

■ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

HONEST HOOSIER



I know, I know . . . it's only a couple of pennies but I get ticked off every time some clerk gives me back less than what they owe – and then say that's their policy. I have started saying, "then give me a nickel." And you know what, most of the time they do.

■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

Hamilton County residents have an opportunity this spring to conserve water and reduce runoff through the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual rain barrel sale, now open for pre-orders. The program offers residents an easy way to collect and reuse rainwater from their rooftops, helping to reduce stormwater runoff that can carry pollutants into local streams and rivers. Pre-orders are open now through May 12, with pickup scheduled for May 19 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville. Barrels are available at an affordable cost and come ready to install, with components designed to connect directly to a home's downspout. Optional accessories, including stands, diverters, and linking kits, are also available. More information and ordering details are available at: www.hamiltonswcd.org/rainbarrels

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye."

Helen Keller

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Name a bow that can't be tied. A rainbow.

■ ADOPT A PET HOOTIE



Hootie is hoping to level up from office lap cat to loyal couch potato. This 7-year-old male Domestic Shorthair has been available for adoption at HSHC since 12/11/25. Hootie is nearly 20 pounds of pure lap cat love and is looking for a family that can accommodate his lifestyle as a cat in diabetic remission (no insulin injections required!). He enjoys long brushing sessions, belly rubs, and chasing that ever-elusive red dot. Plus, he's proven himself as a rockstar house cat during his time in our foster program. To meet Hootie, please fill out an adoption application at hamiltonhumane.com/adopt, then stop by HSHC anytime 12-5 PM daily (closed Wednesday).

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There's No Place Like . . . Sheridan

Last week, Sheridan Main Street, Inc. held its annual celebratory dinner for all things Sheridan. All evening long, Sheridan's pride, progress and strong sense of community were put on full display. The evening was a reflection of the year's accomplishments, but also a time to look toward the future.

The event itself brought together residents, business owners, and community leaders to celebrate the town's continued growth...because Sheridan is growing! All evening long, guests experienced a "Taste of Sheridan", which featured a diverse menu from local businesses, alone proving that Sheridan is expanding its horizons. Contributions of food, drinks, and treats were made by Gosia's

Rustic Kitchen, Sip Happens, The Planted Prairie, Greek's Pizzeria of Sheridan, Wilson's Farm Market, and The Bountiful Board, all local Sheridan businesses.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Denny Spinner. Spinner is the former mayor of Huntingburg, IN, and former executive director of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the IU Center for Rural Engagement. Spinner spoke about his time as mayor of Huntingburg, which has only a slightly larger population than Sheridan. Specifically, Spinner emphasized his dedication to revitalizing Huntingburg's Market Street Park. Spinner noted that he had a willingness to do the hard work, and

he wanted his hometown to feel like the movies. He wanted to have the "There is no place like home" feeling that Dorothy got in The Wizard of Oz.

Heidi Kienholz, the Promotions Chair for Sheridan Main Street, Inc., continued with Spinner's momentum. She highlighted all of Sheridan's recent and ongoing accomplishments, particularly taking note of the most impressive one to date. The Sheridan Main Street Art Alley project is officially underway. The original fundraising timeline of \$50,000 within 60 days was smashed out of the park by the Sheridan community. The goal was met in an impressive 46 days and continues to grow. This huge achievement

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The Ignorant, But Vicious Town Cow and Other Weirdness



Paula Dunn

From Time to Thyme

I didn't have anything in particular planned for this week, so I dug into my files and pulled out a few of the odd and/or funny items I've run across in the old newspapers.

Some, like this warning from the Sept. 19, 1890 Hamilton County Ledger, really need to be read exactly as they appeared in the newspaper to be fully appreciated.

"Residents on Fifth Street were startled last night at seeing a light in the upper story of an unoccupied building in their locality known as 'Granger's River Side Hall.' None had sufficient nerve to investigate the matter. The attention of the police is called to the matter and it will doubtless be investigated and if found to be the work of ghosts, they will be promptly arrested and put to work on the chain gang."

(Ghosts on a chain gang? Those 19th century reporters had a weird sense of humor.)

Another example, this time from the April 11, 1879 Noblesville Ledger:

"A young man from Arcadia was arrested and fined the other day for indecent exposition of his ungainly person in the alley running south of Ezra Swain's. Respect for his family induces us to withhold his name."

Clearly, Sheridan's streakers of the 1970s weren't the first people in this county to show off their "shortcomings," as actor David Niven once put it. (That alley is the one behind the stores on the south side of the courthouse square.)

From the March 13, 1891 Noblesville Democrat:

"John Patterson's celebrated dog, 'Prince' brings a tin pail every morning from his home in the north part of the city (Noblesville,) to the Wainwright hotel to get the scraps from the table for his breakfast, and when filled will return home for his Mistress to feed him."

(Hmm. That puts a whole new spin on the concept of takeout food.)

Also from the Noblesville Democrat, dated March 20, 1891:

"Haines & Bussell put on exhibition this morning a cigar of somewhat gigantic proportions. It measures about six feet in height and about eighteen inches in diameter."

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The Sleep You Reap

Slumber is all too often a neglected notion. Of all of our basic human needs for survival, sleep typically lands last on our list. I will be the first to admit that as an ADHD adult, I've been known to quip "I'll sleep when I'm dead!" I 'rest' my case.

However, if we turn a blind eye to shut-eye, the results can wreak havoc on our health. Did you know that humans are the only mammals who delay dozing? All other species see fit to sleep

when tired. How did these other non-humans know that sleep deprivation kills faster than starvation?

Yes, in fact, you will lose your life from lack of sleep before you flatline from lack of food. According to the Sleep Foundation, humans can survive weeks without food, but may succumb to severe health failures in about 1.5 to 2 weeks without sleep. Furthermore, it's been said that long-term, chronic deprivation causes more deaths through accidents



Branna Shores

Can You Relate?

or cardiovascular disease. In addition, acute total sleep deprivation also results in rapid cognitive and physical deterioration. If these facts don't keep you up at night, I don't know what will!

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■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

1. Governor Braun recently signed a Letter of Intent with Eli Lilly and Company to collaborate on a future pathway for nuclear energy solutions in Indiana, including small modular reactors and other advanced nuclear technologies. A major component of Governor Mike Braun's energy affordability agenda for Hoosier families is bringing new power supply to the grid, including nuclear energy. Governor Braun's vision is to make Indiana the premier location to invest and build new nuclear energy, because when we produce more energy, prices for Hoosier households come down. The purpose of the Letter of Intent between Lilly and the State of Indiana is to establish a framework for collaboration to: 1. Explore and evaluate the technical, economic, regulatory, and environmental feasibility of nuclear energy solutions in Indiana. 2. Consider potential structures for future procurement and deployment, including potential public private approaches, ownership and operating concepts, and power purchase arrangements. 3. Support long-term energy reliability, resilience, economic development, industrial growth, workforce development, and emissions reduction goals in Indiana.

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3. U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, alongside U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, White House National Economic Council Director Kevin Hassett, Alaska Senator Dan Sullivan and Maine Senator Susan Collins, recently announced the creation of the new U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Seafood. This first of its kind office will prioritize customer service and ease of navigation for American seafood cultivators, producers, and processors to access USDA programs. "President Trump is the first President to recognize fisherman for the essential work they do to sustain our food supply," said Secretary Rollins. "With the launch of the USDA Office of Seafood, we are honoring decades of hard work on the water and opening the door to new opportunities, stronger support, and a brighter future for the seafood industry. Today's announcement, in addition to the historic tax cuts and investments in rural America made possible through the priorities and provisions in the Working Families Tax Cuts, is truly a new chapter for America's fishermen."

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Used Bike Sale, Donation Day May 16

A used bicycle sale and donation day will be held Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, sponsored by Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County's Recycled Cycles. The event will be held at the Recycled Cycles repair shop at 810 E. Main St. in Westfield. The shop is located at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa's BBQ in Westfield.

Around 40 top-condition bikes, high-end 700c wheels, and other parts (Campy, Shimano, SRAM) will be offered for sale at bargain prices. All bikes have been repaired, adjusted, lubricated, and inspected for safe use, and are sold "as is," and sales are final. A receipt must be completed, and payment can only be made by check (no Cash, Venmo, PayPal, Credit Card, etc.). Proceeds will be used to purchase parts to repair other bikes.

Also, this is the perfect opportunity

to drop off a bicycle (new or used) that you would like to donate, which can be repurposed to a Hamilton County family in need.

Last year, Recycled Cycles repaired and gave away nearly 400 bicycles to needy families who might not otherwise have afforded a bicycle. Some bicycles are donated to transitioning inmates for re-entry from the Tower Program in Hamilton County, and hundreds were distributed during the Christmas holiday.

Recycled Cycles is a program made possible by Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, and involves volunteers who repair child and adult bikes. Donations of any bike (NEW or USED) or bicycle accessories, no matter the condition, will be accepted throughout the year at Good Samaritan Network, Fishers. Parts from unrepairable bikes are salvaged to make whole bikes.

Endorsements Piling Up for Sen. Jim Buck

Republican State Senator Jim Buck has continued to receive multiple endorsements in his campaign for re-election in State Senate District 21, which includes portions of Hamilton County as well as Tipton and a section of Howard County.

The new endorsements include:

Mitch Daniels
Former Indiana Governor

"Solid values, solid judgment, true man of conscience: we need more public servants like Jim Buck."

Steve Dillinger
Hamilton County Commissioner
"This is a statement of support for Jim Buck for Senator. I have known Jim for many years, both as a friend and a professional colleague in my role as a County Commissioner for Hamilton County. He has always had the best interest of the folks he represents.

I personally feel the ad campaign against him is despicable and I endorse Jim in his Campaign 100 percent.

Jim has worked very hard, for many years, for the people of Indiana, and to see him treated with ads like I have seen on television recently, is very disappointing.

Mike Karickhoff
State Representative, House District 30

"I'm excited to join the growing chorus of supporters for Senator Jim Buck. He is principled and understands how state government works best. He's never going to be influenced by outside pressures, and he represents his constituencies well!"

Ed Simcox
Former Secretary of State

Sen. Buck has been a conservative voice in the Indiana legislature over the years. He stands for low taxes, life for the unborn, and traditional values. He and Judy have worked tirelessly for Republican causes through the years. As a fellow conservative, Jim has my support in his campaign for re-election.

Jim Butcher
Former State Senator, Senate District 21

"I have known Senator Jim Buck for over 40 years. I have observed this man serve his constituents in ways and in a manner that shows his commitment to them and to good, conservative government. I strongly recommend, without reservation, that the 21st Senate District voters send State Sen. Jim Buck back to the State Senate for four



File Photo

State Sen. Jim Buck has several endorsements from current and former officials.

more productive years.

Other Endorsements Previously Received:
*The National Federation of Independent Business:

*One Zone Business Action Committee:

*Former Vice President Mike Pence

*Kokomo Mayor Tyler Moore

*Former Westfield Mayor Andy Cook

*Indiana Professional Firefighters

*Fraternal Order of Police

*Doug Carter, former Indiana State Police Superintendent and Hamilton County Sheriff

*Indiana Right to Life

*Indiana Farm Bureau

*National Rifle Association – A+ rating

*American Family Association PAC (American Family

Association)

*Indiana Family Action PAC (Indiana Family Institute)

*Indiana Realtors Association

*CPAC

*The American Conservative Union

"Receiving these endorsements from so many people and organizations is an honor for me," Buck said in a news release.

"They themselves are strong Republican leaders who have been involved in making Indiana better every day. It is my hope to return to the Indiana Senate and continue the work we have all done collectively."

Buck and his wife Judy have raised five daughters. They reside in Kokomo and are active in the local community and in their church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sheriff Quakenbush Endorses Chief Deputy

Dear Hamilton County Residents,

It is my honor to endorse John Lowes as the next Sheriff of Hamilton County as my second and final term ends in 2026. Having served our community with integrity for 27 years, John has proven himself to be a steadfast and capable leader. As Chief Deputy of Hamilton County, he has expertly guided 250 officers who work tirelessly to "Keep Hamilton County Safe." His proactive strategies, leadership

skills, and commitment to transparency, accountability, and collaboration make him the ideal candidate to continue this mission.

I highly value John's wisdom and dedication to biblical principles, which have been invaluable in directing the values of the Sheriff's Office and fostering trust within our community. These principles reflect the kind of steady and ethical leadership needed to ensure Hamilton County remains one of the safest communities

in the nation.

As a member of our community, I know you understand the value of preserving the safety and quality of life that make Hamilton County a remarkable place to live, work, and thrive. Together, we share the responsibility to protect that legacy. Yet, we cannot ignore the ongoing challenges of crime and violence, which, if unchecked, could disrupt the peace we've worked so hard to achieve. Without strong, experienced

law enforcement, our community's safety would be vulnerable. That is why leadership rooted in integrity and accountability is essential.

"Lowes Knows Safety!" I ask that you join me in supporting John Lowes in the upcoming primary election on May 5th. Together, we can ensure Hamilton County remains one of the safest communities in the nation.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush

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Keep these key differences between good sleep, and deprivation in mind when it comes to your brain power, emotional health and overall well-being. Good sleep improves focus, decision-making, and memory consolidation, while a lack of it impairs cognitive function. Proper rest regulates emotions, whereas the lack of sleep increases irritability, stress and risk of anxiety or depression. And lastly, quality sleep lowers blood pressure and reduces inflammation, whereas the lack is linked to weakened immunity and higher risk of chronic illnesses.

Not only does the lack of sleep impair your health, but your "pillow posture" has a say as well. John Hopkins forewarns that sleeping positions directly impact spinal alignment, breathing, pain levels and digestion. Side sleeping (especially left)

is generally best for reducing snoring and acid reflux, while back sleeping aligns the spine. Stomach sleeping is the least recommended, often causing neck / back strain.

Then there's the tenacious topic of sleep apnea – a common, serious disorder affecting nearly 1 billion people worldwide, with more than 30 million adults in the U.S. alone. This acute, precarious culprit causes repeated breathing interruptions during sleep, leading to oxygen desaturation and chronic health issues. The American Medical Association states that up to 80 percent of cases are undiagnosed, leaving millions at risk for serious illness and fatal accidents.

Here are some fundamental facts and fallacies of this notorious nocturnal evil:

"It's just loud snoring." While snoring is a common symptom, it is not the same as

sleep apnea. Truth be told, snoring is the sound of vibrating tissue, but sleep apnea is a serious medical condition where you actually stop breathing – sometimes hundreds of times a night!

"Only Overweight Men Get It." Nope . . . Sleep apnea can affect people of all ages, genders, and body types, including children and slender individuals.

"CPAP is the Only Treatment." False! Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (alias CPAP) machines may be the gold standard, however, they are not the only option.

"It's Not a Serious Health Risk." Guess again. Dismissing sleep apnea as just an "inconvenience" is dangerous. Untreated apnea is linked to a 2-3 times higher risk of stroke and significantly increases the risk of heart attacks, type 2 diabetes and dementia. It also makes our roads more

risky as drowsy driving caused by apnea can be as dangerous as driving drunk.

In summary, seeking more sound sleep practices saves not only your life, but the lives of others. The next time you forego your forty winks, remember napping is a necessity. Now there's your wake up call!

Can You Relate is a column from Noblesville High School grad Branna (McCarty) Shores. Branna believes that "HOME is where your story begins." A Noblesville native and proud alum of NHS and Purdue, she is a professional speaker, advocate for mental health and work / family balance and retired social worker. Branna is the mother of two grown daughters, six precious grandchildren and wife of one brave husband! Her passions include singing, writing and sharing the lighter side of life through lessons learned, both personally and professionally. She can be contacted at branna18@gmail.com

Drug Take Back Event Saturday at Riverview



Monica Greer

The Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs will host a drive-thru medication drop-off event Saturday to help residents safely dispose of expired or unwanted prescriptions. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon in the east parking lot of Riverview Health in Noblesville, located across from Federal Hill Commons.

This year marks the 30th year that the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has coordinated national efforts to collect unused medications. Locally, the council has participated in these April



Photo courtesy Hamilton County

Captain Mark Bowen with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office helped collect 150+ pounds of unused and expired prescriptions last spring.

and October timelines for years, collecting hundreds of pounds of medication annually.

"A critical aspect of the prescription drug epidemic is the supply chain," said Monica Greer, executive director of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs. "For most people who misuse these drugs, the source isn't an anonymous street dealer but a trusted friend or family member, and the point of access is

the home medicine cabinet. If we get the unused or expired medications out of our houses, we can deter misuse and abuse."

The event will accept expired and unused medications as well as vape devices. Staff cannot accept liquids, sharps, or needles. Individuals with those items are encouraged to dispose of them at the Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center.

For those unable to

attend the event, safe disposal remains available throughout the year at several local law enforcement agencies, including the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Fishers and Westfield police departments. Select Walmart, Walgreens and Meijer locations also offer year-round collection options.

Additional information on local medication disposal can be found at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Timmons Ripped for Ripping on Trump



Two Cents
from Tim Timmons

From the reaction to my questioning the actions of one Donald J. Trump last week, I may well be back down to three or four readers. Some folks were pretty ticked off that a lowly vagabond newspaperman would dare question the Don.

What is it about this guy that inflames us so much?

By any reasonable measure, he had a decent first term in the office. But his second term has been anything but. He is spending money that we don't have – and then some. His ego, which has always been his biggest defining character, is out of control this time. And hey, let me be clear. I didn't mind his ego the first time. It seemed to me he parlayed it from he has to win all the time to We The People have to win all the time. That worked for me. After Obama's world apology tour we needed some good ol' patriotic flag waving. This time though? It's no longer MAGA – Make America Great Again. Now it's DAGA Don Always Gets Abrasive.

He has two worlds, those who kiss his rather large posterior and enemies.

There is no middle ground. The Pope – a guy who is probably about as peaceful as they get – hasn't said anything against Trump specifically. He denounced war. But that apparently ticked Trump off and now the Pope is a bad guy.

For denouncing war? Did you hear that Trump wants an arch built in his honor? A 250-foot arch to go along with the country's 250th. That's not so bad, but we're not calling it the US of A Arch, or anything like that. It'll be the Trump Arch. Oh, and it'll cost \$400 million to build. Apparently, it's fashioned after the one in Paris or something. Do we really need an arch? We've got tons of arches. Go to St. Louis. Heck, drive down the interstate and you'll see two golden arches every 15 minutes or so. And \$400 million? Give me some helpers, bricks, mortar and a trowel and we'll build one for a lot less than that. Besides, we're almost \$40 trillion in debt and instead of telling

the American people how he's SAVING us \$400 million, he's spending \$400 million on another monument . . . to himself.

He's put his name on the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, the Institute of Peace, the Palm Beach airport, federal savings accounts, prescription plans, roads, ships, currency and more. The Congressional Budget Office recently estimated that all this work will cost around \$2 billion.

Hey, if he eliminated the deficit I'd be the first one in line saying rename everything after him. But the debt, the deficit, every economic indicator just keeps going south.

When does it end? Sadly, we are reaching the point where it may not.

Anyone remember Greece in 2009?

But let's get back to the question – why can we not criticize the guy without hateful responses? Why does every Cabinet member kow-tow to the Don like he's some sort of royalty? Why are his lies OK?

If our nation is divided – which is a little like asking if it can get cold in Indiana in January – Trump appears to be the fulcrum. I don't know why. Just because I believe that Trump has lost his way doesn't mean I'm jumping on the liberal bandwagon. Not even close. I swear by the old saw that if you aren't a liberal when you're 20 you have no heart and if you're not a conservative when you're 50 you have no brain.

Trump has put himself so far above everything that whether or not he has a heart or a brain is a serious question. Here's hoping whoever comes along next can take the ideals from that first term and – along with a huge dose of economic smarts – get this country back on a path to sanity.

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

Sheridan Schools Celebrate Godby Stadium

Monday evening, April 13th, Sheridan softball fanatics gathered at the new Godby Stadium for the opening matchup. The night also served as the dedication to the new facility, Godby Home Furnishings Stadium. The evening both honored the future and legacy of Blackhawk athletics, specifically the softball program.

High School Principal, Rick Davis, opened the evening by sharing the story being the stadium's name. The Godby family and

Godby Home Furnishings have built a legacy, that all started in the Sheridan community. Jim Godby, Godby Home Furnishings founder, started his business back in 1974. Davis commented, "It's a story of hard work, perseverance, and giving back...They never left Sheridan behind."

Superintendent, Dave Mundy, continued the momentum by recognizing long-time coach, Danny Christian. Christian's impact on the SCS softball program spans

over 2 decades. Christian began in 2000 as a JV baseball coach before transitioning to the softball program. Mundy shared, "He put in countless hours behind the scenes. Washing uniforms, raking fields, doing whatever needed to be done. That kind of commitment showed up in the culture he built."

Mundy continued, "What truly defines Coach Christian isn't just what happened on the scoreboard. It's the lives he impacted." Christian has been an

avid advocate for girls' athletics and has had a lasting impact on the student-athletes at SCS.

Before officially "pitching in" the new field, Davis said "This field is not just a new facility. It's a symbol of what can happen when people choose to invest back into their community." Godby Home Furnishings Stadium marks a new chapter for Sheridan softball and athletics at SCS, while still honoring the legacy that "raked" the way.

PAULA

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Haines & Bussell was a drugstore on the north side of the courthouse square. (Don't you wonder what became of that cigar?)

According to the July 26, 1926 Noblesville Daily Ledger, Civil War veteran Nathan "Nate" Clover LOVED to fish.

One day, while enjoying his favorite hobby near Potter's Bridge, the "real angler" was hit with a coughing fit so violent, his teeth went flying into White River. He pondered the situation a bit, then rolled up

his sleeves, waded into the water (it must have been a shallow spot) and felt around until he recovered the teeth.

The article ended with "Most people would have considered them lost and began thinking about getting together enough money to buy another pair," remarked the veteran with a smile." Eww.

Finally, the Sept. 19, 1890 Hamilton County Ledger noted that the courthouse janitor had been successful at closing the courthouse yard gates against "the ignorant but vicious town cow."

The strangest thing about this is, when I searched for more information about the "town cow," I found several articles. In the early days, cows were allowed to wander freely through town. One of them must have considered the courthouse grass particularly tasty.

That explains why so many drawings from that time period show city buildings – such as the courthouse – with enclosed yards. Fences were a necessity, not a decoration.

If you think Noblesville traffic is bad now,

imagine having to negotiate around several head of cattle – and their "calling cards."

Reminder: The Blatchley Nature Study Club's last Spring Wildflower Walk will be held at their sanctuary this Saturday, April 25, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The sanctuary is located on Boulder Drive, a little west of Potter's Bridge.

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

Westfield Awards First Opioid Settlement Grant

The City of Westfield has approved a \$25,000 grant to Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) to support evidence-based substance use prevention and early intervention programming for students at risk of substance misuse. The funding comes from the City's restricted Opioid Settlement Fund and represents the first use of these dollars in Westfield.

"Addiction is a vicious disease, and the best time to combat it is before it begins," said Mayor Scott Willis. "Westfield Washington Schools and my administration are

aligned in our desire to promote a healthier, safer community, and that starts with protecting our young people so they can live life to the fullest."

The grant will fund the Prime for Life program, an evidence-based curriculum designed to reduce high-risk alcohol and drug use behaviors, educate students on substance use risks, and encourage healthier decision-making. Prime for Life also includes parent education and family engagement components, helping to reinforce these important life lessons beyond the

classroom walls.

"Partnering with the city on this program was an easy "yes." The evidence-backed nature of the curriculum and the community-connecting elements inherent in this program mean we will be able to equip our students with potentially life-saving knowledge, resources, and confidence," said Dr. John Atha, WWS Superintendent.

This investment strengthens the partnership between the City of Westfield and Westfield Washington Schools while expanding access to prevention and early inter-

vention services for students and families who may face barriers to support. By identifying and addressing rising substance use risks early, the program aims to prevent more serious issues later in life, including opioid misuse and addiction.

All funding fully aligns with opioid settlement requirements and has been reviewed by legal counsel. The grant includes reporting and accountability measures to ensure responsible use of funds. These funds do not come from the City's General Fund, nor does it impact the General Fund.

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29D01-2604-EU-000167
 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) SS:
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2604-EU-000167
 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
 RONALD C. ROGERS, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
 Notice is hereby given that Elizabeth J. Rogers, on April 7, 2026, was
 appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of Ronald C. Rogers, deceased,
 who died on the 1st day of March, 2021, leaving a will and codicil. The estate will
 be administered without Court Supervision.
 All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due,
 must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first
 publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death,
 whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
 Dated this April 7, 2026.
 Kathy Kreag Williams
 Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court 1
 C. Daniel Yates
 Bose McKinney & Evans LLP
 111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
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29D03-2603-EU-000156
 IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3
 STATE OF INDIANA
 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED)
 ESTATE OF INA MAY KOORS,)
 DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2026, Rick D. Kercheval was
 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ina May Koors,
 deceased, who died on October 22, 2025.
 All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must
 file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from
 the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the
 Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
 Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on April 2, 2026.
 Kathy Kreag Williams
 Clerk
 Hamilton County Circuit and Superior Courts
 Coots Henke & Wheeler, P.C.
 255 East Carmel Drive
 Carmel, Indiana 46032-2689
 Telephone: (317) 844-4693
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Sealed proposals for Grand Park Boulevard and Tournament Trail Traffic
 Signal Installation Project will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the
 Westfield Public Works Building, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074
 until 10:30 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Bids will be publicly
 opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time and date will
 be returned unopened. No conditional bids will be considered.
 Project generally includes installing a traffic signal at Grand Park Boulevard
 and Tournament Trail. ADA curb ramps, concrete sidewalks, pavement markings and
 highway signs are included in the construction limits.
 Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form
 obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form
 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as
 prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and
 notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part
 II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid
 security. The bid security shall be a certified check made payable to the Owner
 or satisfactory bond by an incorporated surety company in good standing and
 qualified to do business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to 5% of the
 bid, said deposit being for the purpose of ensuring the execution of the contract
 for which bid is made. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items
 shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid by the Owner.
 No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered; therefore,
 contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposal
 for this project.
 The Contractors to whom work is awarded shall be required to furnish
 a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred
 percent (100%) of the contract price, and they shall be acceptable to the City of
 Westfield, Indiana.
 No bidder may withdraw their proposal within a period of 60 days
 following the date set for receiving bids. The City of Westfield, Indiana reserves
 the right to retain the three lowest bid proposals for a period of not more than 90
 days, and said proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The
 City of Westfield, Indiana further reserves the right to waive informalities and to
 award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder or bidders, all to the
 advantage of the City of Westfield, Indiana, or to reject all Proposals.
 The Contract Documents and drawings will be available to all interested
 parties from: Repro Graphix, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or
 at eplanroom.reprographix.com.
 Please direct all questions regarding this project to Michael Pearce, City
 of Westfield, Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN
 46074, (317) 473-2917, mpearce@westfield.in.gov
 By: Michael Pearce, City of Westfield
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Sealed proposals for SR 32 and Mule Barn Road Intersection Improvement
 will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the Westfield Public Works
 Building, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074 until 10:00 a.m., local
 time, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
 Any bids received later than the above time and date will be returned unopened.
 No conditional bids will be considered.
 Project generally includes roadway widening and re-construction of
 approximately 3,000 feet of Mule Barn Road, including improvements to the
 intersection at SR 32 that will add a southbound left-turn lane, eastbound left-turn
 lane, and westbound right-turn lane at the intersection. Both concrete and asphalt
 mainline paving, along with shoulders and drainage improvements are included in
 the construction limits.
 Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form
 obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form
 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as
 prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and
 notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part
 II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid
 security. The bid security shall be a certified check made payable to the Owner
 or satisfactory bond by an incorporated surety company in good standing and
 qualified to do business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to 5% of the
 bid, said deposit being for the purpose of ensuring the execution of the contract
 for which bid is made. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items
 shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid by the Owner.
 No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered; therefore,
 contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposal
 for this project.
 The Contractors to whom work is awarded shall be required to furnish
 a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred
 percent (100%) of the contract price, and they shall be acceptable to the City of
 Westfield, Indiana.
 No bidder may withdraw their proposal within a period of 60 days
 following the date set for receiving bids. The City of Westfield, Indiana reserves
 the right to retain the three lowest bid proposals for a period of not more than 90
 days, and said proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The
 City of Westfield, Indiana further reserves the right to waive informalities and to
 award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder or bidders, all to the
 advantage of the City of Westfield, Indiana, or to reject all Proposals.
 The Contract Documents and drawings will be available to all interested
 parties from: Repro Graphix, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or
 at eplanroom.reprographix.com.
 Please direct all questions regarding this project to Michael Pearce, City
 of Westfield, Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN
 46074, (317) 473-2917, mpearce@westfield.in.gov
 By: Michael Pearce, City of Westfield
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29D03-2603-EU-000115
 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 3
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D03-2603-EU-000115
 IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
 GARNETTE ROSE MCCONNELL, DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton County, Indiana.
 Notice is hereby given that Kimberly M. Harrington was, on the 7th day
 of April 2026, appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate of Garnette
 Rose McConnell, deceased, who died on January 7, 2025.
 All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due,
 must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months
 from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after
 the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
 Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 7th day of April 2026.
 Kathy Kreag Williams
 CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT 3
 FOR HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
 Steven W. Kincaid
 Attorney No. 18034-34
 Steven W. Kincaid, Attorney at Law, P.C.
 54 N. 9th Street, Ste. 130
 Noblesville, IN 46060
 Telephone: 317-776-5995
 Fax: 317-219-0625
 29D03-2603-EU-000115
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Sealed proposals for Grand Park Boulevard and Tournament Trail Traffic
 Signal Installation Project will be received by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the
 Westfield Public Works Building, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074
 until 10:30 a.m., local time, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Bids will be publicly
 opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time and date will
 be returned unopened. No conditional bids will be considered.
 Project generally includes installing a traffic signal at Grand Park Boulevard
 and Tournament Trail. ADA curb ramps, concrete sidewalks, pavement markings and
 highway signs are included in the construction limits.
 Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form
 obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form
 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as
 prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and
 notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part
 II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid
 security. The bid security shall be a certified check made payable to the Owner
 or satisfactory bond by an incorporated surety company in good standing and
 qualified to do business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to 5% of the
 bid, said deposit being for the purpose of ensuring the execution of the contract
 for which bid is made. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items
 shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid by the Owner.
 No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered; therefore,
 contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposal
 for this project.
 The Contractors to whom work is awarded shall be required to furnish
 a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred
 percent (100%) of the contract price, and they shall be acceptable to the City of
 Westfield, Indiana.
 No bidder may withdraw their proposal within a period of 60 days
 following the date set for receiving bids. The City of Westfield, Indiana reserves
 the right to retain the three lowest bid proposals for a period of not more than 90
 days, and said proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The
 City of Westfield, Indiana further reserves the right to waive informalities and to
 award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder or bidders, all to the
 advantage of the City of Westfield, Indiana, or to reject all Proposals.
 The Contract Documents and drawings will be available to all interested
 parties from: Repro Graphix, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or
 at eplanroom.reprographix.com.
 Please direct all questions regarding this project to Michael Pearce, City
 of Westfield, Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN
 46074, (317) 473-2917, mpearce@westfield.in.gov
 By: Michael Pearce, City of Westfield
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30D01-2603-EU-000032
 IN THE HANCOCK SUPERIOR COURT
 STATE OF INDIANA
 IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED)
 ESTATE OF TIMOTHY LEHMAN,)
 DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2026, Cristina Lehman was
 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Timothy Lehman, deceased,
 who died on December 28, 2025.
 All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must
 file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from
 the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the
 Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
 Dated at Greenfield, Indiana on March 19, 2026.
 Lisa M. Lofgreen,
 Clerk, Hancock County Circuit and Superior Courts
 Coots Henke & Wheeler, P.C.
 255 East Carmel Drive
 Carmel, Indiana 46032-2689
 Telephone: (317) 844-4693
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Sealed proposals for 191st Street Road Widening Project will be received
 by the City of Westfield, Indiana, at the Westfield Public Works Building, 2706 E.
 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana, 46074 until 10:15 a.m., local time, on Tuesday,
 April 28, 2026. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received
 later than the above time and date will be returned unopened. No conditional bids
 will be considered.
 Project generally includes roadway widening and re-construction of
 approximately 3,300 feet converting a two-lane roadway to a five-lane boulevard-
 style with curb and gutter, curbed medians, storm sewers, multi-use path,
 sidewalk, curb ramps, pavement markings, signing, and lighting. A roundabout at
 the intersection of 191st Street and Grand Park Boulevard and a bridge over 191st
 Street for the Monon Trail are included in the construction limits.
 Bids shall be properly and completely executed on the Proposal Form
 obtainable at the office of the Owner. Each bid shall be accompanied by Form
 96 Contractor's Bid for Public Works, including Non-Collusion Affidavit as
 prescribed by the State Board of Accounts, completely filled out, signed, and
 notarized as required by the statutes of the State of Indiana, Section III of Part
 II of Form 96 titled "Contractor's Financial Statement," and acceptable bid
 security. The bid security shall be a certified check made payable to the Owner
 or satisfactory bond by an incorporated surety company in good standing and
 qualified to do business in the State of Indiana in an amount equal to 5% of the
 bid, said deposit being for the purpose of ensuring the execution of the contract
 for which bid is made. Any bid not accompanied by the above required items
 shall be deemed to be a non-responsive bid by the Owner.
 No consideration for escalation on prices can be considered; therefore,
 contractors are advised to not include any such escalation clauses in their proposal
 for this project.
 The Contractors to whom work is awarded shall be required to furnish
 a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred
 percent (100%) of the contract price, and they shall be acceptable to the City of
 Westfield, Indiana.
 No bidder may withdraw their proposal within a period of 60 days
 following the date set for receiving bids. The City of Westfield, Indiana reserves
 the right to retain the three lowest bid proposals for a period of not more than 90
 days, and said proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The
 City of Westfield, Indiana further reserves the right to waive informalities and to
 award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder or bidders, all to the
 advantage of the City of Westfield, Indiana, or to reject all Proposals.
 The Contract Documents and drawings will be available to all interested
 parties from: Repro Graphix, 437 North Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or
 at eplanroom.reprographix.com.
 Please direct all questions regarding this project to Michael Pearce, City
 of Westfield, Department of Public Works, 2706 E. 171st Street, Westfield, IN
 46074, (317) 473-2917, mpearce@westfield.in.gov
 By: Michael Pearce, City of Westfield
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
 BY AND AT: Noblesville Schools
 Educational Services Center
 ATTN: Mr. David Hortemiller
 18025 River Road
 Noblesville, IN 46062
 FOR: Roof Replacements for Hinkle Creek Elementary School
 UNTIL: Bids are due 10:00 AM, local time, Monday, May 11, 2026
 PROJECT LOCATION: Hinkle Creek Elementary School
 595 S Harbour Dr
 Noblesville, Indiana 46062
RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time
 listed below will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of
 the Bidder. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project
 Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as
 required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall also submit financial
 data and a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No.
 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and
 address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows:
Roof Replacements for Hinkle Creek Elementary School
BID OPENING: Each bid will be opened in public and read aloud in the
 Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville,
 IN 46062, by the Owner on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 10:00 AM local time.
 Deliver Bid in a sealed envelope showing the project name and Bidder's name
 and address.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held
 on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 1:30 PM at Hinkle Creek Elementary School.
 The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the facility. To arrange site visits
 after this meeting, contact Roy Wallace, email: roy_wallace@nobl.k12.in.us,
 phone: (317) 716-3505.
CONTRACT TYPE:
 Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids
 received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material,
 and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with
 the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their
 subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General
 Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.
 Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturer's names are used in the
 Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for
 the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in
 quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives
 written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date and time of the
 Bid Opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 00 21 00,
 "Instructions to Bidders." The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name,
 kind, and type with the Bid.
 A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder,
 complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements
 for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids,
 and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities
 in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the
 "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public
 Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid
 for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.
BID DOCUMENTS:
 Interested Prime Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents at
 no cost from Eastern Engineering, http://distribution.easternengineering.com.
 All other bidders may purchase electronic or printed sets directly from Eastern
 Engineering, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, 1-866-884-4115.
 Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to CSO Architects,
 317-848-7800. Contact Nick Wissing, nwwissing@csinc.net or Morganne Walker,
 mwalker@csinc.net.
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW:
 Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be
 viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:
 CSO Architects Eastern Engineering
 8831 Keystone Crossing 9901 Allisonville Road
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 Fishers, IN 46038
 317-848-7800 866-884-4115
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for
 five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond.
 Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do
 business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable
 to Noblesville Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to
 execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit
 forfeited as liquidated damages.
**PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT
 BOND:**
 The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to
 procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment
 Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with
 all laws of the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental
 units.
 David Hortemiller
 Chief Financial Officer
 Noblesville Schools
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
 BY AND AT: Noblesville Schools
 Educational Services Center
 ATTN: Mr. David Hortemiller
 18025 River Road
 Noblesville, IN 46062
 FOR: Roof Replacements for Noblesville East Middle School
 UNTIL: Bids are due 10:00 AM, local time, Monday, May 11th,
 2026
 PROJECT LOCATION: Noblesville East Middle School
 1625 Field Drive
 Noblesville, Indiana 46060
RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received after the designated day and time
 listed below will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of
 the Bidder. Bids are to be submitted on the Bid Form as provided in the Project
 Manual and on Indiana State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 (revised 2013) as
 required by the statutes of the State of Indiana. Bidders shall also submit financial
 data and a properly signed Affidavit of Non-Collusion as required by Form No.
 96. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, marked with the name and
 address of the bidder, and clearly identified as follows:
Roof Replacements for Noblesville East Middle School
BID OPENING: Each bid will be opened in public and read aloud in the
 Board Room at the Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville,
 IN 46062, by the Owner on Monday, May 11th, 2026 at 10:00 AM local time.
 Deliver Bid in a sealed envelope showing the project name and Bidder's name
 and address.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be
 held on Wednesday, April 29th, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Noblesville East Middle
 School. The meeting will include an opportunity to tour the facility. Immediately
 following the conclusion of the tour at East Middle School, a tour will be held at
 Hinkle Creek Elementary School. To arrange site visits after this meeting, contact
 Roy Wallace, email: roy_wallace@nobl.k12.in.us, phone: (317) 716-3505.
CONTRACT TYPE:
 Project will be constructed under a Single Prime Contract with bids
 received on a lump sum basis. Each proposal shall include all labor, material,
 and services necessary to complete the project in full accordance with
 the Construction Drawings and Project Manual. Prime bidders and their
 subcontractors must be certified and in compliance with the Indiana General
 Assembly's House Enrollment Act #1019.
 Where trade names, brand names, or manufacturer's names are used in the
 Project Manual, it is for the purpose of establishing kind and quality and not for
 the purpose of limiting competition. Bidders may offer items or materials equal in
 quality and having the same durability and efficiency if the Bidder first receives
 written approval from the Architect/Engineer prior to the date and time of the
 Bid Opening and complying with requirements indicated in Document 00 21 00,
 "Instructions to Bidders." The Bidder shall identify such substitutions by name,
 kind, and type with the Bid.
 A contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder,
 complying with the conditions of the Instructions to Bidders and Advertisements
 for Public Bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any and all bids,
 and waive any informalities, discrepancies, omissions, variances, or irregularities
 in bids received in its sole discretion. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the
 "lowest responsible and responsive bidder" in accordance with Indiana's Public
 Work Projects Act, Indiana Code 36-1-12. The bidder agrees to hold open its bid
 for a minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the bid opening.
BID DOCUMENTS:
 Interested Prime Bidders may obtain electronic Bidding Documents at
 no cost from Eastern Engineering, http://distribution.easternengineering.com.
 All other bidders may purchase electronic or printed sets directly from Eastern
 Engineering, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, 1-866-884-4115.
 Any questions concerning this project shall be directed to CSO Architects,
 317-848-7800. Contact Nick Wissing, nwwissing@csinc.net or Morganne Walker,
 mwalker@csinc.net.
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW:
 Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be
 viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:
 CSO Architects Eastern Engineering
 8831 Keystone Crossing 9901 Allisonville Road
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46240 Fishers, IN 46038
 317-848-7800 866-884-4115
BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security for
 five percent (5%) of the base bid in the form of a certified check or a bid bond.
 Bid bonds shall be executed by the bidder and a surety company qualified to do
 business in the State of Indiana. The check or bid bond shall be made payable
 to Noblesville Schools. Should a successful Bidder withdraw the bid, or fail to
 execute a satisfactory Contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid deposit
 forfeited as liquidated damages.
**PERFORMANCE BOND AND LABOR AND MATERIAL PAYMENT
 BOND:**
 The successful bidder shall, upon acceptance of his bid, be required to
 procure and pay for a 100% Performance Bond/Labor and Material Payment
 Bond in the amount equal to the contract price, and such bond shall comply with
 all laws of the State of Indiana governing public contracts let by governmental
 units.
 David Hortemiller
 Chief Financial Officer
 Noblesville Schools
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29D03-2603-EU-000159
 IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3
 STATE OF INDIANA
 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED)
 ESTATE OF ANNEMARIE TWER,)
 DECEASED)
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
 Notice is hereby given that on April 2, 2026, Pierre M. Twer was
 appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Annemarie Twer,
 deceased, who died on February 23, 2026.
 All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must
 file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from
 the date of the first publication of this Notice, or within nine (9) months after the
 Decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
 Dated at Noblesville, Indiana on April 2, 2026.
 Kathy Kreag Williams
 Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit and Superior Courts
 Coots Henke & Wheeler, P.C.
 255 East Carmel Drive
 Carmel, Indiana 46032-2689
 Telephone: (317) 844-4693
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29D01-2603-EU-000139
 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1
) SS:
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2603-EU-000139
 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
 CARL BENTON TERRY, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
 Notice is hereby given that Karla T. Stein, on March 24, 2026, was
 appointed as personal representative of the estate of Carl Benton Terry, deceased,
 who died on the 24th day of February, 2026, leaving a will. The estate will be
 administered without Court Supervision.
 All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due,
 must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first
 publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death,
 whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
 Dated this March 24, 2026.
 Kathy Kreag Williams
 Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
 J. Gregory Shelley
 Bose McKinney & Evans LLP
 111 Monument Circle, Suite 2700
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
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29D01-2603-EU-000139
 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT NO. 1
) SS:
 COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2603-EU-000139
 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
 CARL BENTON TERRY, DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
 Notice is hereby given that Karla T. Stein, on March 24, 2026, was
 appointed as personal representative of the estate of Carl Benton Terry, deceased,
 who died on the 24th day of February, 2026, leaving a will. The estate will be
 administered without Court Supervision.
 All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due,
 must file the same in said Court within three (3) months from the date of the first
 publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the Decedent's death,
 whichever is earlier, or said claims will be forever barred.
 Dated this March 24, 2026.
 Kathy Kreag Williams
 Clerk of the Hamilton Superior Court No. 1
 J. Gregory Shelley
 Bose McKinney & Evans LLP
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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS REGARDING DETERMINATION
 TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN
 SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA**
 The taxpayers of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County,
 Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that on April 15, 2026,
 the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") adopted
 a resolution which determined that the School Corporation will issue general
 obligation bonds of the School Corporation, payable out of ad valorem property
 taxes collected by the School Corporation on all taxable property within the
 geographical boundaries of the School Corporation, in one or more series to be
 designated "Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana, General
 Obligation Bonds, Series 2026" (the "2026 General Obligation Bonds") in an
 aggregate original principal amount not to exceed \$40,000,000, with a final
 maturity ending no later than December 31, 2036, and bearing interest at a rate or
 rates not exceeding seven percent (7.00%), the exact rate or rates to be determined
 by negotiation. The proceeds of the 2026 General Obligation Bonds will be used
 to pay for all or a portion of all or a portion of the costs of the 2026-2027 District-
 Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project, as defined and described in
 the resolution adopted by the Board on February 11, 2026, incurred, or to be
 incurred, by the School Corporation, all or a portion of the costs incurred, or to be
 incurred, by the School Corporation associated therewith, and the costs of selling
 and issuing the 2026 General Obligation Bonds.
 Dated this 20th day of April, 2026.
 HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS,
 HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
 By: Timothy Brown, Chief Financial Officer
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The following will be sold for charges:
 12685 FORD DR FISHERS on 5/8/2026 @ 12:00PM
 • 2022 TOYOTA JF1ZNBF14N8751590 \$2,250.00
 14807 GRAY RD WESTFIELD on 5/8/2026 @ 1:00PM
 • 2017 HONDA 5FN1YF6H00HB027351 \$2,051.87
 18702 CHAD HITTLE DR WESTFIELD on 5/8/2026 @ 2:00PM
 • 2020 NISSAN 1N4AL4FV3L139277 \$1,820.00
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Thank you for reading The Times!
 David Hortemiller
 Chief Financial Officer
 Noblesville Schools
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Council of Hamilton County, Indiana will meet Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at their regular meeting place of One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. The regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Purpose of this meeting is for consideration of transfer of funds, 144 amendments, reduction of funds and to consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year. The Council will hold a public hearing for the additional appropriations. Any person having concerns or questions on said appropriations shall be heard at the public hearing.

1025 Airport Authority Capital Fund	3000 Other Services & Charges	664,906
1028 Airport Grant Fund	6000 Interfund Transfer	34,662
1235.2518 LIT Dedicated to PSAP	4000 Capital Outlays	982,996
1237 Opioid Restricted	3000 Other Services & Charges	531,791
4807 Computer Maint. Non-reverting Fund	4000 Capital Outlays	236,823
8200 Federal Grants	3000 Other Services & Charges	1,981,859
8200 Federal Grants	6000 Interfund Transfer	63,329

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ORDINANCE NO. 04-13-26-B

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY CONTRACTS WITNESS THAT:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County (the "Board") adopts this ordinance to set forth requirements for terms to be included in contracts executed by Hamilton County (the "County") as authorized by Ind. Code § 36-2-2.8 et seq. and purchase order ("POs") issued by County departments; and

WHEREAS, the Ind. Code § 36-1-3 et seq., the Home Rule Act, permits the Board to exercise any power it has to the extent that power is not expressly denied by statute, and is not expressly granted to another entity and that Ind. Code § 36-2-2.8 et seq. provides statutory provisions for exercising the power and authority of the County to require standard contract provisions in County contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the use of secure electronic signatures on County contracts is consistent with Indiana's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (Ind. Code § 26-2-8-106) and promotes timely execution of contracts approved at public meetings while maintaining appropriate safeguards and oversight by the Board; and

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 36-1-3-6(c) provides that a county wishing to prescribe a specific manner for exercising a power must do so through an ordinance adopted by the county executive and that the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners is the executive of Hamilton County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County that:

1. Contract Definition. As used in Ind. Code § 36-2-2.8 et seq. and this Ordinance, "contract" means a contract for the purchase of: (a) real property, (b) tangible or intangible personal property; or (c) services (as defined in Ind. Code § 5-22-2-30). The term does not include a contract concerning the issuance of: (a) a bond to finance the construction of a public facility or (b) a bond or other type of security for the payment of a lease obligation.

2. Purchase Order Definition. A document issued by a County department formalizing all terms and conditions of a proposed transaction.

3. Contract Titling. In accordance with Ind. Code § 36-2-2.8-4, all County contracts shall be executed in the name of "Hamilton County" or "the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, and any County contract for purchases for public use shall have the real or personal property titled to or documents as being owned by "Hamilton County" or "the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County."

4. Contract and PO Terms. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-2-2.8-5, the following provisions shall be included in all County contracts and purchase orders ("POs"). The County Attorney and the Board maintain sole discretion to determine whether or not a contract is required in any circumstances, and no other County officials or employees possess such discretion. The County Attorney and the Board also retain the sole authority to determine whether the following contract terms may be amended, excluded, or supplemented on a case-by-case basis. The following provisions shall be included in every contract entered into by the County and POs issued by County departments, unless otherwise modified by the County Attorney or Board:

- a. Proper name of the parties;
- b. Consideration;
- c. Effective start and end dates, and any applicable renewals;
- d. Scope of work or deliverables;
- e. Indemnification;
- f. All governing law/venue clauses must be assigned to Indiana law and Hamilton County as the proper venue and/or jurisdiction;
- g. Termination for cause;
- h. Termination for convenience;
- i. Notice;
- j. Access to public records;
- k. Compliance with laws;
- l. Funding cancellation;
- m. County insurance requirements;
- n. County tax-exemption;
- o. Nondiscrimination;
- p. ADA compliance;
- q. Independent contractor;
- r. Merger/Entire agreement;
- s. Severability;
- t. Force Majeure;
- u. Use of County name/trademarks;
- v. Warranties;
- w. Assignment;
- x. Incorporation of contractor's response to solicitation, if applicable;
- y. Authority to bind contractor; and,
- z. Payment terms to conform to the County's billing cycle (i.e., provide for at least thirty-five (35) days to pay invoices).

5. Review and Approval of Contracts. All contracts requiring approval by the Board shall be presented for review and consideration at a Board public meeting. Upon approval of a contract by the Board at a public meeting, the County Attorney or the Director of Administration is hereby authorized to affix the electronic signatures of the Commissioners to the approved contract and take any administrative actions necessary to finalize execution of the contract.

6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on 04/13/2026.

7. All ordinances, resolutions, policies, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict. Any provisions not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect unless and until otherwise repealed, rescinded, or amended.

8. The Hamilton County Auditor is directed to have this Ordinance codified in the Code of Ordinances, Hamilton County, Indiana.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County on the 13th day of April 2026.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF HAMILTON, INDIANA
Christine Altman, President
Mark Heirbrandt, Vice President
Steven Dillinger, Commissioner

ATTEST:
Todd Clevenger, Auditor

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ORDINANCE NO. 04-13-2026-A

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY AMENDING SECTION 35-47-4-4 OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Section 35-47-4-4 of the Hamilton County Code, entitled "Deadly Weapons", was originally adopted when the Hamilton County Code was codified in 1992, and later amended to reflect changes in state law in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Section 35-47-4-4(b) of the Hamilton County Code prevents persons from possessing deadly weapons in the "Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center"; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 35-47-11-1.4, state law permits local governments to prohibit or restrict "the possession of a firearm in any building that contains the courtroom of a circuit, superior, city, town, or small claims court"; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned courts are contained in both the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center and the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, Section 35-47-4-4 of the Hamilton County Code defines "Deadly Weapon" as it was defined in I.C. 35-41-1-8, but said Indiana Code has since been repealed; and,

WHEREAS, Section 35-47-4-4 of the Hamilton County Code defines "Law Enforcement Officer" as it was defined in I.C. 35-41-1-17, but said Indiana Code has since been repealed; and,

WHEREAS, in order to conform to changes in state law and court administration, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Hamilton County and the employees of Hamilton County that Section 35-47-4-4 of the Hamilton County Code be amended.

IT IS THEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County as follows:

1. Chapter 4 - Public Property, Section 35-47-4-4 Deadly Weapons of the Hamilton County Code is amended as follows:

A. Section 35-47-4-4(a) Definitions. The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Deadly Weapon has the same definition as in IC 35-31.5-2-86

Law Enforcement Officer has the same definition as in IC 35-31.5-2-185

B. Section 35-47-4-4(b) Possession prohibited.

1. No person shall possess a deadly weapon in either the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center or the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse.

C. Section 35-47-4-4(c) Searches and seizure.

1. A person who enters the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center or the Hamilton County Historic Courthouse consents to a search of his/her person, possessions or files by metal detector or other reasonable means.

2. The prior codified version of paragraphs a, b, and c in Section 35-47-4-4 are repealed and replaced with the amended version above.

3. All other provisions of Section 35-47-4-4 remain in full force and effect.

4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as allowed by law. The Auditor is directed to have these new provisions codified in the online Hamilton County Code of Ordinances as soon as possible.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County this 13th day of April 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY
Christine Altman, President
Steven C. Dillinger
Mark Heirbrandt

ATTEST:
Todd Clevenger, Auditor

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Westfield Library Launches New Strategic Plan

The Westfield Washington Public Library has introduced a new three-year strategic plan aimed at strengthening its role as a community hub.

Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said the plan reflects a shift from past efforts focused on expanding physical space to enhancing services, programs, and community connections.

The library moved into a new 43,000 square-foot space building at the corner of Westfield Boulevard and Park Street in 2024.

"Now that we have the space, the question becomes: how do we use it in the best possible way for our community?" Sollars said. "We want everything we do – from programs to partnerships – to feel meaningful and truly meet people where they are."

The updated plan introduces a new vision and mission to guide the library's future.

Vision: Connecting our Community
Mission: Providing our community with welcoming spaces, impactful experiences, and a variety of resources

To support this vision and mission, the plan is built around three strategic directions: creating community connections, welcom-



Executive Director Sheryl Sollars

ing the community, and nurturing a strong library culture.

Residents can expect to see expanded outreach for all age groups, including stronger connections with elementary, middle, and high schools. Plans include developing a partnership strategy and dedicating staff to youth programming.

The plan was developed with guidance from Fast Forward Libraries and informed by community surveys, focus groups, and interviews with local leaders, staff, and the library board.

Sollars said the plan will be actively evaluated each quarter to ensure it remains relevant and community-focused.

The full plan is available on the Westfield Washington Public Library's website.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATION along with INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, under the authority of 40 C.F.R. 403.8(f)(2)(vii), require all approved pretreatment programs to publish annually the names of all industrial users in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) with pretreatment standards and other requirements during the preceding year/period.

Companies deemed to be in Significant Noncompliance (SNC) are industries that have violated a Federal, State, or Local limit/ordinance during the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Listed in the index below is the name of any industry in Significant Noncompliance, a brief description of the violation, and the current status of the violation.

At the time of this report, a company listed for SNC may have made significant progress toward correcting the violation and may now be in compliance.

Significant Non-Compliance Criteria:
(1) Violations of wastewater discharge limits, defined here as those in which 66% or more of all of the measurements taken during six months exceed (by any magnitude) a numerical Pretreatment Standard, Local Limit, or Requirement for the same pollutant parameter.

(2) Technical Review Criteria (TRC) violations, defined here as those in which 33% or more of all the measurements for each pollutant parameter taken during a six-month period equal or exceed the product of a numerical Pretreatment Standard or Requirement multiplied by the applicable TRC value (TRC = 1.4 for BOD, TSS, fats, oil, and grease and 1.2 for all other pollutants except pH).

(3) Any other violation of a pretreatment effluent limit (daily maximum or long-term average) that the Commission determines has caused, alone or in combination with other discharges, interference, or pass-through (including endangering the health of commissioned personnel or the general public).

(4) Any discharges of a pollutant that has caused imminent endangerment to human health, welfare, or the environment or has resulted in the commission's exercise of its emergency authority to halt or prevent such a discharge.

(5) Failure to meet, within 90 days after the scheduled date, a compliance milestone contained in a Commission notification, permit, or enforcement order, for starting construction, completing construction or attaining final compliance.

(6) Failure to provide, within 30 days after the due date, required reports such as baseline monitoring reports, 90-day compliance reports, self-monitoring compliance reports, and reports on compliance with compliance schedules

(7) Failure to accurately report noncompliance

(8) Any other violation or group of violations that the Commission/Pretreatment Authority determines, has adversely affected the operation or implementation of the Industrial Pretreatment Program.

2025 Pretreatment Notice of Violation and Significant Non-compliance List

Name	Address	Pollutant
GHL Acquisition, LLC	9200 E 146th Street, Suite A	Phosphorus
The City of Noblesville Utility is working with the industry on the expansion to ensure their new facility will be able to be brought into acceptable standards for pretreatment of industrial wastes.		

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ORDINANCE NO. 04-13-2026-C

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07-14-25-A

WHEREAS, Hamilton County (the "County") imposed a County Inkeepers Tax for the establishment of a tourism capital fund (the "Tourism Capital Fund") pursuant to Indiana Code 6-9-56-4(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, the County previously established the Hamilton County Convention Visitor and Tourism Commission ("the Commission") under Hamilton County Code 6-9-18-5 which was later amended by Hamilton County Ordinance 12-10-18 A; and

WHEREAS, the County superseded and replaced Hamilton County Ordinance 12-10-18-A with Ordinance No. 09-21-23-B; and,

WHEREAS, superseded and replaced the language of Hamilton County Ordinance No. 09-21-23-B, with Ordinance No. 07-14-25-A; and,

WHEREAS the 124th General Assembly of the State of Indiana has amended I.C. 6-9-56, to revise provisions for appointment of members, financing, and other general matters related to the governance of the Commission which shall become effective July 1, 2026, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, exercising the authority granted by the State of Indiana, does hereby wish to supersede Ordinance No. 07-14-25-A and amend Hamilton County Code 6-9-18-5, to conform with new legislation and to promote the development and growth of the convention, visitor, and tourism industry in the County.

IT IS THEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County that Hamilton County Code 6-9-18-5 is amended as follows:

1. On July 1, 2026, Hamilton County Code Section 6-9-18-5 shall be amended to conform to state law and be replaced and read as follows:

(a) The Hamilton County Convention, Visitor and Tourism Commission shall serve henceforth as the commission for the purposes previously established and also is hereby established as the Commission to carry out the duties and responsibilities as mentioned per I.C. 6-9-56.

(b) The Commission shall consist of 15 members in accordance with I.C. 6-9-56-5(b), who shall be appointed as follows:

(1) The Board of Commissioners shall appoint ten (10) members.

(2) The County Council shall appoint one (1) member.

(3) Pursuant to I.C. 6-9-56-5(h), the city executive of each city within the County, shall each appoint one (1) member to the commission.

(4) If available and willing to serve, an appointed member by a city executive shall be engaged in the business of renting or furnishing of rooms, lodging or accommodations.

(5) Not more than one member may be affiliated with the same business entity.

(6) Pursuant to I.C. 6-9-56-5(b), a simple majority of the members must not represent the hospitality industry or be engaged in a convention, visitor, or tourism business, or involved in or promoting conventions, visitors, or tourism.

(7) Appointed members shall be residents of Hamilton County, except for members who are an owner or an executive level employee of a convention, visitor or tourism business that is located within Hamilton County, so long as they are residents of Indiana.

(c) All terms of office of commission members shall begin on January 1. Initial appointments must be for staggered terms, with subsequent appointments for two (2) year terms. A member whose term expires, may be reappointed to serve another term. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority shall appoint a qualified person to serve for the remainder of the term. If an initial appointment is not made by February 1 or a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the commission shall appoint a member by majority vote.

(d) A member of the commission may be removed for cause by the member's appointing authority.

(e) Members of the commission may not receive a salary. However, commission members are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their respective duties.

(f) Five percent (5%) of the tax assessment collected pursuant to the county inkeepers tax shall be transferred to the convention, visitor, tourism promotion, and capital fund. Money contained within this fund shall be distributed as follows:

(1) One-fifth (1/5) shall be distributed to Hamilton County, up to one-fourth (1/4) of which may be used at the sole discretion of the County for municipalities not receiving funds from the municipal capital fund.

(2) Four-fifths (4/5) shall be available for use by the Commission, so long as said use has been reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners. Any and all administrative costs related to the administration of the convention, visitor, tourism promotion, and capital fund must be paid from this distribution.

Money in the convention, visitor, tourism promotion, and capital fund, shall be expended only as provided in I.C. 6-9-56-4(c).

(g) Three percent (3%) of the tax assessment collected pursuant to the county inkeepers tax shall be transferred to a municipal tourism capital fund. Money contained within this fund shall be distributed in accordance with I.C. 6-9-56-8.5.

2. Any provisions of Hamilton County Code Sections 6-9-18-2 and 6-9-18-3 that are in direct conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. All tourism capital funds governed by I.C. 6-9-56-8 before July 1, 2026 that are either unbudgeted, not approved, not disbursed, related to projects that have not met due diligence requirements by the Commission, or have not completed the Commission's processes for release as of the date of the execution of this ordinance shall be distributed to the County for 1) its use in the development or maintenance of qualifying and approved capital projects, or 2) any use permitted under I.C. 6-9-56-7.5 after June 30, 2026.

4. The Auditor's office is hereby directed to update the relevant portions of Hamilton County Code governed by this Ordinance.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County this 13th day of April 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY
Christine Altman
Mark E. Heirbrandt
Steven C. Dillinger

ATTEST:
Todd Clevenger, Auditor

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Witham Hosts Fundraiser and Mother's Day Raffle

The Witham Health Services Volunteer Organization will host a fundraiser with Merle Norman Boutique and Spa on Thursday, April 23, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the main entrance of Witham Health Services at 2605 North Lebanon Street in Lebanon.

Shop from a variety of products and brands, including Brighton earrings, necklaces bracelets, and totes, Ambre blends fragrances, cosmetic gift sets, spring sweatshirts and clothes, Oofos flip flops, Vera Bradley, Merle Norman skin care, cosmetic gifts and more.

Proceeds from the fundraiser benefit the Witham Volunteer Organization Schol-

arship Program and various fund the need initiatives for Witham Hospital.

Starting April 20, visit the Waterfall's Edge Gift Shop and Pavilion Boutique on the Lebanon campus and enter to win a Mother's Day basket with items donated by local businesses. The basket is valued at over \$100. Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. The drawing will be held on Friday, May 8.

For more information about these events or to learn about volunteer opportunities at Witham, contact Director of Volunteer Services Amy Mitchell at 765-485-8175 or amitchell@witham.org.



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SHERIDAN

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stands as a testament to Sheridan's strong community. No matter what, the town of Sheridan will always come together. Kienholz closed her excitement-filled speech with a final statement that captured the theme of the night, "We are a small town doing big things, and as Mr. Spinner said, 'There is no place like home.'"

Silas DeVaney, Sheridan Town Council President, closed the night by echoing the strong foundation Sheridan has instilled through the generosity and unity that is at the forefront of the community. He recognized

multiple individuals, specifically those who invest their time, energy, and passion into shaping the town's future.

Altogether, the evening reinforced the vision statement of Sheridan Main Street, Inc., which is "Strengthening the Sheridan legacy in ways that cultivate opportunities for prosperity in our community." That motto seems like it is no longer a vision for the future, but a fact of the present. Sheridan is growing, is prospering, and continues to be a model of community. There is truly no place like home in Sheridan.

Speech Marks 81st Anniversary of Ernie Pyle's Death

One of the most famous war correspondents in U.S. history was Indiana's Ernie Pyle. His work during World War II was read by millions and carried in newspapers and magazines across the country. He was killed on April 18, 1945 in battle. On the 81st anniversary of his passing, historian, photographer and archivist Andy Chandler was asked to give a speech at the Ernie Pyle WW II Museum in Dana, Ind. Here is the text from that speech.

Friends. It is my privilege and honor to speak to you today on this solemn occasion. Thank you.

When I was asked to give this speech, the original topic was to be about the grandiose memorial and cemetery that was planned immediately after the untimely death of Dana and Helt Township's favorite son: Ernest Taylor Pyle.

However, in researching this overlooked moment in this township's history, something began to shine brighter than an overlooked episode: this community.

After Pyle's death, prominent state officials including Indiana Governor Ralph Gates, attempted to fundraise for a modest library and memorial to Pyle in Dana.

They went to Ernie's widow and Jerry originally agreed to a statue, library and scholarship from IU in his name. However, forces outside of her and the community grabbed the reins and what was intended to be a humble tribute, became plans for a 100-acre monstrosity here where we're standing, complete with two reflection ponds. Ernie's body was to be repatriated to Dana and placed in a grandiose mausoleum. Surrounded by the graves of unknown soldiers from WWII.

Jerry was incensed. She and Ernie's father Will put an end to that project. Too ostenta-

tious. Ernie would stay in the Pacific where he lies side by side with the men he reported on.

However, it wasn't the end for a community wanting to honor its favorite son.

After all, not only did this community give the world one of its greatest reporters but also sparked in him a world view steeped in Midwestern values. It's a world view that exists today in the faces of people I have met at the museum, and other places like Carters Nest where I get my favorite basket of fries, Off the Tracks cafe and the faces in front of me right now: that of personal humility in the form of self-deprecation, while at the same time, valuing others ahead of oneself.

It is a community where people still put down everything to help others in need.

Pyle spoke of this attitude in a 1937 column describing the aftermath of his mother's debilitating stroke. The day after the stroke:

"The help began to roll in instantly. The strongest men in the neighborhood came, without being asked, to help lift my mother into her bed. The women came, to help my Aunt Mary with the washing and housework. Others came, and others called to see what they could do . . .

For nearly forty years my mother was the one who went to all these people when they needed help. They haven't forgotten and now they're coming to her in droves. Indiana farmers know what a 'Good neighbor Policy' is. It's born in them."

In the 81 years since his passing, this community rallied around the house he was born in and brought it into town. Before it opened, they donated much of what is seen inside today. When the museum changed ownership a decade and a half ago, the community rallied around it to keep it open as a tribute to



Photos courtesy Andy Chandler

Colors were presented at the ceremony.

Ernie. Recently, they saw the opening of a research area and the unveiling of a statue. This is the beginning of the Ernie Pyle Veterans Memorial Park: and I can assure you, it will be much easier to maintain than the 100-acre park originally proposed.

Yet Ernie, like us, was led to dream, and when during one of his frequent visits after he started working for Scripps, he wrote to his future wife in 1925, that he would lie on the front yard at night, look up at the stars and think of "my Jerry." Perhaps we too look up at those same stars in this same sky and dream of places we have yet to visit and reminisce or dream of love we have and have yet to experience.

In closing, I want to speak specifically to the students here. I'm reminded of the two report cards of his we have in our collection: his first grade and freshman year report cards. He was an A's and B's student. To the young ones still in school: he may have a statue in town and a monument here, but Ernie tied his shoes and went out the door just like you. His parents had to meet the teacher, just like yours do!



Ernie Pyle Festival Queen Melanie Kashon put a wreath on the monument to Pyle at Ernie Pyle Park in Dana.

If you look at Ernie's report cards, his father had to sign each page of them. He didn't get them by email.

Perhaps at this very moment, as I look at one of you, I'm also looking at a future Pulitzer Prize recipient. It's happened here before.

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