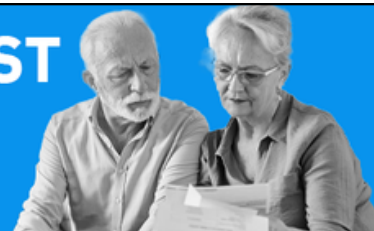


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**TODAY'S VERSE**

*Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

**Hamilton Happenings**

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun has declared a state of disaster emergency for 18 counties in Indiana, including Hamilton.

"Due to flooding, storm, and tornado damage, I am declaring a state of disaster emergency in Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Delaware, Gibson, Hamilton, Harrison, Lake, Madison, Marshall, Martin, Owen, Perry, Posey, Spencer, and Warrick counties," Braun said. "This is effective for 30 days and allows the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to begin providing financial assistance to impacted communities who have eligible expenses under the State Disaster Relief Fund program. It is my hope that this step enables residents, businesses, and local government to access needed resources and assistance as they assess and recover from these devastating weather events."

**Three Things You Should Know**

**1** In a significant step forward in its commitment to support Purdue University's operational needs through improved travel options, a two-year transportation services agreement with SkyWest Airlines for commercial air service has been reached. SkyWest will maintain at least one daily nonstop United Express round-trip flight between West Lafayette's Purdue University Airport and Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. The first flight is scheduled for Aug. 5, the same day the Amelia Earhart Terminal is scheduled to open.

**2** Speaking of airports, big news is landing at the Indianapolis International Airport. Huse Culinary — the team behind St. Elmo's — is bringing a brand-new concept to Concourse B. The new 1933 Lounge + HC Tavern by St. Elmo blends the best of two beloved brands into one elevated, traveler-friendly experience. Guests will enjoy signature items like the world-famous St. Elmo Shrimp Cocktail, Lobster "Cargot," and HC Tavern's beloved sliders — plus a full bar and grab-and-go options.

**3** Attorney General Todd Rokita and the 51 bipartisan Attorneys General of the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force notified nine voice service providers that they may be violating state and federal laws by continuing to route allegedly unlawful robocalls across their networks. The latest action targets voice service providers suspected of knowingly routing scam calls. In addition to sending these warning notices and demanding that these companies stop transmitting illegal robocalls, the task force shared its concerns with federal law enforcement, including the Federal Communications Commission.

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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another.

These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!

**This week marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of perhaps America's greatest war correspondent, Hoosier Ernie Pyle. "Uncle Ernie" as he was known to some of the troops he covered and loved during World War II, was the representative of the GI, or the grunt in the field. Pyle had a way with words and could capture a story like few before or since. "Ernie Pyle's greatness lay in his ability to connect with everyday people, both on the front lines and at home," National Press Club President Michael Freedman was quoted as saying. "He was one and the same with those he covered and those for whom he wrote." President Harry Truman was quoted after Pyle's death. "No man in this war has so well told the story of the American fighting man as American fighting men wanted it told. He deserves the gratitude of all his countrymen."**

**So today, we are proud and humbled to bring you Ernie Pyle, by the numbers.**

**80** Not only is this the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pyle's death, in just a few months, it will be the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II.

**700** Ernie Pyle's syndicated column was published in 400 daily and 300 weekly newspapers all across the United States.

**2** Pyle and his wife Geraldine "Jerry" Siebolds were married twice. They had a rocky relationship that was made worse by depression, drinking and mental illness. They were initially married in 1925, divorced in 1942 and remarried less than a year later. Even though they struggled, Jerry only lived about seven months after Ernie was killed.

**1** The number of Pulitzer Prizes Pyle won. He was honored with journalism's highest prize in May of 1944. Less than a year later, he would be dead.

**100** Approximate number of miles from Noblesville to Dana, Ernie Pyle's birthplace and home of the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum. Take it from us and those who have visited multiple times, it is well worth it. Especially touching is the exhibit entitled The Death of Captain Waskow.

**44** Ernie Pyle was 44 years old when he was killed by Japanese machine gun fire in the Pacific Theater on April 18, 1945. Friday will mark 80 years to the day since that sad event.



**7-17-1944**

Ernie Pyle was featured on the cover of Time Magazine on July 17, 1944. How many times do you recall seeing a newspaper columnist on a magazine cover?

**\$25 a week**

That's how much Pyle made as a reporter in his first job (with a newspaper in LaPorte, Ind.). He left IU with only one semester remaining and without graduating.



**Millions**

The number of people who read Pyle's work. To see an example of his writing, look inside today's edition. Thanks to our friends at the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum, we are sharing his final column today.

Photos courtesy of the Ernie Pyle WWII Museum

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

**Treat burns by immediately soaking the area in cold water for at least five minutes and cover any open areas with antibiotic ointment.**

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



**TODAY'S QUOTE**

**"Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes."**  
*Benjamin Franklin*

**HONEST HOOSIER**

**It's Holy Week here and all over the world. Wouldn't it be nice if people acted a little more "Christian" whether they believed or not?**



**TODAY'S JOKE**

**What's the difference between a tax auditor and a rottweiler? A rottweiler eventually lets go.**

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

**Event  
Peace Officer Memorial  
Endurance Ruck  
May 17**

**Registration:**  
5k: 8 a.m., ruck 9 a.m.  
**Start time:**  
5k: 9 a.m., ruck 10 a.m.

**Location:**  
Legacy Christian School  
470 Lakeview Dr  
Noblesville

**Embrace The Ruck Everyone**

Are you ready to embrace the ruck? Trail Life Troop IN-1685 and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office are.

The ruck is a 5K or a 4-Hour Endurance Ruck where individuals walk as far as possible within the time limit while carrying a ruck sack – symbolizing the daily physical weight officers carry in the field during their shifts.

The course itself is a one-mile loop and allows participants to pass through the start / finish line as often as possible.

To be clear, this is an endurance event and is designed so that all ages can recharge when needed. Each registered family will get a 10x10 foot space to set up a canopy / chairs and have space for coolers and other items they might need.

There will be all sorts of ages and fitness levels present. The two rules that are most important though are to carry a rucksack and to count your miles. Be sure to bring your own rucksack (backpack) and load it up with 10 percent of your body weight.

The 5k Trail Ruck will begin at 9 a.m. and should be completed by 9:50 a.m. The Endurance Ruck begins at 10 a.m.

The fee for the 5K is \$35 and the fee for the 4-Hour Endurance Ruck is \$50. You can register at <https://race.roster.com/events/2025/10/0522/endurance-ruck>

Rucking is a Low Intensity Interval training workout that involves walking with a weighted rucksack (backpack). Rucking has numerous benefits:

- Builds muscle
- Improves cardio and endurance

**See RUCK Page A3**

## A Reprint of Ernie Pyle's Final Column Before His Death



**ERNIE PYLE**  
Columnist

*EDITOR'S NOTE: With permission from the Ernie Pyle World War II Museum, we are pleased to reprint the last column Ernie Pyle wrote. Pyle, a Hoosier born in tiny Dana, Ind., became the preeminent newspaper columnist in the U.S. during World War II. His touching columns were carried by 700 newspapers in the U.S. and loved by millions. When he was killed by Japanese machine gun fire on April 18, 1945, the nation mourned.*

Ernie Pyle's last column (written about the impending end of European hostilities)

And so it is over. The catastrophe on one side of the world has run its course. The day that it had so long seemed would never come has come at last. I suppose our emotions here in the Pacific are the same as they were among Allies all over the world. First a shouting of the good news with such joyous

surprise that you would think the shouter himself had brought it about.

And then an unspoken sense of gigantic relief—and then a hope that the collapse in Europe would hasten the end in the Pacific.

It has been seven months since I heard my last shot in the European War. Now I am as far away from it as it is possible to get on this globe.

This is written on a little ship lying off the coast of the Island of Okinawa, just south of Japan, on the other side of the world from Ardennes.

But my heart is still in Europe, and that's why I am writing this column.

It is to the boys who were my friends for so long. My one regret of the war is that I was not with them when it ended.

For the companionship of two and a half years of death and misery is a spouse that tolerates no divorce. Such companionship finally

becomes a part of one's soul, and it cannot be obliterated.

True, I am with American boys in the other war not yet ended, but I am old-fashioned and my sentiment runs to old things.

To me the European War is old, and the Pacific War is new.

Last summer I wrote that I hoped the end of the war could be a gigantic relief, but not an elation. In the joyousness of high spirits it is so easy for us to forget the dead. Those who are gone would not wish themselves to be a millstone of gloom around our necks.

But there are so many of the living who have had burned into their brains forever the unnatural sight of cold dead men scattered over the hillsides and in the ditches along the high rows of hedge throughout the world.

Dead men by mass production – in one country after another – month after month and year after year.

Dead men in winter and dead men in summer.

Dead men in such familiar promiscuity that they become monotonous.

Dead men in such monstrous infinity that you come almost to hate them.

Those are the things that you at home need not even try to understand. To you at home they are columns of figures, or he is a near one who went way and just didn't come back. You didn't see him lying so grotesque and pasty beside the gravel road in France.

We saw him, saw him by the multiple thousands. That's the difference.

We hope above all things that Japan won't make the same stubborn mistake that Germany did. You must credit Germany for her courage in adversity, but you can doubt her good common sense in fighting blindly on long after there was any doubt whatever about the outcome.

## Westfield Neighborhoods Get Vibrancy Grants

The City of Westfield has announced 18 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant awards, totaling \$166,627, to support local neighborhood projects. The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program Committee has recommended these grants to the City's Board of Public Works and Safety for approval at the April 23 meeting. These grants will help fund a total of \$460,655 in neighborhood improvements, enhancing the areas of Westfield's diverse communities.

The Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program is designed to support creative and impactful infrastructure projects that strengthen the character of Westfield's neighborhoods. This year, the City of Westfield is funding a wide range of initiatives aimed at enhancing community spaces, modernizing local amenities, and promoting environmental sustainability.

The grants being considered include:

- Bent Creek (\$10,000) to convert 12 acres of invasive plants into a native shortgrass prairie with native wildflowers
- Brookside (\$10,000) to enhance community amenities around the clubhouse
- Countryside (\$10,000) to update existing landscaping and lighting throughout the neighborhood
- Crosswind Commons (\$10,000) to construct a community butterfly garden
- Derby Ridge (\$10,000) to remove and replace 10 dead trees and entrance sign entrances
- Lakes of Westfield (\$9,322) to enhance the south berm bordering Shady Nook Road
- Maple Knoll (\$10,000) to enhance the Spring Mill Road entrance
- Maple Ridge (\$7,000) to

- remove invasive species
- Oak Manor (\$9,704.50) to enhance common area landscaping
- Oaks Preserve (\$10,000) to enhance entrance landscaping and installation of a pond aeration system
- Setters Run (\$10,000) to install a shade structure at neighborhood park
- Scofield Farms (\$600) to install a neighborhood rain garden
- Sheffield Park (\$10,000) to add lighting and landscape to entrance median
- Springdale Farms (\$10,000) to enhance landscape, remove invasive species and installation of a pond fountain
- Viking Meadows (\$10,000) to replace and paint neighborhood perimeter fencing
- Village Farms (\$10,000) to revitalize a half acre of common area
- Williams Trace (\$10,000) for pond enhancements
- Willow Creek (\$10,000) for enhancements to both neighborhood entrances

"I am thrilled to see the first round of Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants awarded to such deserving projects in our community," said Mayor Scott Willis. "These grants represent our continued commitment to making Westfield a great place to live. I look forward to seeing these projects come to life and the positive impact they will have on our neighborhoods."

A second round of Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants will be available beginning on May 1, 2025.

Applications will close on July 1 and will be awarded at the beginning of August. For more information can be found at [westfieldin.gov/neighborhoodgrant](http://westfieldin.gov/neighborhoodgrant).

## Ascension St. Vincent Marks 35 years of Protecting Indiana's First Responders

As thousands of fire and rescue professionals were in Indianapolis for the FDIC International Conference last week, Ascension St. Vincent's Public Safety Medical program is marking its 35th year of providing physical examinations and important medical screening services to firefighters across the state of Indiana.

More than 9,000 first responders are tested each year by Ascension St. Vincent at fire stations across the state. This includes an average of 1,700 job applicants that need to be evaluated before being hired and about 700 who have been injured and need to pass physical testing in order to return to duty.

"We are proud to be one of the largest programs of its kind in Indiana, with 35 years of history supporting the health and safety of our firefighters but also helping to shape national guidelines for their physical well-being," said Dr. Steven Moffatt, Vice President of Public Safety Medical. "Our work has also contributed to critical cancer

research, helping to identify key factors in firefighters' cancer risk and advance efforts in prevention and early detection."

While heart attacks remain the leading cause of on-duty deaths of firefighters, cancer has recently emerged as the No. 1 cause of deaths in all firefighters, both active and retired. These first responders are more likely than the average American to develop cancer due to chronic exposures to heat, smoke and toxic flame retardants through inhalation, ingestion and skin absorption.

That's why Public Safety Medical has developed and continually improves comprehensive physical examination checklists that go beyond cardiovascular health and fitness. Each examination incorporates screenings for the cancers most commonly affecting firefighters, including digestive, oral, respiratory and urinary cancers.

The exams include stress and exercise

tests, coronary artery scans and echocardiography to evaluate any heart-related issues. They may also include colon cancer screening, pap smears, mammograms, testicular exams and head-to-toe skin examinations to detect evidence of cancer development.

"Keeping public safety professionals healthy and at their best is a

unique challenge—one that directly impacts the safety of our communities," said Dr. Stephanie Gardner, Executive Director of Public Safety Medical.

"That's why we've designed this comprehensive healthcare program to help fire departments ensure their tactical teams perform at their peak and recover effectively."

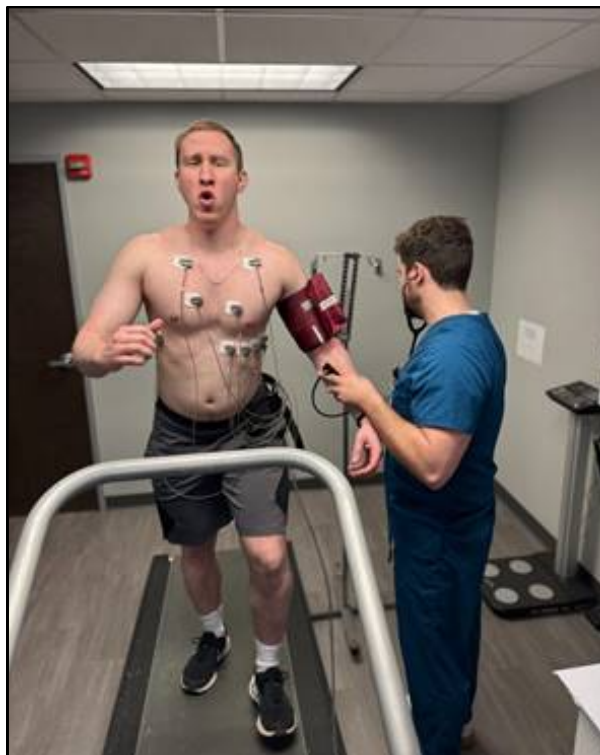


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## Noblesville, Westfield and Carmel Lions Assist Gleaners in April



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Lions from Noblesville, Westfield and Carmel recently assisted Gleaner's with their mobile pantry at Westfield's Grand Park. Gleaner's hosts the mobile pantry on the second Tuesday of each month and all of the Lions volunteers are eager to assist. Pictured are Lions Judy Waldrop, Jeff Kozicki, Bill Ryan, Linda Hallet, Carrie Larrison, Mark Hallet, Linda Williamson, Bill Nesbitt, Tiny Ekes, Lisa Rohe, Don Collins, Steve Shaw, Lori Moss, Ron Williamson, Jack Waldrop, Jerry Baker, Bruce Moss, Jeanne Auffrey, Cheryl Helton, Scott Willis, Josh Kozicki and Joe Connerley. Not Pictured Julia Kozicki.

## Look for the Rainbow While Ignoring the Flood



**CARRIE CLASSON**  
The Postscript

My friend Wally and I have a fractious relationship. This is no secret.

Wally has said he thinks optimistic people like me are self-deluded, always looking for reasons to be happy when there is a lot to worry about and not much to celebrate.

Wally used the metaphor of a tornado. He said that people like me would be down in the storm shelter—right beside him—but would ignore the destruction the tornado left behind.

"Do perpetually positive people even hear themselves?" he asked. "How nice that must be! To see the world in ways it might or should be while ignoring how it is. To look for the rainbow while ignoring the flood!"

Wally got me so irritated that I wrote a whole book about a character he inspired. Since I didn't figure I could ever change Wally's mind, I wanted to create someone, just like Wally, who believed he had the world's worst luck and that looking for things to be grateful for was an act of willful ignorance.

I wrote the book, and I shared it with Wally, and—to his credit and my astonishment—he wasn't angry with my depiction of him at all. He was tickled that something he'd said inspired me.

Wally keeps on inspiring me. He has some interesting observations about life and thoughts about how optimism might fall short. It's taken me much longer than it should have to realize that Wally makes some very good points.

Optimism can be clumsy. It can be ham-fisted. Disappointment and grief and setbacks and bad news and failures are all very real things, and the optimist's impulse is to sweep them under the rug in record time.

"Where is the upside? What is the lesson? How can I learn from all this?" the optimist asks, and Wally gets a little angry.

And maybe he has a right to. Because somewhere, between the time when the tornado strikes and the optimist goes looking for the rainbow, maybe there is a moment that optimists, like me, tend to forget.

We forget to say we're sorry.

Wally is worried about his future and the future of his children and grandchildren. When I tell him all this worrying isn't getting much done, he gets angry and, really, I don't blame him. Because I skipped a step. I skipped the step between the tornado and the rainbow.

Today, for a change, I remembered.

"Oh, Wally," I said, "You always seem to think I'm scolding you when I try to cheer you and encourage you. I care about you. Do you not get that? I worry about you, and I want you to be happy."

"Thank you," Wally said. "Thank you so much."

And I realized that he really didn't know this.

I get impatient with Wally's ruminating and doomsaying and daily dose of gloom. I want to remind him of all the things he has to be grateful for.

But I forget to tell him that I care. I forget to say I'm sorry he is troubled. I don't acknowledge how he feels. I jump right from the tornado to the rainbow.

I'm pretty sure Wally will regularly irritate me, and I will do the same for him. And yet I don't think he will ever be out of my life for good.

Because I will continue to remind him that things might not be as bad as he assumes. And Wally will remind me, in my endless quest for sunshine, it's important to recognize the hurt and fear that come with the tornado.

Till next time,  
Carrie

## Getting to First Base!



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

This past weekend, I spent an hour on the phone with the Marquee Sports Network trying to find out why my Chicago Cubs app wasn't working. After about 40 minutes, I politely asked Jim, the Marquee rep, if there was someone else I could talk to.

"Let me see who's on deck," said Jim.

Next in the lineup was Tony who touched all the bases but still couldn't hit on the answer. Joe was next in the batting order. He tried everything and failed. Strike three. Then Joe told me that Manny, the fourth guy, who was batting cleanup, was great in the clutch for issues like mine. He was Marquee's heavy hitter in technology. Sadly, Manny went down swinging. I wasn't sure what to do next. We had covered all the bases.

Finally, with the problem unsolved, I downloaded the curling app, instead. The sport is boring to watch but has far fewer metaphors.

At that point, my wife walked in the door. And right off the bat, I was in trouble.

"Why didn't you call me back?" she asked.

"I didn't get a call from you," I said. To be certain, I checked my voice mail. I knew my VM wasn't broken because I had 13 spam calls telling me I owed back taxes (which I don't) and one call confirming that I ordered a John Deere tractor (which I didn't).

"Well, why didn't you respond to my text?" said Mary Ellen.

"I didn't get that either. Was the message important?"

"Yes, Dick, it was urgent?"

"What did it say?"

"I have no idea. That was almost an hour ago."

We checked our devices and sure enough, her attempts to reach me by phone or by text were not coming through. I googled the problem and could not find an answer.

I tried powering down my phone, then powering up. Then I clicked everything that was clickable. Finally, I called our new service.

"Hello, this is The Cell Phone Network."

"Yes, my wife and I are having trouble communicating."

"Sir, you do know we are not that kind of a help line."

I explained the problem...

"Let me tell you, sir, I find your concern very loving and romantic."

"You do?"

"Oh, yes, three men called today asking if there was a way to stop their wives from reaching them."

Finally, I had a suspicion what the problem might be. "Could I have put Mary Ellen on my blocked-call list by mistake?" I asked the rep. "Or is that way off base?"

"It is kind of out of left field," she confirmed. "Everything in this technology is hit or miss."

So, reader, that concludes my column. Maybe you didn't like it. But I think I hit it out of the park.

— Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in *The Times*. E-mail Dick at [Wolfsie@aol.com](mailto:Wolfsie@aol.com).

## Do You Have Unclaimed Money?

As tax season looms and Hoosiers reflect on life's certainties, Attorney General Todd Rokita and Indiana's favorite ghoulish Sammy Terry are reminding residents that while death and taxes may be inevitable, losing your hard-earned money to the state doesn't have to be one of them.

"There are two things guaranteed in life – death and taxes," Sammy Terry said. "Death can be painful, but paying your taxes doesn't have to be with a little extra cash

in your pocket from Indiana Unclaimed."

Rokita invites all Hoosiers to text SAMMY to 46220 to see if they can re-claim forgotten treasures from the state's Unclaimed Property Division.

Hoosiers have 25 years to claim their money once it's reported to the Unclaimed Property Division, and the process is free, fast and secure.

For more information or assistance, visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov)

## Hamilton Town Center Adds Stores

Simon, the global leader in premier shopping, dining, entertainment and mixed-use destinations, recently announced the latest additions to Hamilton Town Center, including first-to-market, Shady Rays, cult-favorites J.Crew Factory and Sephora, along with new restaurant, Sunny Day Café.

Coming Soon:  
· J.Crew Factory: Known for their classic, preppy style, J. Crew Factory offers shoppers their favorite styles at an unbeatable price. Whatever the occasion, J. Crew offers styles for the whole family and wardrobe staples that will last for years to come. Shoppers can find this retail favorite next to Bath & Body Works.

· Sephora: Beauty fans rejoice, the Sephora, offering an extensive collection of carefully curated brands, featuring emerging favorites, trusted classics, and Sephora's own line, Sephora Collection is coming to Hamilton Town Center. Located across from Evereve, beauty-lovers can soon find their favorite brands in the coming weeks.

· Shady Rays: Offering premium polarized and prescription eyewear,

Shady Rays offers high-quality sunglasses, gear and goggles, along with signature Lost & Broken protection. Shady Rays' first Indiana location will be next to Sephora and across from Evereve and is set to open its doors, early Summer.

· Sunny Day Café: Charming breakfast restaurant, where every morning begins with a warm and inviting burst of sunshine. Sunny Day Café offers shoppers a cozy restaurant, dedicated to serving up a delicious array of breakfast classics and innovative twists on morning favorites, all crafted with the finest locally sourced ingredients. Sunny Day Café is set to open Summer 2025 and will be located next to Qdoba at the Green Space.

Last year, Hamilton Town Center welcomed a slew of retailers including retail favorite, Nordstrom Rack, along with Lovesac, JD Sports, Buckle, Soap Factory and Hawaiian Fluid Art.

For more information on the latest updates and new additions to Hamilton Town Center, please visit <https://www.simon.com/mall/hamilton-town-center>.

**RUCK** From Page A1

# EMBRACE THE RUCK

May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 2:00 pm  
@ Legacy Christian School

- Prepares those rucking to get out and hike!
- participating to train with and enjoy carrying a Rucksack but to also teach endurance through a multi-hour event

This event is designed to not only allow those

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**Project:** Hamilton County Special Projects 2025 Bid Package #05 Community Corrections Water Heater Replacement  
**Scope of work:** Replacing existing water heater system and hot water storage tanks in the Community Corrections mechanical room.  
**Contractor Bids:** Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioner's Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the historic courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L.21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 11:30 a.m. on April 28th, 2025. After 11:30 a.m. bids may be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom located on the 1st floor of the Judicial Center up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28th, 2025.  
**Project Information:** To request project documents (Bid form, drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email [HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com](mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com) and access will be provided.  
**Subcontractor walkthrough:** Email Mitch with Skender at [HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com](mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com) to set up a project walkthrough.  
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## 2025 Ford Mach-E Rally Proves Going Electric with AWD and a Few Extra Doors Makes a Better Mustang



**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
Auto Reviews

When the last horse left Ford's stable last year, the all-electric Mustang Mach-E crossover

outsold the classic gas-powered coupe 51,745 to 44,003 vehicles. And, deservedly so.

For way too long, the Mustang was little more than a stylish suit around big V8 and weak V6 engines. And for many owners, they were toys – not roomy enough for kids or luggage and a wonton mess in snow. But the brawny beasts accelerated like rocket sleds. So does the all-electric, all-wheel-drive, kid-coddling 2025 Mustang Mach-E Rally.

So, it's a crossover. That just means it can support your daily life, taking kids to school, hauling their cellos to music classes, and can do it all while wrestling a blizzard. I'd argue it's a better Mustang.

Despite the fact it is a tall-bodied five-door, it at least looks part of a sixty-year tradition – albeit one with a drainable frunk so you can ice down soda and other bevs at “hood opening” parties. The classic pony sprints across a plastic grille-shaped fascia, but it's flanked by angry LED headlamps and air intakes that flash visual snarls.

A wide stance and long arching roofline imbue more classic proportions while riding over the Rally edition's 19" white wheels. Angled triple-barrel taillamps recall history – even if they're under a hatchback and giant black wing. Black racing stripes finish the Rally suit.

Only cloth patches hint at the Mustang's iconic twin-cowl dashboard, but it's cozy inside. Proportions are more sport coupe than pickup and the deeply-bolstered sport seats

look like they last sat on the helm of a starship. That's also true of the thin flatscreen gauges and 15.5" touchscreen. None of that takes away from the driving experience – very easy to use.

Rally editions are pretty luxurious with heated seats, heated steering wheel, automatic climate control, and enveloping B&O audio. Connect devices wirelessly through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Charge wirelessly too. Safety is covered by automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, and lane keep systems.

Before you share stories about the glory days of muscle cars, plant your big shoe on the accelerator. It's all-electric, which means 480 horsepower and 700 lb.-ft. of torque tickle the all-wheel-drive system instantly and quietly. Watch 0-

60 mph zap by in 3.4 seconds. That's modern Shelby territory. To keep going, quick charge 10-80% in about 30 minutes or fully overnight on your garage's 240v charger.

Rally implies this EV is ready to power slide around dirt curves. Maybe not, but while most electric crossovers feel like science projects, the Mach-E connects drivers to roads with quick steering, Magneride adaptive independent suspension, Brembo disc brakes, and all-wheel-drive. Drive modes let drivers adjust accelerator feel and suspension damping. It feels almost analog, ironically through broad use of sophisticated electronics.

And you don't always have to drive it if you opt for Ford's hands-off BlueCruise. I endured a couple of hundred-mile round trips while I had the Mach-E and appreciated being able

to relax, sip coffee, and watch the road. It will change lanes with the flip of a turn signal, but not automatically. It can also take an excruciatingly long time to confirm a clear lane and scooch over.

If you love traditional Mustangs, they're pretty amazing. Ford will happily sell you one and you'll probably love it. However, I prefer this multi-functional all-electric pony with traction to

go almost anywhere. Base models start at a reasonably affordable \$39,995, but ours rode in at \$65,485. Competitors include the Chevy Blazer EV, Nissan Murano, Tesla Model Y, Honda Prologue, and Kia EV6.

*Storm Forward!*

*Send comments to Casey at [AutoCasey@aol.com](mailto:AutoCasey@aol.com); follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.*

### Likes

- Rally styling
- Instant power
- Connected handling

### Dislikes

- Cold range
- BlueCruise function
- Expensive options

### 2025 Ford Mustang Mach-E Rally

Five-passenger, AWD Crossover  
Powertrain: Li-ion batteries/motors  
Output: 480 hp/700 lb.-ft.  
Suspension f/r: Elect Ind/Ind  
Wheels f/r: 19"/19" white alloy  
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc  
Driving range: 240 miles  
0-60 mph: 3.4s  
10-80% charge: 30m  
Assembly: Cuautitlan, Mexico  
Base/As-tested price: \$39,995/\$65,485

## FOR THE RECORD

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### NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda / Regular School Board Meeting  
Educational Services Center Board Room  
18025 River Road  
Noblesville, Indiana  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE  
II. PROJECT ON HEARINGS / SECOND PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING  
III. RECOGNITIONS  
§ Staff Recognitions  
§ NEMS Orchestra  
§ NHS Winter Guard  
§ NHS Winter Percussion  
§ Hare Teacher Spotlight / White River Elementary School  
IV. REPORTS  
§ Building Spotlight / White River Elementary School  
Calie VanDermark, Principal  
§ Strategic Planning Presentation / Academic Excellence  
Dr. Ryan Rich, Asst. Superintendent of Learning

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA TOPICS  
The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the Board about current agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments and Concerns.

VI. CONSENT  
By single motion, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked “Consent” may be moved from the list at the option of a board member or the superintendent and acted on separately.

§ Claims  
§ Donations  
§ Minutes / March 2025  
§ Overnight and Out-of-State Trips  
§ Personnel

VII. ACTION  
By individual motions, the board approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

§ Background Checks  
§ School Calendars / 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028  
§ Resolution Authorizing for Nonstandard Course Waiver  
§ Property and Casualty Insurances  
§ KBSO Contract / NHS Air Handler Replacement Project  
§ Noblesville Youth Baseball (“NYB”) Agreement  
§ Policy Adoption

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA TOPICS  
The purpose of this comment period is to allow the public an opportunity to share input with the Board about non-agenda topics, pursuant to Policy H225, Public Comments and Concerns.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS  
X. ADJOURNMENT

The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

### CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 15, 9 a.m.  
Community Room, John W. Hensel Government Center  
10701 N. College Ave., Carmel

### AGENDA

I Call to Order  
II Pledge of Allegiance  
III Public Comments  
IV Approval of Minutes  
• Minutes from Feb. 18, 2025 Annual Board Meeting  
V Public Hearing  
• Resolution No. 2025-04-15-01 Additional Appropriation from General Fund #0101 in the amount of \$12,349.76 Park Non Reverting Fund #1215 in the amount of \$7,800  
VI Action Items  
• Approval of Clay Township Assistance Guidelines  
• Resolution No. 2025-04-15-01 Approving Additional Appropriation  
VII Information Item  
• Update on Township assistance  
• Update on projects  
• Designation of Alternate Trustee – Debbie Spelbring  
• SBOA Audit – started 4/7/25  
• Next Regular Board Meeting July 15, 2025  
VIII Financial Questions From Board  
IX Board Comments  
X Announcements  
XI Adjournment

### CARMEL PLAN COMMISSION DEPARTMENT REPORT APRIL 15, 2025

1. Docket No. PZ-2025-00009 V: UDO Sec. 2.04: Max. Density of 1 lot/acre, 1.3 lots/acre requested.  
2. Docket No. PZ-2025-00010 PP/SP: Crandall Minor Subdivision.  
The applicant seeks minor subdivision plat approval and variance approval to split one parcel into two residential lots. The site is located at 13585 Six Points Rd. It is zoned S-1/Residential and is not located within an overlay zone. Filed by Kelly Wilhelm of TERRA Site Development, Inc.  
Project Overview:

The applicant seeks approval to plat two residential lots on 1.79 acres. One existing house and accessory structure will remain on Lot 1. All surrounding properties are zoned S-1 and include other estate lots to the north, west, and south and Ashbury Park Subdivision directly to the east (zoned S-1/ ROSO – II). Please see the Petitioner's Information packet for more details.

Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Standards this project MEETS:

- Permitted Use: Single-Family Dwelling
- Minimum Lot Area – 15,000 sq ft
- Minimum Lot Width – 120 ft
- Minimum Front Yard Setback – 40 ft
- Minimum Side Yard Setback – 10 ft, 30 ft aggregate
- Minimum Rear Yard Setback – 20 ft

UDO Standards NOT MET:

- Maximum Density – 1 lot/acre allowed; variance requested for 1.3 lots/acre
- Comprehensive Plan Analysis:
- The Comp Plan classifies this area as West Neighborhoods o Suburban style living on large, subdivided lots
    - o Typical lot size is between 1/8 to 5+ acres
    - o Maximum height of 2.5 stories outside of Village of West Clay
    - o Typical building coverage between 25% and 50%
  - The proposed plat meets the goals of the Comp Plan and staff considers it a best fit next to the surrounding properties (also classified as West Neighborhoods on the Comp Plan)

Site Plan and Engineering:

- This plat is considered a Minor Subdivision because there are less than 6 lots and no new streets are being created
- The Petitioner proposes to subdivide the existing 1.79-acre parcel into a 2-lot subdivision

➡ See RECORD Page A5

**RECORD** From Page A4

- Subdividing of land requires compliance with the Comp Plan requirements for Right-of-Way dedication and path construction per the Transportation Plan
- 33’ of Right-of-Way is being dedicated along Six Points Rd. including the required 10’ asphalt multi-use path
- A variance is requested to exceed the maximum density for the S-1 Zoning District
- Staff supports this variance as the increase in density would permit the second dwelling in the subdivision while keeping with the character of the area – Ashbury Park Subdivision to the west has a density of 2.2 lots/acre under S-1 / ROSO – II (Z-296 Residential Open Space Ordinance)
- On site detention is provided with a dry detention basin
- Petitioner, please work with the Engineering Department to finalize drainage details

Landscaping:

- A landscape plan was provided to and approved by the Urban Forester providing additional trees along the street frontage
- Since this project is being reviewed as a Minor Subdivision, no additional landscape buffering is required per the UDO

DOCS Outstanding Concerns:

1. Finalize drainage details with Engineering
2. Finalize easement locations with Hamilton County Surveyor’s Office and TriCo Regional Sewer Utility

Recommendation:  
The Department of Community Services recommends the Plan Commission votes to Approve these items with the condition of addressing all remaining comments in ProjectDox, and with the adoption of the Findings of Facts submitted by the Petitioner.

**MEETING NOTICE**  
**CARMEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY**  
Tuesday, APRIL 15, 2025 - 9:30 A.M.  
Carmel Clay Public Library, Meeting Room C, 425 E Main St.

**NOBLESVILLE COMMON COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 6:00 Pm  
City Hall Council Chamber  
Proposed Agenda  
Call Meeting To Order  
Pledge Of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Approval Of Minutes: March 25, 2025  
Approval Of Agenda  
Petitions Or Comments By Citizens Who Are Present  
Mayor’s Comments  
Council Committee Reports  
Approval Of Claims  
Previously Discussed Ordinances  
#07-02-25 Council To Consider Ordinance #07-02-25, An Ordinance Annexing Approximately 170.86 Acres In Noblesville Township, Property Adjacent To The Intersection Of East 206th Street (North And South Sides) And Hague Road (East And West Sides) (Joyceann Yelton)  
Proposed Development Presentations  
#1 Council To Hear Introductory Information Concerning A Proposed Development On Approximately 91 Acres On The East Side Of Little Chicago Road, To Be Known As Montclair (Attorney Jim Shinaver)  
#2 Council To Hear Introductory Information Concerning A Proposed Development On Approximately 91 Acres North And Adjacent To 191st Street And East And Adjacent To Moontown Road, To Be Known As Bending Branch (Attorney Jim Shinaver)  
Miscellaneous  
#1 Council To Receive Summary Of Appropriation Of First Quarter Grant Proceeds Pursuant To Resolution Rc-2-25 (Caitlin Kesner)  
#2 Council To Receive Summary Of Fiscally Neutral First Quarter Appropriation Transfers Pursuant To Resolution Rc-1-25 (Tom Macdonald)  
Transfer  
#1 Council To Consider Transfer Ta-01-25, An Appropriation Transfer From The Downtown Development Fund For The Logan Street/Clinton Street Brick Rehabilitation Project (Tom Macdonald)  
Council Comments  
Adjournment

**NOBLESVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**  
Tuesday, April 15 – 9 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chamber  
Proposed Agenda  
CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO ARE PRESENT  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
BID OPENING: CSO 004 STORMWATER SEPARATION PROJECT  
RFPQ OPENING: LIFT STATION 20 REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
CONSENT AGENDA  
FOR APPROVAL  
1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 25, 2025  
2. BOARD TO CONSIDER SEASONAL DOWNTOWN ENCROACHMENT FOR OUTDOOR SEATING (AARON HEAD)  
3. BOARD TO CONSIDER USE OF EAST ALLEY FOR MATTEO’S OUTSIDE DINING APRIL 28TH THROUGH OCTOBER 1ST (RENÉ GULLEY)  
4. BOARD TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF 30 PARKING SPACES ON 9TH STREET FOR MATTEO'S 2025 ALFA ROMEO FESTIVAL ON MAY 4TH (RENÉ GULLEY)  
5. BOARD TO CONSIDER CLOSURE OF 30 PARKING SPACES ON 9TH STREET FOR ANNUAL MATTEO'S FARRARI FESTIVAL JUNE 22ND (RENÉ GULLEY)  
6. BOARD TO CONSIDER RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BONDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS (INSTALLATION OF FORCE MAIN) IN HYDE PARK, PHASE 3B (JUSTIN HUBBARD)  
7. BOARD TO CONSIDER RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS ON RIVER ROAD, SANITARY SEWER, AND EROSION CONTROL; AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE BONDS FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS ON RIVER ROAD, SANITARY SEWER, AND A REDUCED BOND AMOUNT DUE TO LOTS BEING FINISHED FOR EROSION CONTROL IN RIVERWEST INFRASTRUCTURE (JUSTIN HUBBARD)  
CONTRACTS/PURCHASES UNDER \$50,000 (APPROVED BY MAYOR OR DIRECTOR)  
1. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES FOR RENTAL OF POSTAGE METER AND FOLDING/STUFFING MACHINE (KRISTYN PARKER)  
NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
1. BOARD TO CONSIDER SPECIAL PURCHASE OF 2025 EMERGENCY VEHICLE LIGHTING AND EQUIPMENT FROM AMERICAN EAGLE EQUIPMENT (ASSISTANT CHIEF BRAD ARNOLD)  
2. BOARD TO CONSIDER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF OUTDOOR FENCE AT 996 CONNER STREET (CHAPTER BOOK LOUNGE) (AARON HEAD)  
3. BOARD TO CONSIDER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILKINS LAWN AND LANDSCAPE FOR STUMP GRINDING (JOHN EASLEY)  
4. BOARD TO CONSIDER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF STREET TREE PLANTING (JOHN EASLEY)  
5. BOARD TO CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO UNITED CONSTRUCTION

- SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE 10TH STREET SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT (KRISTYN PARKER)
- BOARD TO CONSIDER AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2025 STREET REHABILITATION - CONTRACT II (ANDREW RODEWALD)
- BOARD TO CONSIDER PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR 2025 STREET REHABILITATION - CONTRACT III (ANDREW RODEWALD)
- BOARD TO CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING RESOURCES, INC. FOR LOGAN STREET - CLINTON STREET STUDY (ANDREW RODEWALD)
- BOARD TO CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRST GROUP ENGINEERING FOR ASSET INVENTORY (ANDREW RODEWALD)
- BOARD TO CONSIDER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FIRST GROUP ENGINEERING FOR PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF 156TH STREET OVER WILLIAM LEHR DRAIN (ANDREW RODEWALD)
- BOARD TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION RB-20-25, A RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATES TO SCHEDULES V AND VII OF CHAPTER 78 IN THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES (ANDREW RODEWALD)
- BOARD TO CONSIDER PERMISSION FOR NIGHT WORK AND ROAD CLOSURE FOR PLEASANT STREET PROJECT (ANDREW RODEWALD)

ADJOURNMENT

**TOWN OF CICERO**  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Call to Order:  
Declare a Quorum Present:  
Approval of Agenda:  
Approval of Prior Minutes:  
Town Council Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2025, 7:00 PM  
Approval of 4/15/25 Claims:  
Council Committee Reports:  
1. OTC Report –  
2. EDC Report –  
3. SWU Management Board Report –  
Legal Counsel Report –  
Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report  
Town Engineer Report – Keith Bryant  
1. Water –  
2. Wastewater –  
3. West Jackson Street –  
4. 2025 Community Crossings Matching Grant –  
Old Business:  
New Business:  
1. Ordinance O4-15-2025-01 Amendment to Salary Ordinance  
2. Planning Software System  
Miscellaneous:  
Comments by Citizens:  
Motion to Adjourn:  
Signatures on Official Documents!  
The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on May 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.



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# April Busy for Noblesville Creates

This month, Noblesville Creates showcases artists Casey Williams and Shelley Feeney, along with the Young Artists exhibit at the Judge Stone House and the Sporting Inspiration exhibit at Noblesville City Hall. Additionally, Noblesville Creates wishes to highlight a special Hamilton County Artists' Association exhibit at Four Day Ray Brewing. Details on exhibit locations, dates, receptions, and featured artists can be found below.

## JUDGE STONE HOUSE: Noblesville Elementary Schools

April showers bring May flowers, but there are already blooms of color in the Judge Stone House Gallery at Noblesville Creates on 8th! This annual exhibit showcases a curated collection of artwork from Noblesville elementary students. The Noblesville Elementary Schools represented in this exhibit are Hazel Dell, Hinkle Creek, Noble Crossing, North, Promise Road, Stony Creek, and White River.

Projects cover a variety of mediums and processes. Paper, clay, paint, and more demonstrate creative minds hard at work. Not only can visitors expect to explore the tactile and innovative lessons these students learned, but they can also gain inspiration from the sheer imagination on display!

You can view the full exhibit, Young Artists, through April 26 in the Judge Stone House gallery. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## STEPHENSON HOUSE: Casey Williams

Casey Williams was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan but grew up under the sun-drenched skies of Pompano Beach, Florida. Her childhood was one spent in the great outdoors, the lush greenery and sandy shores serving as an expansive playground where her creative spirit first ignited. It was at the tender age of four or five that Williams found herself irresistibly drawn to the world of art.

Casey hails from a family rich in creativity. Her father was musically inclined, a talented singer and instrumentalist who skillfully played the guitar and banjo. Her mother was a crafty seamstress, an amazing cook, and a gifted writer. Casey's artistic education began in high school art classes, where she honed her skills and explored various mediums. Post-high school, Casey embarked on a journey as a freelance artist.

She painted on anything and everything—from clothing to murals—but eventually felt the pull of a more traditional career path. The security of a corporate job lured her away for some time, but come 2020, she made a pivotal decision to embrace art full-time once more.

Nature serves as the core inspiration for Casey's work. She has a profound desire to capture fleeting moments and crystallize them into timeless beauty through her art. Her creative process begins with raw emotion, which she then channels into choosing subjects and compositions that best convey her feelings. Patience and experimentation have been the bedrock of her technique, blending a broad array of subjects linked by bold colors and skillful use of light that make her work distinctly unique.

*Beyond Vision* is more than an exhibition—it's an invitation to connect with the beauty in the natural world and beyond, to find magic in the real and imaginary alike. With a rich color palette and striking compositions, the works convey emotions that go beyond the surface, encouraging viewers to not only see but feel the subjects. From the quiet elegance of a fox in a meadow to the mysterious beauty of a mythical seahorse, each painting tells a story that transcends the ordinary.

Each piece is a study in contrasts, blending realism with dreamlike elements that evoke wonder and curiosity. Animals are depicted with soulful expressions, landscapes with serene allure, and fantastical creatures with an ethereal quality, showcasing the artist's unique ability to capture life both as it is and as it could be in the depths of the imagination.

See the full exhibit, *Beyond Vision: Beauty in Reality and Imagination*, in the Stephenson House Gallery at the Noblesville Creates campus through April 26. Visitors can expect to find a variety of images from landscapes, wildlife, and more. The full campus is open for exploration Wednesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meet Casey at her free public reception during Welcome to Fairyville on Saturday, April 26.

## FOUR DAY RAY: HCAA

The Hamilton County Artists' Association (HCAA) will be hosting a variety of work from several of their artist members from April through June at Four

Day Ray Brewery in Fishers. Enjoy local fine art as you dine, such as landscapes, portraiture, still lifes, and more!

The Hamilton County Artists' Association is a nonprofit organization that exists to provide opportunities for artistic development, fellowship, and art appreciation to its members and the community; thereby enhancing the quality of life in Hamilton County.

You can view the full HCAA exhibit through June 28 at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

## MEYER NAJEM: Shelley Feeney

It can be difficult to slow down when life seems to move faster every year. With a fast-filling calendar it often feels like there is no time to stop and smell the roses. We come out of these winter months hustling and bustling as our environment likewise blooms. Artist Shelley Feeney finds peace when she slows down and savors small moments outdoors. Light through trees, shadows dancing on the ground, and more are celebrated in her upcoming showcase exhibit, *Senses in Nature*.

Shelley herself leads a busy career. In addition to being a wife, mother and three, and an art teacher at Hamilton Southeastern Schools for nineteen years, she still finds time to create. Her background is in printmaking but she has begun exploring painting in the last five years.

Color and nature heavily influence her process and style. Shelley notes that she always has painted in oils, and while she began traditionally with brushes, she now uses her "fingers and palette knives to create bold movement and a heavy, impasto texture". Bright hues are blended into thick swoops, bends, and strokes that organically emulate scenes from nature.

Finding and grounding herself in peace is at the core of this collection's work. Shelley's daily runs and more intermittent travels allow her to find moments where she can appreciate "the simple pleasures that surround us". Such moments provide respite and levity to an otherwise hectic life. Her paintings strive to capture this notion. Vibrant palettes "intertwined with exaggerated textures" invite introspective viewers to linger and ruminate.

This showcase includes several vivid, striking pieces that encourage visitors to go out and find the beauty all around us. See the full exhibit, *Senses in Nature*, through April 27. This exhibit is viewable at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers,


Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Meet Shelley at her free public reception on Friday, May 9, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m.

## NOBLESVILLE CITY HALL: Sporting Inspiration

A woosh of a ball through a net, a crack of a puck, the roar of a crowd. Sports ignite many emotions, from the thrill of victory to the devastating losses.

The exhibit, *Sporting Inspiration*, will feature works that celebrate sports.

You can view the full exhibit, *Sporting Inspiration*, through April 25 at Noblesville City Hall. Visitors can visit the gallery Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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