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TODAY'S VERSE

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?" (NASB)

Hamilton Happenings

Hamilton County property owners now have the option to receive their Notice of Assessment of Land and Improvements (Form 11) electronically, rather than by U.S. mail. The Assessor's Office has traditionally mailed the forms in April, but residents can now opt to have them emailed instead. Form 11 details the assessed value of a property, which serves as the starting point for calculating annual property tax payments. To get Form 11 via email, submit the request by the end of the day on March 25. Both electronic and mailed notices will be sent on April 30. Property owners can complete the online form on the Hamilton County Assessor's website or at this link: <https://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/2073/F-11-Email-Notification-Request>

Three Things You Should Know

1 Our friends at MyBioSource say that Pulaski County as the most dangerous county in Indiana, in terms of injury-related fatalities. They analyzed data from 2020 to 2024 and found that Pulaski County experienced a dramatic increase of 38 deaths per 100,000 people, the highest rise of any county in the state. Scott, Marion, Delaware and Wayne counties rounded out the top five. Conversely, the five safest are: Daviess, Blackford, 3; Perry, Gibson and Tipton. When it comes to states, West Virginia was the worst with Louisiana a close second. Indiana ranked 11th and the safest state in the U.S. was Utah.

2 The Indiana DNR recently honored its volunteers, partners and employees for their commitment to conserve, manage, and interpret resources while creating memorable experiences for guests in 2024. Honorees included: Volunteers Brian Borgman and Don Glass from Versailles and Brown County respectively; and Alan and Jacki Bruner, Beata St. Clair, Greg and Clare Oskay, Lisa Summers, Marianne Ballenger, Nancy Swaim, and Peggy Foster from Turkey Run and Shades state parks.

3 The IEDC and Global Entrepreneurship Network shared that billionaire entrepreneur, philanthropist and investor Mark Cuban will be the keynote speaker for the 2025 Global Entrepreneurship Congress in Indianapolis June 2-5. A graduate of Indiana University, Cuban has achieved significant success as an entrepreneur and investor. In addition to founding disruptive companies like Cost Plus Drugs, which is transforming the prescription drug market, Cuban has invested in hundreds of companies and has served as a lead investor featured on the Emmy-Award-winning show "Shark Tank" since 2011.

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Ask Rusty – Did We Err by Starting Wife's Benefit Now?



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

**Social Security Matters**  
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**Dear Rusty:**  
I hope we haven't made a mistake! My wife just applied for her Social Security benefit. She was born in May 1962, and the estimated amount of her benefit is \$1280 / month. Her work income last year was \$5,616; however, mine was about \$65,000. I do not plan on taking my benefit until the age of 70 in July of 2027.

My worry now is about the penalty for earning too much. We figured that since her income was so low, we wouldn't have to worry about that penalty, so we signed her up, and then it hit me: what if they look at MY income, especially since our tax return is filed as Married Filing Jointly. Do we have a problem, or are they just going to look at HER income to determine if there is a penalty? I hope I haven't messed this up. Also, I think I read that any penalty you are

assessed for earning too much is returned to you once you reach FRA; is that true?

**Signed: Uncomfortable Senior Citizen**

**Dear Uncomfortable Senior:** First, let me ease your anxiety – you haven't "messed this up." While it's true that your income will be included when the IRS determines how much of your wife's Social Security benefits are taxable, changing your IRS filing status is usually not wise. However, considering your combined income and your "married / jointly" IRS filing status, up to 85% of the SS benefits your wife receives during the tax year will be included as part of your overall taxable income as a married couple. Your wife's monthly SS benefit is about \$1,280, so about \$13,000 (annually) will be

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Don't Fall Victim to 'Smishing' Toll Road Texts

Hoosiers statewide – like our peers across the U.S. – have seen texts pop up on their phones in recent months warning of unpaid fees from toll roads.



Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warns that most of the texts come from scammers, which Indiana Toll Road label as SMS Phishing or "smishing" ruses – and the worst thing you can do is click on any of the seemingly helpful, yet sinister, links.

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Average Hoosier Hasn't Broken a Sweat in 82 Days

For years, public health experts have waved red flags about America's slide into a sedentary lifestyle, tying it to a laundry list of health woes - heart disease, diabetes, you name it. But here's a question that's been simmering beneath the surface: Is this less about laziness and more about a cultural drift away from playing sports entirely? A new survey from

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Construction Ramping Up on Reimagine Pleasant Project

According to our friends in the Noblesville city government, construction activity will be ramping up for all three phases of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project as the weather continues to improve.

While Phase 1 is now open to traffic, crews will be planting trees, flowers and shrubs along the corridor as part of the commitment to create an aesthetically pleasing corridor. Other visually appealing items like stamped crosswalks and elements on Walnut Street to accommodate the Midland Trace Trail will be installed in the coming weeks.

Preliminary work for Phase 2 has begun, and crews will prepare the area along Pleasant Street between 13th and 16th streets for construction. Pleasant Street will be reconstructed and widened to four lanes, and a new bridge will be constructed over the Wilson Drain. When complete, Pleasant Street will serve as an emergency route, an important part of becoming a more resilient city.

Crews are continuing construction of the new bridge over Cicero Creek as part of Phase 3 construction. This summer, the intersection of Hague Road and SR 32 will be closed to build a new roundabout. As part of the project, which is being constructed in partnership with the Indiana Department of Transportation, two pedestrian tunnels are being installed: one under SR 32 and one under Pleasant Street. These tunnels provide a safe way for Midland Trace Trail users to cross Pleasant Street to continue along the trail, and to cross under State Road 32 in order to access the Hague Road Trail.

The official closure schedule and detour route are being finalized and will be released before the closure.

With construction season beginning in the coming weeks, stay up to date on all the active construction projects in Noblesville by visiting <https://www.reimaginepleasantst.com/navigating-noblesville>. The page is updated regularly with travel and closure information for key projects in the city.

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Read to your child every day instead of sitting her in front of the TV.



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

HONEST HOOSIER

The hired hands in Indianapolis don't like being called hired hands – says it's not respectful. Tell you what's not respectful – the fact that folks in elected office forget that we hired them and they are supposed to be working for us.



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

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Spring is far more than just a changing of seasons; it's a rebirth of the spirit."  
Toni Sorenson

TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear the one about the future, the past and the present walking into a bar?  
It's a little tense.



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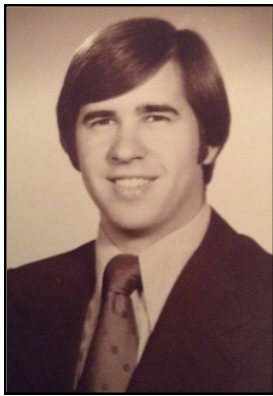


# ➔ OBITUARY

## John Richie Osler

April 1, 1951 - March 17, 2025

John Richie Osler, 73, of Carmel, IN, passed away peacefully in his home on March 17, 2025. He was born April 1, 1951, in Coldwater, MI, son of the late Paul W. and Elnora L. (Brunson) Osler.



John was a 1974 graduate of Butler University where he received both a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Art degree. He worked in Indianapolis radio at WIBC and WNAP, focusing on sports broadcasts with Jerry Baker and Bob Lamey. He also worked with Lamey on Indianapolis Colts radio broadcasts from 1984-2011.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Cathie Reamer.

He is survived by his nephew, Jim Reamer.

John's wishes were there not be a formal funeral service; however, there may be something informal at a later date.

In memory of John, memorial contributions may be made to Butler University, Eugene S. Pullman School of Journalism and Creative Media. Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.

## Sen. Scott Baldwin Praises NSEF

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) had a lot of positives to share after some good news from the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.

"This week, the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF) announced a \$50,000 increase in funding for their Mental Health Support Fund," Baldwin said. "This is an investment in students' wellbeing. With this new investment, the students and faculty of Noblesville will have access to more counselors and the opportunity to participate in individual reimbursement plans for mental health treatments that exist outside the school system. "I am pleased with Noblesville and their willingness to go above and beyond for their

students. Not only will lives of Hoosier youth change because of this increase in funding, but it will also create a safer school community.

"Mental well-being is one of the most important topics for young students, and I am proud of Noblesville for making continuous efforts to show to their students that mental health matters," he added. "I encourage students who are struggling with mental health to use this resource to their full advantage. Thank you so much NSEF for making our schools a safe space where students can get access to the important care they need."

Baldwin represents Senate District 20, which includes Noblesville, Carmel, Cicero and unincorporated areas of Hamilton County.

# Miller Palooza!

Another year of the popular Miller Palooza has come and gone and Noblesville Schools officials are excited to announce that the signature fundraiser brought in a whopping \$160,000 – a new record! Miller Palooza continues to grow through the efforts of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation. The money will support a wide variety of enrichment, recognition and support initiatives for educators and students. In addition, the inaugural class of inductees for the Noblesville Schools Hall of Fame was announced.



## Elks Install Officers; Honor Deserving Stars

Last week, members and guests of Noblesville Elks #576, gathered to witness the installation of the new team of officers who will lead the Lodge for the coming year.

Officers for 2025/2026 are: Phil Anderson, Exalted Ruler

Jerry Wides, Leading Knight

Kim Koepfer, Loyal Knight

Treva Vallier, Lecturing Knight

Geoff Robinson, PSP, Secretary

Mark Murphy, Treasurer

Chris Ferguson, Inner Guard

Lisa Robinson, Tiler

Jeff Brown, PER, Esquire

Michael Huber, Chaplin

and Trustees Steve Vallier, PER, Ed Koepfer, Blair Carmosino

The Outgoing Exalted Ruler, Steve Vallier awarded "Elk of the Year" honors to the Sweitzers, Mike and Marta. "Officer of the Year" honors went to newly installed Exalted Ruler Phil Anderson and the "Citizen of the Year" honors went to Mark and Lisa Hall.

Looking ahead to an exciting year for the Elks. The Noblesville lodge will celebrate 125 years in 2025. There are many events being planned to mark this milestone. The Elks will be open to the public in conjunction with the Peony Festival May 17 for tours or questions about the lodge. Many more anniversary events will continue through the month leading to the Finale on June 23.

For more information about the Elks, check out Elks.org.



The Noblesville Elks Officers will help celebrate 125 years in Noblesville.



Phil Anderson, Exalted Ruler, received Officer of the Year



Mike Sweitzer was named Elk of the Year

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF FISHERS ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE TA-25-3

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: [https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public\\_meeting\\_comment\\_form](https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form)  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: <http://tinyurl.com/CityOfFishers>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Fishers Advisory Plan Commission at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at Fishers Municipal Center Theater, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # TA-25-3 - Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to various chapters, including Chapter 4, 6, and 8 (Case TA-25-3).

LOCATION: Citywide.

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers Municipal Center, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:

City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department  
planning@fishers.in.us  
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# Noblesville Hall of Fame Inductees Honored

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included in your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) when you file your taxes. You can have income tax withheld from your wife's SS benefit by filing IRS Form W-4V at your local SS office (you can have 7%, 10%, 12% or 22% withheld). Note your wife's tax obligation for this year will be less because she will not get SS benefits for all of 2025.

The other thing you are concerned about is whether your income will be counted when determining if your wife will be subject to Social Security's "Annual Earnings Test (AET)," and the answer to that is "no." At her current earnings level (about \$5,600), your wife is well below the annual earnings limit (\$23,400 for 2025) for those collecting early Social Security benefits. So, the AET will not apply and will not reduce your wife's monthly Social Security benefit. FYI, if her earnings did exceed the annual earnings limit, it is true that some of the resulting penalty would be recovered after she reaches her full retirement age (FRA) of 67.

Note the distinction between "taxation of SS benefits", and the "annual earnings test" for those collecting early benefits. Taxation of benefits is always based on your joint income when filing married/jointly, but the Annual Earnings Test (AET) looks only at your wife's personal work earnings until she reaches her FRA.

As I expect you already know, by claiming now (at age 62+), your wife's monthly SS retirement

benefit will be permanently reduced (by about 26%). Until you later claim your SS benefit, your wife will receive her reduced personal SS retirement amount. But, when you claim, her benefit amount will be reassessed to see if she is also entitled to an incremental amount as your wife. If her SS entitlement at her FRA (even though she claimed at 62+) is less than 50% of your FRA entitlement, then her benefit will increase. However, she will not get the full 50% of your FRA entitlement because she claimed her own SS retirement benefit before her FRA (more likely, she will get about 34% of your FRA entitlement).

In the end, you really did not make a mistake by filing for your wife's Social Security to start now. By the time you personally apply at age 70, your wife will have collected about \$46,000 in Social Security benefits which, I'm sure, will be helpful. And only a relatively modest amount of income tax will be paid on her Social Security benefits.

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"These fraudsters try to create a sense of urgency," Rokita said. "Often, they include triggering phrases like 'final warning' or 'last chance.' They threaten increased fines or legal penalties if the supposed fees are not promptly paid. The important thing is to pause, take a breath and recognize the red flags."

Here's how to protect yourself:

- Don't respond to spam texts. This allows scammers to know your account is active.
- Never click on any links you receive by text or email. Clicking could enable scammers to steal your identity.
- To find out whether you have outstanding charges, check with tolling agencies by using verified phone numbers or websites that you know are legitimate.

- Report text scams by forwarding them to 7726 (SPAM) or using your phone's "report junk" option. This helps your wireless provider spot and block similar messages.
- Block numbers from which you've received unwanted messages.
- Use restricted phone settings to reduce spam text messages.
- Never share any personal information over text or unsolicited links.
- Put a freeze on your credit to prevent new accounts from being opened in your name in the event of a breach.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, file a complaint at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com) with Attorney General Rokita's office.



**Richard Dellinger**

Noblesville Schools has announced eight inaugural inductees into their new Hall of Fame.

"These individuals have made a significant, positive impact on our schools and the Noblesville community, and are more than worthy of this recognition," shared Dr. Dan Hile, superintendent of Noblesville Schools. "We're pleased to officially and permanently honor their legacy with Noblesville Schools and look forward to celebrating them with their family and friends at our Hall of Fame induction ceremony later this year."

The honorees are:

**Richard Dellinger**  
Richard (Dick) Dellinger joined Noblesville High School in 1959 as a government teacher and spent almost 40 years inspiring thousands, including fellow Hall of Fame honoree Kathy Kreag Williams who attributes her involvement with government to Dellinger. A beloved educator, senior class sponsor, "Voice of the Millers," 150th anniversary Noble Miller, and longtime state legislator representing Noblesville, Dellinger was an active community contributor during his lifetime and a proud reflection of Noblesville Schools.

### **Vickie Ely**

Vickie Ely graduated from Noblesville High School, married her NHS sweetheart, and began working at Noblesville Schools washing dishes in the NHS cafeteria at the age of 18. She worked her way up to managing the cafeteria and a staff of 20 employees, serving millions of school meals over 40 years of service. Ely is a hard worker, always willing to adapt and learn new skills. Serving lunch was more than just a job to her and she is especially known for her kind leadership, care for students and love for Noblesville Schools.

### **Julia Church Kozicki**

A Noblesville High School graduate, Jeopardy champion, and one of the longest serving school board members in



**Vickie Ely**

Noblesville Schools history, Julia Church Kozicki is known not only for her numerous influential contributions to the district, but also her state leadership in school law, finance and policy. Kozicki championed multiple referendum campaigns, served on the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation board, led several community organizations and has received numerous recognition honors including being named a 150th anniversary Noble Miller.

### **John Land**

A Noblesville High School graduate, and former Noblesville Schools educator and principal for nearly 40 years, John Land was the first to lead Hazel Dell Elementary when it opened in 1989 and was adored by students, staff and families throughout his years of service. A humble leader, he advocated for others, created a culture of excellence and belonging, and had a gift for making everyone in his school feel special. When he wasn't cheering on the Millers and supporting students, he was creating a lasting legacy of compassion and community.

### **Bryan Mills**

Noblesville High School graduate, 150th anniversary Noble Miller, and distinguished Central Indiana community leader, Bryan Mills maintains his strong Noblesville roots. He is an attentive and generous supporter of Noblesville Schools, Noblesville Youth Baseball, the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, and United Way of Central Indiana. A Sunday school teacher and former coach, in addition to his role as CEO of Community Health, Mills was instrumental in developing a new partnership to provide enhanced mental health services to students and staff at Noblesville Schools.

### **Tony Oilar**

A Noblesville Schools institution for more than 40 years, rumor has it that former educator, coach, and athletic director Tony Oilar directs black and



**Julia Church Kozicki**

gold. Oilar is respected for his strong relationships with students, coaches, teachers, and community members, his deep knowledge of Millers history, and his strong work ethic. A 150th anniversary Noble Miller, Miller Backers supporter, and member of the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, his passion for athletics has helped lead thousands of Millers to victory.

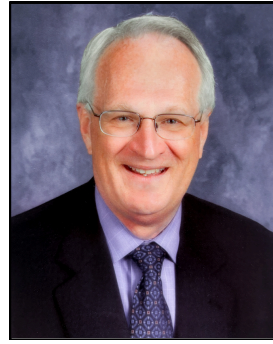
### **Rick Towle**

Rick Towle was at the heart of middle school education in Noblesville for nearly 40 years and is a 150th anniversary Noble Miller. Formerly a science teacher at Noblesville East Middle School, Towle is known for creating an outdoor education center, leading students to the rainforest, coaching, directing drama productions, serving as an assistant athletic director, managing AV, catering meals, running food drives and much more. His wealth of knowledge and unwavering support of students and staff made him a respected leader and mentor to many.

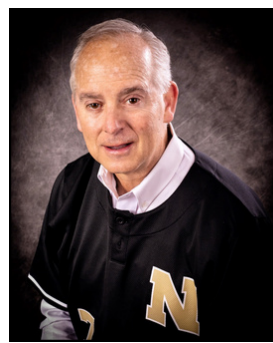
### **Kathy Kreag Williams**

Perhaps one of the most well-known Millers fans, Noblesville High School graduate Kathy Kreag Williams can frequently be seen at events demonstrating her black & gold pride. Noblesville's representative in the Indiana House for 26 years, Williams is a dedicated school supporter. A Miller Ambassador and 150th anniversary Noble Miller, she was a leader in the NHS Alumni Association for many years and now spreads her love for our schools through her service with the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.

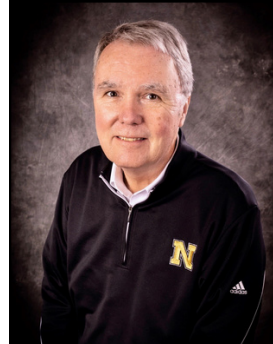
The district solicited Hall of Fame nominations from the community and a selection committee chose individuals who best demonstrated exceptional service, support, accomplishments or contributions to Noblesville Schools. The Hall of Fame initiative is a



**John Land**



**Bryan Mills**



**Tony Oilar**



**Rick Towle**



**Kathy Kreag Williams**

collaboration between Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF), with honorees being announced at NSEF's 2025 Miller-Palooza event. The district is currently exploring options for a permanent structure to honor Hall of Fame inductees and will share more details as those plans are finalized.

Nominations are open for future Hall of Fame inductees. Eligibility criteria, nomination guidelines and the application to nominate can be found at <https://www.noblesvilleschools.org/community/noblesville-schools-hall-of-fame>

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# Which Hoosier Hometown Wins Purdue Fantasy bracketology?



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Instead of filling out an NCAA tournament bracket this week and losing to someone

who picked winners by school mascots, I decided on an eight-team fantasy tournament based on the hometowns of Purdue basketball players.

The top seed as voted upon by me is Fort Wayne, which edged Indianapolis for the honor. Both cities have sent very talented players to West Lafayette but the depth of talent from Allen County was the edge.

Picture this starting lineup: Walter Jordan, Rapheal Davis, Caleb Swanigan, Eugene Parker and Ricky Hall. Coming off the bench is Fletcher Loyer, Tony Jones, the father and son team of Greg and Grady Eifert, Alan Eldridge and Caleb Furst.

Jordan, a 6-7 forward, scored 1,813 points as a Boilermaker. Davis and Hall are former Big Ten Defensive Players of the Year. Parker scored 1,430 points and was a four-year starter alongside Jordan from 1974 to 1978. Swanigan was Big Ten Player of the Year in 2017 and one of the greatest rebounders to wear gold and black.

Indianapolis also boasts a Big Ten Player of the Year in JaJuan Johnson, whose length at 6-11 and ability to shoot outside made him a difficult defensive matchup. Who better than Billy Keller to play point guard while also being a threat from outside? According to his Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame biography, Willie Merriweather was versatile enough to play all five positions at 6-5. Merriweather was an All-American selection in 1959.

Frank Kendrick could score (1,269 points in three seasons) and rebound (664 career), making him a perfect fit alongside Johnson and Merriweather. It was a close call for shooting guard, but Joe Sexson gets the nod over David Teague and Mel Garland. Sexson left Purdue as its all-time leading scorer and most notably was the Boilermakers' first Indiana Mr. Basketball winner.

Team Indianapolis fields a strong bench with Teague, Garland, 1934 All-American Emmett Lowery and Terone Johnson.

Glenn Robinson leads third-seeded Gary in this fantasy tournament. The 1994 College Player of the Year and 1991 Indiana Mr. Basketball is part of a strong front line that includes first-team All-Big Ten selections A.J. Hammons and Jim Bullock. The 7-foot Hammons is another former Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year. Bullock averaged 14.2 points and 6.6 rebounds as a senior in 1985.

In the backcourt, Kenneth Lowe was a two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the year (2003-04). Wilson Eison, the 1955 Indiana Mr. Basketball, averaged 18.7 points and 13 rebounds a game as a senior in 1959. The Gary bench isn't deep after brothers Gary and Greg McQuay.

Evansville earns the No. 4 seed, led by 1966 national scoring champion Dave Schellhase. All-Big Ten forward Bob Ford scored 1,244 points from 1970-72, and 6-10 Matt Kiefer fills out the front line.

Larry Weatherford, who was overshadowed by Rick Mount and Billy Keller early in his Purdue career, averaged 21.1 points as a senior in 1971. The other guard is more famous for his primary sport. Bob Griese played varsity basketball as a sophomore before wisely devoting all of his time to an eventual Hall of Fame football career.

Speaking of Mount, he carries the offensive load for fifth-seeded Lebanon, which fields a four-guard/one forward lineup. It's a family fantasy team that features Mount's son, Rich, and the Walker brothers. Brian Walker was the point guard on the 1980 Final Four team, and elder brother Steve, the tallest Lebanon player at 6-5, was the sixth man. The fifth starter is 1921 consensus All-American Donald

White, who led the Big Ten in scoring as a senior.

Another guard-heavy team is sixth-seeded South Bend. NBA Draft lottery pick Jaden Ivey of the Detroit Pistons is joined by high-scoring guard Jaraan Cornell. Point guard Brandon McKnight also has Darmetreis Kilgore as a third scoring option.

Ed Ehlers, a 6-3 forward in the 1940s, was one of the greatest athletes of his time. His coach at South Bend Central? John Wooden.

In addition to being the first draft pick in Boston Celtics history, Ehlers was selected in the 31st round of the 1947 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears. He also spent three seasons with the New York Yankees organization and two with the Chicago Cubs.

East Chicago earns the seventh seed thanks to guard E'Twaun Moore, one of six 2,000-point scorers in Purdue history. Drake Morris was a starting forward for the 1980 Final Four team and ended up with 1,250 career points. Brandon Brantley was an undersized center at 6-8 but nonetheless helped Purdue win three Big Ten championships in the 1990s.

Don Beck was another undersized center in his time. The 6-5 Beck averaged 9.5 and 11 rebounds per game as a junior and senior in the mid 1950s. Beck averaged 12.2 points a game as a senior.

After leading East Chicago Washington to the 1960 Indiana state title, Phil Dawkins started for three seasons at Purdue, playing three different positions.

Lafayette gets the eighth seed with quantity, if not quality depth. Jewell Young was a two-time consensus All-American guard and a two-time Big Ten scoring champion. Young's running mate with Lafayette Jeff in the 1930s, John Sines, played pro basketball after his Purdue days with the Indianapolis Kautskys.

Denny Brady was the first of three consecutive Indiana Mr. Basketball winners recruited to Purdue. Brady led Lafayette Jeff to a state title in 1964 but gave up his senior season at Purdue to sign a pro baseball contract with the Cleveland Indians organization.

Lafayette Jeff graduate Dennis Blind was Purdue's first 1,000-point scorer, and Central Catholic alumnus Henry Ebershoff was a strong No. 2 scorer (15.1 as a junior, 15.8 as a senior) next to Dave Schellhase for George King's first two Purdue squads.

The bench is led by 6-9 Ryan Berning of Lafayette Jeff, a good outside shooter for Gene Keady from 1986 to 1990. Edward Elliott, the son of former Purdue president Edward C. Elliott, played center for three Big Ten championship teams from 1934-36 after his playing days at Lafayette Jeff.

One of the more popular Purdue players in recent memory is Bobby Riddell. The former Harrison High School standout is now the analyst on Purdue men's basketball radio broadcasts.

Ted Dunn was a 6-5 center who followed Jeff teammate Blind across the Wabash River and started as a junior and a senior. The father-son tandem of John and Dru Anthrop, who starred at Central Catholic, provide guard depth.

## Smith goes 4-for-4

Braden Smith became a consensus first-team All-America guard, adding honors from The Associated Press, the United States Basketball Writers Association and the National Association of Basketball Coaches this week in addition to his previous selection from The Sporting News.

Smith is the seventh consensus All-American under coach Matt Painter, joining JaJuan Johnson (2011), Caleb Swanigan (2017), Carsen Edwards (2019), Jaden Ivey

(2022) and Zach Edey (2023, 2024). No school has had three consensus All-Americans during the past three seasons. Purdue has had an All-American in four straight seasons, the longest streak in the country.

Smith took averages of 16.1 points, 8.7 assists, 4.6 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game into Purdue's NCAA tournament opener Thursday against High Point.

The Indiana Mr. Basketball from Westfield also made the 10-man semifinalist list for the Naismith Trophy, given annually to the nation's top college basketball player.

## Short-term memory

Despite having two first-team All-Big Ten players and a third returning starter from last year's NCAA runner-up team, Purdue was a popular upset pick by some in the national media when the tournament draw was announced Sunday. The Boilermakers weren't lacking for believers, however. Eddie Timanus of USA Today lists Purdue as a sleeper in the Midwest Regional, headed by Houston, Tennessee and Kentucky.

"Purdue will not be favored to make it back to championship weekend and just getting through the first couple of rounds will be difficult. But they have plenty of experienced hands including a couple other starters who are familiar with the pressures of March.

While noting a 13 seed has defeated a No. 4 seed in all but two NCAA tournaments, Daniel Chavkin of the Sporting News says High Point defeating Purdue "feels improbable."

"It feels like Purdue is a year away from unleashing a monster, as nearly the Boilermakers' entire core is eligible to return next season. This Purdue team is very good, but it hasn't looked the part of a Final Four contender after last year's run to the

national championship game.

"The scoring options get remarkably thin after (Braden Smith, Trey Kaufman-Renn and Fletcher Loyer). ... Size is also an issue for Purdue, which dropped from 10th nationally in rebounds last season to 315th without Zach Edey."

Smith, Kaufman-Renn and Loyer combine to average 50.1 points per game. Freshman guard C.J. Cox is Purdue's No. 4 scorer at 5.9.

"In the first round, it's easy to envision Smith's playmaking ability, Kaufman-Renn's scoring and Loyer's shooting overwhelming an opponent," Chavkin writes. "Unless someone else can step up, a deep run is much harder to envision, though coach Matt Painter continues to get the most out of his teams.

"The Boilermakers have the talent advantage and the matchup advantage, which means they should be able to hold off the upset. Purdue may not replicate its Final Four run from last year, but it feels like the Boilermakers got a good break facing a team whose defense is its biggest weakness."

Amazingly, Purdue's streak of eight consecutive top four seeds is the nation's longest active run and tied for the fourth-longest in NCAA Tournament history. The Boilermakers earned the Midwest Region's fourth seed, the eighth straight tournament that Purdue has been named a top-four seed – the longest active streak in the country and fourth longest in NCAA Tournament history behind Kansas (19), Duke (12) and North Carolina (11).

*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.*

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# ↓ SWEAT From Page A1

LiveSportsonTV.com digs into this, polling 3,024 adults to find out how many have swapped cleats for remotes - and why.

The findings paint a telling picture. When asked, "When's the last time you played a sport that made you break a sweat?" the average Hoosier said it was 82 days ago (compared to a national average of 98 days). That's almost three months since they last huffed and puffed on a field, court, or trail. But the numbers vary wildly across the country. Take North Dakota: folks there haven't broken a sweat in an average of 188 days - over half a year. Meanwhile, Colorado residents are practically still wiping their brows, averaging just 19 days since their last workout-worthy game. It's a stark divide that hints at more than just climate or terrain.

Then there's the choice between doing and viewing. LiveSportsonTV.com asked, "If you had an hour to spend on sports, would you rather play or watch?" In Indiana, only 29% picked playing over watching - a stat that might make gym teachers everywhere wince. North Dakotans, true to form, were the least enthusiastic, with just 11% opting to lace up. Coloradans, on the other hand, flexed their active streak again, with 67% saying they'd rather be in the game than on the couch. It's a split that suggests geography, culture, or maybe just habit plays a bigger role than we think.

Losing the Love - and What Might Bring It Back The survey didn't stop at sweat stains and screen time. It also probed whether Hoosiers have simply fallen out of love with playing sports. Here, 31 percent admitted they've lost interest - perhaps a reflection of declining local options or shifting priorities.

So what's holding people back - and what could pull them in? The answers offer a glimpse into the practical and psychological barriers:

- 44 percent said they'd play if they had friends or a group to join. It's a reminder that sports, at their core, are social - and loneliness or a lack of buddies might be sidelining more people than we realize.

- 27 percent blamed a lack of free time. Between work, family, and the endless scroll of streaming options, carving out an hour to shoot hoops isn't as simple as it sounds.
- 16 percent pointed to a shortage of local opportunities or facilities. If the nearest court is miles away or the community league folded years ago, motivation can fizzle fast.
- 14 percent got creative, saying they'd play if they could do it from home - like virtual reality sports. It's a nod to how tech might just bridge the gap for the housebound or the hesitant.

When it comes to big events like March Madness, viewing habits reveal a state of casual fans rather than diehards. Only 11 percent watch every game religiously, while 40 percent catch a few when they can. Another 21 percent tune in only if their team is in the mix, and 28 percent skip the whole spectacle entirely. For basketball buffs who do watch, the survey pegged their March Madness screen time at an eye-popping 59 hours - proof that when the stakes are high, the couch still calls.

Game-day rituals tell a similar story. A hefty 57 percent order wings and settle in, treating watching as their sport of choice. Just 16 percent hit the field themselves before kicking back, while 12 percent tinker with fantasy lineups and 14 percent scour betting odds - more invested in the spread than the sweat.

Interactive map showing the last time people exercised properly in each state: <https://www.livesportsontv.com/news/american-sports-divide-survey-maps-where-were-watching-more-playing-less>

"We're seeing a real shift in how people engage with sports," says Emil Stuesson of LiveSportsonTV.com "It's not just about time or access - there's a cultural lean toward spectating over participating. But the appetite to play is still there, especially when friends or local options make it feel less like a chore and more like a good time. We need to meet people where they are - whether that's building more courts or finding ways to make sports social again."

# One Artist Show at Art League Next Month

A One-Artist-Show by Indiana artist Roy Boswell will be featured at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery in Greenwood next month. Boswell will be exhibiting a unique collection of oil and acrylic paintings.

Boswell, born in 1985, is based in Butlerville, Ind. His subject matter reflects his personal connection to his childhood on a family farm, exploring themes of nostalgia and rural tranquility. His work is characterized by tight

value families, inventive color palettes and well-designed compositions.

The journey of creating art is as unique as the artists themselves. For Boswell, the process of crafting smaller paintings, sketches and value and color studies plays a crucial role in transforming disparate external influences into cohesive works of art. These preparatory pieces serve as a bridge, helping him to shape a unified vision for his painting that

effectively communicates an idea. This exhibit offers a glimpse into this crucial phase of refining, distilling and letting go of what is unnecessary, while allowing the essence of the idea to emerge.

Boswell has won numerous Best of Show awards, including Indiana Heritage Arts Annual Exhibition, Richmond Art Museum Annual Exhibition (twice), First Blush of Fall (twice), Carmel on Canvas, and Will Vawter Annual

Exhibition. His artwork will be displayed from April 2-26 at the Southside Art League, Inc. Off Broadway Gallery. It's located at 299 E. Broadway St. in historic Old Town Greenwood. The gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a reception for Boswell at a SALI Open House on Friday, April 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

# 4 Heights Robotics Teams Head to State



From left, Kase Powell, Rylee Mellinger, JD Crask, Mikko Kikta and Tommy Girolamo.



From left, Grayson Pickering, Linley Bryan, Royce Bowyer and Ryder Holt.



From left, Maddy Higgins, Wyndham Jung, Levi VanAlstine, Lilly Higgins and Reagan VanKirk.



From left, Sammy Heuer and Levi Heuer.

Hamilton Heights Middle School is electrified with excitement as four of its robotics teams—214A, 214B, 214E, and 214F—gear up for the 2025 Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship Saturday. After securing their spots through impressive performances earlier this season, these talented students are taking their best to the state stage. This marks an incredible milestone as HHMS teams head to the state competition for the

eighth consecutive year.

The powerhouse teams are guided by Head Coach Lacy Bowyer and Assistant Coach Chad Jung, whose leadership and passion fuel their success.

Known as the largest state robotics competition in the nation, the Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship will bring together the best teams from elementary, middle and high schools across Indiana. Teams


qualify by earning state-qualifying awards at local events, and HHMS has once again risen to the challenge with exceptional performances throughout the season.

"Our students are outstanding," said Lacy Bowyer, Robotics Teacher and Coach at Hamilton Heights Middle School. "They dedicate themselves daily and possess exceptional skills in what they do. They research effective strategies and continuously adjust to maintain their edge in

competition." "VEX Robotics is an incredible program that equips students with a wide range of skills that will serve them well beyond the classroom."

The Indiana VEX Robotics State Championship is Saturday at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The event is free (entry donations accepted) and open to the public. The community is invited to show support by helping cheer on the Hamilton Heights Middle School Robotics teams.

# KENNY THOMPSON



With decades of experience as an award-winning sports writer and sports editor – most of it covering Purdue athletics – Kenny Thompson has a perspective and inside knowledge that few others have. Whether it's putting what's going on in the Big Ten in historical perspective or shooting straight from the hip on what's happening today, no one has a better take on Purdue and sports than Kenny!

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# 21 Choirs to Perform At NHS Competition



NHS Singers will perform their "NHS Singers Sink the Love Boat" during Saturday's Indiana Show Choir Championships.



Photos courtesy of Matthew Doudt Photography

Sensation will be sensational at Saturday's Indiana Show Choir Championships.

**The Times**  
Noblesville High School's Choral Department is excited to be a host for NHS's second Indiana Show Choir Championships on Saturday at Noblesville High School.

The community can join these choirs for a full day celebrating the excellence of high school show choir in the state that started it all.

NHS choir directors John Neubauer and Julianne Fowler are helping bring this competition to NHS where 18 choirs from nine schools will compete all day long with awards in the evening. Plus three NHS show choirs will perform exhibition shows at various times throughout the day, which runs from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Awards will be at 2:10 p.m. and 10:40 p.m.

"It is wonderful for the choir community in Noblesville to host this event gathering great

choirs from all over the state," Neubauer said. "We share our hospitality and show them the community and class that encompasses the musical community in Noblesville."

NHS expects more than 800 high school students, plus an additional more than 1,500 adults from around Indiana to attend. Plus a lot of show choir singers who still live in the area and folks in the community who are interested in watching these show choirs are expected to attend. The event is open to the public.

A pancake and sausage breakfast made by Noblesville Kiwanis Sunrisers and served up by NHS choir volunteers. Food will be available all day.

There will be small univoice, large univoice, small mixed and large mixed show choirs that hail from



Noblesville High School's New Dimension is set to shine Saturday at NHS.

Anderson Prep High School, Ben Davis, Bishop Luers, Brownsburg, Carroll, Franklin Community, New Castle, Northridge and Warren Central.

Noblesville High School show choirs - NHS Singers, New Dimension and Sensation -- will perform exhibition shows during the Championships. The NHS Singers, the school's oldest show choir, has been a key component of the NHS Choral Music community since the 1970s.

Gaylor Electric stepped up again for the second year as Indiana Show Choir Championships' Presenting Sponsor. Plus Noblesville's George Kristo is again a Gold Sponsor. There are many other sponsors and supporters for this event, including The Times.

Tickets are \$20 for the full day and available at the door.

For more information visit <https://noblesvillechoirs.org/>

# Pickl'r Opening in Westfield in '26

The City of Westfield is excited to announce The Picklr, North America's fastest-growing indoor pickleball franchise, headquartered in Kaysville, Utah, will open its third Indiana location in Westfield, just north of Grand Park Sports Campus, in early 2026.

The 32,000 sq. ft. Picklr will feature 12 courts, including 2 championship-sized courts, with high-quality proprietary outdoor surfacing from Just Courts, the official court layer for The Professional Pickleball Association (PPA) and The Picklr; as well as a full pro shop; private community/event room; and a patio for outdoor events.

"We know that Westfield will be a great location for The Picklr, and this will fill a need for courts that our residents are always asking for," stated Mayor Scott Willis. "Pickleball is wildly popular in Westfield and we look forward to working with them throughout the process to bring this to fruition."

The Picklr Westfield will be in a newly built, free-span building as part of a retail development project at 191st Street and Grand Park Boulevard, directly across from Grand Park Sports Campus. Members of The Picklr will have access to unlimited open play, league play, and tournaments, and an option to enroll in private and semi-private

lessons and clinics by The Picklr's certified trainers. Additionally, members will have the ability to use their membership at The Picklr locations nationwide.

"We are very excited to bring The Picklr to Westfield as our third location in central Indiana," commented Dave Gilreath and Ron Brock, local Indianapolis businessmen, and managing partners of Pickle Indy, LLC. "This new location, across the street from Grand Park, the Midwest's premier sports campus with 5.5 million visits a year, is perfect for avid pickleball players and a great location for expanding the reach of this sport."

This new club continues The Picklr's commitment to meeting the demand for top-notch indoor pickleball experiences while partnering with enthusiastic franchise owners who support and nurture The Picklr's pickleball communities nationwide. This new club is part of The Picklr's national expansion, including more than 475 new locations with roughly 4,750 courts being built over the next few years.

Players can learn more about the Westfield, Indiana, location at: <https://thepickl.com/location/westfield-in/>

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# Sheridan Public Library Gets Grant for STEM Kits

Sheridan Public Library was recently awarded a grant from Science Kits for Public Libraries - A Project of IEEE Region 4 (SKPL) to purchase high-quality, hands-on STEAM learning kits. A mission of SKPL is to provide libraries with these kits for all children - regardless of race, gender, financial condition, or home environment.

This exceptional grant has allowed SPL to create over 30 educational Grab & Go STEAM Kits for children ages 1-12. This collection includes a variety of tools to learn STEAM concepts with hands-on activities. It includes different types of robots, marble runs,

building sets, pockets microscopes, a model human body, and much more. New kits will be introduced throughout the year. Elissa Dee, Children's Librarian, says "I am so excited to begin circulating the Grab and Go STEAM Kit collection. Not only are the kits fun, but they also encourage the critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are so important for our rapidly changing world."

SPL will be hosting a STEAM Kit Celebration on Saturday, March 22 at 11:00am to unveil this wonderful collection. To help us kick off the event, Professor Steve will be presenting his science

show "Unseen Forces".

A fun show filled with action, comedy and great visuals.

The Grab & Go kits will be available for checkout with SPL library cards. Reciprocal borrowers may also take advantage of these educational kits by selecting pick up and return at the Sheridan Public Library. The goal is to allow kids the opportunity to be introduced to valuable and educational tools for creative learning. SPL is thrilled to be able to provide the access to this resource for our community.

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The 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball Season begins April 14, 2025 and ends on June 17, 2025.

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Both 13-15 League and 16-18 League will begin play on April 14, 2025. A double-elimination tournament will be played June 8-17, 2025.  
*\* Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.*

**Registration Fee:** 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 (plus processing fee applied at checkout) and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 26, 2025 from 8 am-11 am at the Forest Park Inn.

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.

**Player Evaluations:** 13-15 year old players new to Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball or 13-15 year old players wishing to re-enter the team draft need to attend the player evaluation session scheduled for March 16, 2025 from 2 pm-4 pm at Noblesville High School.

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# The Silence of God . . . Or Is It?



**BONNIE ZICKGRAF**  
Learning the Journey

Many of us report from time to time that we can no longer hear God in our lives. He seems like a million miles away and is not listening to our pleas in times of trouble or sorrow. We feel disconnected, even angry, waning in our faith.

We relate to the time during the crucifixion when Jesus cried, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" [Matthew 27:45]. We cry out in our times of desperation, too, thinking we are abandoned and alone.

Is it possible to reach a point in our sorrow, a place so deep and silent, that we cannot hear? Perhaps our own internal silent room, like the anechoic (meaning free from echo or intending to deaden sound) quiet chamber at the Orfield Laboratories in south Minneapolis.

This internal place of silence is so secluded, so deep within the core of our beings, it can only be shared with God, and God hears us best from there.

What we perceive as unanswered prayer or silence may very well be a place of safety; safe because we are too afraid to let go of where we are or to embrace yet an unfamiliar change. A place for our own protection and for that of our greater good and the glory of God.

Change and life take place according to God's plan, not ours. Therein lies the frustration and our perception of silence. We long for comfort, not pain.

But we are promised this in Romans 8:14,17:

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. And since we are His children, we are His heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering."

We share our suffering with Jesus. It is our common bond with our Lord and a necessary part of our journey if we are to share the glory. We continue to pray because of our faith. We still believe that He is there, somewhere. And indeed, He is!

Paul the Apostle writes in Romans 8:38-39,

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I pray to never let go of my faith or my trust in God in times of trouble. I know He will never let go of us! We are loved as proven by Jesus' suffering on the cross and through the silence we perceive as a meaningless nothing, but rather, perhaps it offers a place of safety, hope, and love because of our Lord.

Bonnie Zickgraf, co-author  
Date circa 2019

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## Historical Reenactor Kevin Stonerock Brings Civil War Stories to Heights

On a memorable day in March, fourth grade students at Hamilton Heights Elementary School were transported back to 1864 as Kevin Stonerock, playing the role of Billy Yank, visited their classrooms to share fascinating stories from his time as a soldier in the Union Army.

Stonerock, portraying a soldier from an Indiana regiment, captivated the young audience with vivid tales from the Civil War. He spoke of his service in significant battles such as Shiloh and Stones River in Tennessee, recounting the harrowing experiences of marching for miles, facing the brutal realities of war, and the emotional toll of battle.

One of the highlights of Stonerock's presentation was his discussion on the daily life of a soldier. He explained the hardships of eating rations and the infamous hardtack – a dry, hard biscuit that soldiers often had to dip in water to soften. Students were especially fascinated when Stonerock passed around replicas of the hardtack for them to feel and see, giving them a tangible connection to the past.

In addition to battle stories and hardships faced, Stonerock shared the importance



Photo Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

**Kevin Stonerock, known as Billy Yank, captivated students at Heights Elementary.**

of camaraderie among soldiers and how they relied on one another during difficult times. His engaging storytelling made history come alive for the students, sparking questions and conversations about what life was like during the Civil War.

The visit was part of the school's ongoing efforts to bring history to life for students and deepen their understanding of American history through interactive learning.

"We are so grateful to have had Kevin Stonerock visit," said Lauren Knapp, a fourth

grade teacher at Hamilton Heights Elementary School. "His enthusiasm and passion for history truly resonated with our students, making this a day they will remember for years to come."

The presentation, made possible by the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation, left the fourth graders with a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by soldiers and the significance of the Civil War in shaping the nation's history. It was a memorable and educational experience that brought the past to life in a way textbooks alone never could.

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## CARMEL COMMON COUNCIL

Results from March 17 Meeting

### OLD BUSINESS

Fourth 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; Sponsor: Councilor Aasen.

### REMAINS IN THE LAND USE AND SPECIAL STUDIES COMMITTEE

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. REMAINS IN 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. Second Reading of Ordinance D-2767-25; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 2-96 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Taylor and Snyder. REMAINS IN THE FINANCE, UTILITIES AND RULES COMMITTEE

Synopsis:

Amendment to the Ordinance regulating the Ambulance Capital Fund.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

First Reading of Ordinance D-2766-25; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana Authorizing and Approving an Additional Appropriation of \$17,600.00 from the General Fund (#101) to the 2025 Marketing and Community Relations Budget (#1203); Sponsor(s): Councilors Taylor and Minnaar. APPROVED

Synopsis:

This ordinance appropriates \$17,600.00 to fund coverage of part-time employee for up to a year during an existing employee's Family Medical Leave (FML). This funding ensures continuity of services and operational effectiveness during event season.

### NEW BUSINESS

Resolution CC-03-17-25-01; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana Approving a Transfer of Funds Between the Grant Fund (#900) and the Ambulance Capital Fund (#102); Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Taylor, Joshi and Minnaar. APPROVED

Synopsis:

Transfers \$5,000.00 from the Grant Fund (#900) into the Ambulance Capital Fund (#102).

Resolution CC-03-17-25-02; A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana Approving a Transfer of Funds Between the Grant Fund (#900) and the General Fund (#101); Sponsor(s): Councilor(s) Taylor, Joshi and Minnaar. APPROVED

Synopsis:

Transfers \$6,360.80 from the Grant Fund (#900) into the General Fund (#101).

## HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Monday, March 24

### AGENDA

12:15 p.m. Executive Session - Conference Room 1A

1. Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C)
2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)
3. Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B)
4. Discussion of Personnel IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)

1:00 p.m. Call to Order - Commissioners Courtroom

Declare Quorum

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED LEASE BY THE HAMILTON COUNTY CLERK

Approval of Executive Session Memoranda

Approval of Minutes

1. March 5, 2025 - Joint Board of Commissioners & County Council Meeting
2. March 10, 2025 - Board of Commissioners Meeting

Plat Approval

1. Re-Plat of Lot 35R in the Re-Plat of Hinkle Creek Estates Lots 12 & 35 in Section 1 and Lots 33 & 34 in Section 2

2. Overdorf Estates

1:05 p.m. Highway Business

1. Road Cut Permits
2. Private Traffic Control Permits
3. Vehicle Exemption Permits
4. Acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit
5. Release of Bonds and Letters of Credit
6. Agreement/Supplements

a. Supplemental Agreement No. 2 - Hanson Professional Services - SS#23055 - Pennington Rd.

over Unnamed Stream

b. Supplemental Agreements No. 3 - USI Consultants - West 146th Street Expansion - County

Line Road to Towne Road

c. Supplemental Agreements No. 2 - United Consulting - 146th Street and Allisonville Road CE

d. Supplemental Agreement No. 6 - United Consulting - 146th Street and Allisonville PE

7. Acceptance of Streets

8. Request Permission to Proceed with Advertising

- a. Salt Bid for the Winter of 2025-2026
- b. Bridge 154 Rehabilitation Project - 126th Street over Cool Creek
- c. Resurface Contract 25-01 - 281st Street from State Road 213 to State Road 37 in White River

Township

9. Official Actions

10. Correspondence

11. Announcements

1:15 p.m. Hamilton County Health Department - Jason LeMaster

1. Request Approval for the Health First Hamilton County Grant Agreement
2. Requesting Approval for the Health Department Funding Park Proposals
3. Authorization for a Meal Expense

1:20 p.m. Hamilton County Emergency Management - Chad Knecht

1. Funding Update

2. Request Permission to Transfer Assets

1:25 p.m. Community Corrections - Kevin Mulroony

1. Request Approval for two 2026 IDOC Grant Applications

1:30 p.m. Commissioner Committee Reports

1:35 p.m. Attorney

1:40 p.m. Director of Administration

1:45 p.m. Sheriff

1. Request Approval for the LEXIPOL Master Service Agreement

1:50 p.m. Auditor

1. Request Approval for the 2026 County Holidays and 2026 Board of Commissioner's Meeting

Schedule

2. Treasurer's Monthly Report
3. Acceptance of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Drainage Board
4. Release of Bonds/Letters of Credit - Drainage Board
5. Health Trust Monthly Expenditure Report

6. Payroll Claims

7. Vendor Claims

Tabled Items

RQAW Design Contract for Domestic Violence Shelter (tabled 5/23/22)

Hamilton County Economic Development Commission Appointment (tabled 1/8/24 for legal review)

Health Board Appointment

Revolutionary War Memorial Plaque (tabled 1/22/24)

Outstanding Items

Noise Ordinance (12/14/20 Referred to Plan Commission)

Town of Atlanta Request to Relinquish Roads & Waiver of Property Taxes owed on Foreclosed Property (5/8/23 - Referred to County Attorney)

Obstructions in Right-of-Way (1/8/24)

## HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Monday, March 24, 2025

Public session starts at 12:00PM

Hamilton County Government And Judicial Center

Commissioner's Courtroom

One Hamilton County Square

### AGENDA

(Agenda subject to change. Final agenda will be posted at the meeting.)

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

1. January 27, 2025 Minutes

2. February 24, 2025 Minutes

Public Comments

Household Hazardous Waste Center Update

1. Director's Report

Old Business

New Business

1. Approval of Vendor Claims

2. Approval of Payroll Claims

Adjourn

## CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS BOARD

Monday March 24, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Session Educational Services Center

1. MEETING OPENING

☐ 1.1 Call to Order

☐ 1.2 Roll Call

☐ 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. PRESENTATION

☐ 2.1 Carmel High School Girls Swimming and Diving State Champions

☐ 2.2 Carmel High School Boys Swimming and Diving State Champions

☐ 2.3 Carmel High School Debate Team State Champions

☐ 2.4 Partnership with CPD

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

☐ 3.1 Guidelines for Public Comment

4. CONSENT

☐ 4.1 Approval of Consent Items

☐ 4.2 Personnel Report

☐ 4.3 Claims

☐ 4.4 Payroll

☐ 4.5 Minutes: Workshop Session - February 10, 2025

☐ 4.6 Minutes: Executive Session - February 24, 2025

☐ 4.7 Minutes: Regular Session - February 24, 2025

5. ACTION

☐ 5.1 Donation of Bleachers

☐ 5.2 Bid Award - Carmel Clay Schools 2025 Pavement Improvements

☐ 5.3 Bid Award - Carmel High School 2025 Classroom Renovations

☐ 5.4 Change Orders - Carmel High School Greyhound Activity Center

☐ 5.5 Change Orders - Carmel High School Freshman Center Interior Renovations

☐ 5.6 Change Orders - Carmel High School Gymnasium LED Replacement

☐ 5.7 Change Orders - Carmel High School Natatorium Addition and Existing Natatorium Renovations

☐ 5.8 Change Orders - Carmel High School Polytech Addition

6. REPORTS

☐ 6.1 Student Data Report

☐ 6.2 Monthly Financial Update

☐ 6.3 Legislative Update

☐ 6.4 Superintendent's Report

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ 7.1 Upcoming Meetings

8. ADJOURNMENT

☐ 8.1 Adjourn Meeting

## MEETING NOTICE

### CARMEL AFFILIATE REVIEW COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

AT 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS - SECOND FLOOR

CITY HALL - ONE CIVIC SQUARE

\* ANY PERSONS INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW OR CONSIDERATION SHOULD DO SO BY 4:00 P.M. ON

MONDAY, MARCH 24TH.

SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO CITY CLERK, JACOB QUINN AT

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