's Bridge Farming Lease
  - b. Archery 2026 Event
11. Director's Report
12. Deputy Director's Report
13. Additional Announcements

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## CARMEL PLAN COMMISSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBERS TIME: 6:00 PM

CARMEL CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR (DOORS

OPEN AT 5:30 PM)

ONE CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN 46032

Agenda

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Declaration of Quorum
- E. Approval of Minutes
- F. Communications, Bills, Expenditures, & Legal Counsel Report 1. Members of Executive Committee i. Election of At-Large Member / Election of Committee Co-Chair (Subdivision)
2. Docket No. PZ-2024-00028 PUD: Towne 146 PUD Rezone, PUD Ordinance Amendment Update. (City Council Ordinance Z-694-24, As Amended.)
- G. Reports, Announcements & Department Concerns 1. Recognition of Outgoing Members
- H. Public Hearings
  1. TABLED TO MARCH 18th Docket No. PZ-2024-00222 PUD: US 421-WCD PUD Rezone.
  2. Docket No. PZ-2024-00237 PP: Swinley Forest Primary Plat
  3. Docket No. PZ-2024-00238 V: UDO Sec. 2.08: 35 ft. Min Front Yard Setback required, 25 ft. requested
  4. Docket No. PZ-2024-00239 SW: Swinley Forest Street Frontage Waiver - UDO Sec. 7.17.A: Lots shall have direct access to a public street, Access from a private drive requested The applicant seeks primary plat approval, a design standards waiver, and a development standard variance for a new subdivision consisting of 4 lots on 7.2 acres that front and have access via a private drive. The site is located at 1225 E. 116th Street. It is zoned R-1/Residential and is not located within an overlay zone. Filed by Adam Mears of Gradison Land Development, Inc.
  5. Docket No. PZ-2024-00241 ADLS: Gramercy – Multi-family (Section C).
  6. Docket No. PZ-2024-00242 DP: Gramercy. The applicant seeks ADLS approval for the Multi-family (Section C – 13.49 acres) buildings within the overall development. The applicant also seeks Development Plan approval for the overall (19.33 acres) urban residential project with townhomes, multi-family, and mixed-use buildings. The site is and is located at the southeast corner of City Center Drive and Kinzer Avenue. It is now zoned PUD/Planned Unit Development – Gramercy (Z-493-06). Filed by Patrick Sowinski of Kimley-Horn on behalf of Erik Dirks of Buckingham Properties, LLC.
  - I. Old Business
  - J. New Business
  - K. Adjournment

## CARMEL COMMON COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS/CITY HALL/ONE CIVIC SQUARE

CALL TO ORDER

AGENDA APPROVAL

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES AND

OUTSTANDING CITIZENS

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS

THE COUNCIL

COUNCIL AND MAYORAL

COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

February 3, 2025 Regular Meeting

Claims

Payroll - \$4,067,336.44

General Claims - \$4,997,381.69 and \$31,321.08

(Purchase Card)

Wire Transfers - \$3,960,265.68

ACTION ON MAYORAL VETOES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee

Land Use and Special Studies Committee

All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for

placement under this category.

OTHER REPORTS – (at the first meeting of the month

specified below):

Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly)

Carmel Historic Preservation Commission (Quarterly –

January, April, July, October)

Audit Committee (Bi-annual – May, October)

Redevelopment Authority (Bi-annual – April, October)

Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual –

February, August)

Library Board (Annual – February)

Ethics Board (Annual – February)

Parks Department (Quarterly – February, May, August,

November)

Climate Action Advisory Committee (Quarterly –

March, June, September, December)

Finance Department Budget Update (Quarterly – April,

July, October, January (for the 4th quarter of the

previous year))

All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for

placement under this category.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of Ordinance D-2762-25; An

Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of

Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 8, Article 5,

Sections 8-37, 8-47, and 8-48 of the Carmel City Code;

Synopsis:

Ordinance establishing 15-minute parking space(s) at

the beginning of each block along Main Street from

Knoll Ct to 1st Ave SE, regulating parking on Range

Line from Main Street to 1st Street, and removing

inconsistencies and duplications of code.

Resolution CC-02-03-25-07; A Resolution of the

Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana,

Recommending Consideration of an Amendment to

the Unified Development Ordinance for the City and

Referring the Same to the Carmel Plan Commission

for Recommendation; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Aasen,

Snyder and Taylor. Sent to the Land Use and Special

Studies Committee.

Synopsis:

This Resolution refers a proposal to amend Articles

5.72, 9.08, and 11.02 of the Carmel Unified

Development Ordinance to the Carmel Advisory Plan

Commission for public hearing and recommendation

to the Common Council.

Resolution CC-02-03-25-08; A Resolution of the

Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana,

Approving the 2025-2026 Contract with the Carmel

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185; Sponsor:

Councilor Aasen. Sent to the Finance, Utilities and

Rules Committee.

Synopsis:

Approves the contract between the City of Carmel

and the Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185

that will be effective from January 1, 2025 through

December 31, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution CC-02-17-25-01; A Resolution of the

Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana,

Expressing Interest in the Purchase of Certain

Properties Valued at Over \$25,000.00 and Associated

with City Improvement Projects; Sponsor: Councilor

Taylor.

Synopsis:

Authorizes the purchase of certain properties valued

at more than \$25,000.00 that are necessary for

various road and multiuse path improvement

projects.

AGENDA ADD-ON ITEMS

OTHER BUSINESS

Notice of Cancellation of Outstanding Checks for

Fiscal Year 2022 - \$1,157.21 (Acknowledgement Only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

## HAMILTON COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The HCAA Board Meeting originally scheduled for

February 12, 2025 has been rescheduled due to the

incoming ice storm. The meeting will be held on

February 19, 2025 at the Indy Exec Main Hangar

Conference Room.

Executive session begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by

public session at 6:30 p.m.

Those requiring remote access will receive a new

meeting invitation.

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## ↓ RECORD From Page A9

### CITY OF NOBLESVILLE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The City of Noblesville Downtown District Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2025. Meetings will be held in room A213 at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, IN at 9:00 a.m.

February 21, 2025  
 March 28, 2025  
 April 25, 2025  
 May 30, 2025  
 June 27, 2025  
 July 25, 2025  
 August 29, 2025  
 September 26, 2025  
 October 31, 2025  
 November 21, 2025  
 December 19, 2025

### CITY OF NOBLESVILLE UTILITIES COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The City of Noblesville Utilities Council Committee will meet on the following dates in 2025. Meetings will be held in the administration conference room at the Utility Office, 197 Washington Street, Noblesville, IN at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

February 27, 2025  
 May 29, 2025  
 August 28, 2025  
 November 20, 2025

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## 3 New Businesses Coming to Carmel City Center

Carmel City Center will soon have the addition of three new businesses to its mix of offerings. SweatHouz, VERVE and Indy Homes will open this summer in the new Wren building.

**Sweathouz (SWTHZ)** is thrilled to announce the upcoming grand opening of its luxurious contrast therapy studio at the new Wren building in Carmel City Center this summer. The state-of-the-art facility will provide a unique recovery journey with a scientifically backed approach to self-care, combining hot and cold temperatures for optimal mental and physical performance and wellness.

At SWTHZ, guests can indulge in up to 60 minutes in their own private contrast therapy suite, featuring an infrared sauna, cold plunge, and vitamin-C shower. The studio will boast seven elegantly designed suites—each accommodating one to two guests—and an ADA-accessible suite designed for up to four people. Each session is fully customizable, allowing guests to tailor their experience to meet their individual wellness needs.

“We are excited to bring SWTHZ to the Carmel community, a place we love for its vibrant, walkable environment and commitment to health and wellness,” said franchise co-owner Zanna Foley. “Our goal is to create a

sanctuary where clients can unwind, recover, and rejuvenate.”

“We are passionate about health and wellness, and we can’t wait to share the transformative experience of SWTHZ with our community,” added co-owner Jeanette Ray. “Our team is dedicated to providing an exceptional experience that promotes holistic recovery and well-being.” Each suite is meticulously maintained by staff after every session, guaranteeing a pristine environment for all clients.

The benefits of contrast therapy at SWTHZ are numerous, including boosted immune system, reduced stress levels, enhanced muscle recovery, lower mortality rates, improved mood and heart health, effective detox and cleansing, decreased inflammation, increased calorie burn and metabolism, and enhanced overall performance. SWTHZ will be open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kristie Smith, a 25-year industry veteran, is thrilled to announce the relocation of her real estate brokerage, Indy Homes, to a sleek, new office space at Carmel City Center. After outgrowing their former downtown Carmel location, Indy Homes is expanding to a spacious 1,200-square-foot space designed with flexibility in mind. The

new office features an open, modern layout that reflects the team’s innovative approach to real estate.

At Indy Homes, clients can expect personalized service thanks to the expertise of Kristie Smith and her team of experienced professionals. The brokerage specializes in transforming homes they take to market, offering these services at no charge to sellers. By using a combination of design, staging, and strategic improvements, Indy Homes creates “must-have” homes that generate bidding wars, even in today’s more competitive and softened real estate market. This commitment to delivering top-dollar results for sellers has made Indy Homes one of the most trusted names in the city.

In addition to her real estate venture, Kristie Smith is bringing something truly special to Carmel with the upcoming opening of VERVE, a women’s fashion boutique. Slated for a summer 2025 debut, VERVE will offer an exceptional selection of luxury brands, carefully curated to combine the timeless with the modern. The boutique will feature highly coveted names like Alice + Olivia, L’Agence, ALC, Milly, Ramy Brook, Brochu Walker, Kerri Rosenthal, LoveShackFancy, and more.

**VERVE** will be a one-stop destination for women who appreciate quality, sophistication, and style. Exclusive to the boutique will be collections from Alice + Olivia, Dorothee Shumaker, L’Agence, Milly, and Brochu Walker, ensuring that shoppers will have access to some of the fashion world’s most coveted lines. The store’s design will reflect a luxurious, yet welcoming vibe, combining feminine elegance with a hint of Kristie’s signature pink, making the shopping experience feel like stepping into a celebrity closet.

“We are so excited to bring these two new ventures to Carmel City Center,” said Kristie Smith. “Indy Homes has become known for its ability to transform homes and deliver exceptional results for sellers. With VERVE, we can offer women a shopping experience that celebrates luxury, beauty, and timeless style. Both businesses reflect my commitment to excellence and my passion for making Carmel an even more vibrant and dynamic community.”

“We are thrilled to welcome these businesses to Carmel City Center this summer,” says Melissa Averitt, senior vice president at Pedcor Companies. “The addition of Sweathouz and VERVE expands the Center’s fashion district and wellness offerings along with Indy Homes offering expertise in residential real estate.”

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