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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS REGARDING A DETERMINATION OF THE MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA, TO ENTER INTO A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LEASE OF THE EXISTING MILAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE EXISTING MILAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MILAN HIGH SCHOOL

The taxpayers of the Milan Community School Corporation, Ripley County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that on February 17, 2025, the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") did adopt a resolution determining that the School Corporation will take all actions necessary to enter into an amendment to lease of all or portions of the existing Milan Elementary School, Milan Middle School, and Milan High School, their related outdoor facilities and the real property upon which any such portion of the Milan Elementary School, Milan Middle School, and Milan High School or their related outdoor facilities are located (the "Fourth Amendment to Lease") with the Milan 21st Century School Building Corporation, which is a nonprofit school building corporation controlled by, and operating on behalf of, the School Corporation (the "Building Corporation"), which in turn will allow the Building Corporation to issue one or more series of first mortgage bonds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the 2025 Elementary School Expansion/Renovation and District-Wide Facility Project, as defined in the resolution of the Board adopted on December 19, 2025 (the "Bonds"), including, but not limited to, interest on all or a portion of the interest on the Bonds through and including July 15, 2026, with each series of such Bonds payable from the lease rentals received from the School Corporation pursuant to the terms of the Lease, dated as of January 18, 2010, as previously amended and as further amended by the Fourth Amendment to Lease (collectively, the "Lease"). The payments to be made by the School Corporation under the Lease will be payable from ad valorem property taxes collected by the School Corporation. The Bonds will be issued to pay for all or any portion of the purposes set forth in the resolution adopted by the Board on December 19, 2025, in connection with this matter, and issuing the Bonds.

The maximum term for each series of the Bonds will be twenty (20) years from the date of issuance, and the original aggregate principal amount of the Bonds will not exceed \$5,075,000. The lease, as amended by the proposed Fourth Amendment to Lease, will have an increased term not to exceed twenty-one (21) years after the date of each addendum to the Fourth Amendment to Lease is recorded by the Building Corporation and the School Corporation, which is three (3) years longer than the current final term of the lease assuming the last addendum to the Fourth Amendment to Lease is recorded prior to December 31, 2025, with an increased annual lease rental not to exceed \$1,020,000 with respect to the Bonds, which increased annual lease rental will be payable in semiannual installments commencing no earlier than June 30, 2026, and thereafter on June 30 and December 31 of each year during the remaining term of the Lease.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2025.
MILAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Pat Murphy,
Superintendent

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that proposals will be received:
BY: Milan Community School Corporation
412 East Carr Street
Milan, Indiana 47031
FOR: Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc)
PROJECTS: No. 1: Milan Elementary Pre-School Addition
No. 2: Prickle Property Phase 1
AT: Superintendent's Office
Milan Community School Corporation
412 East Carr Street
Milan, Indiana 47031
UNTIL: 2:00 PM (project local time)
DATE: Monday, March 3, 2025

Offerors' proposal will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee to determine selection for Committee presentation. Notice of Offerors selected for Committee presentation will be given by 12:00 noon, March 4, 2025.

Presentations by Offerors to Evaluation Committee will be held on March 6, 2025.

Information packet with project scope, evaluation criteria, selection process and contract award process may be obtained by emailing the Project Architect at TowerPinkster:
Hal Kovert
hal.kovert@towerpinkster.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

In compliance with 327 IAC 15-6, notice is hereby given that construction of the Batesville Memorial Public Library Arts and Innovation Hub building and associated site improvements located in the City of Batesville, Ripley County, Indiana is scheduled to commence May 1, 2025 and construction should be completed by September 1, 2026. The project is located at 131 North Walnut Street, Batesville, Indiana 47006. Run-off from the project site will discharge through a private storm sewer system discharging into a municipal storm sewer system to Little Laughery Creek and ultimately Whitewater River. Question or comments should be directed to Ms. Kim Porter at director@batesville.com or Batesville Memorial Public Library 131 N. Walnut Street, Batesville, IN 47006.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Osgood Public Library, Ripley County, Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the Milan Branch Library, 1171 N Warpath Dr., Milan, IN 47031, at 6:00pm, on the 12th day of March, 2025.

FUND INFORMATION

| Fund Name: | Budget Classification | Additional Amount Requested |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Other Services and Charges | \$550,000 |
| | Fund Total: | \$550,000 |

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation(s).

The funds for this additional appropriation will come from the Library's current savings and/or investments.

Fiscal Officer Janet Hall-Louden, Treasurer
Date February 13, 2025

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Pioneers of Ripley County

During the great Civil War in the United States, it was the mission of the Army of the Potomac to repel the Confederate troops from their advance on Washington, DC. By the fall of 1862, General Grant's troops had control of the Mississippi River south to Vicksburg, Mississippi. Vicksburg was located on a high ridge east of the river and was well fortified with Confederate troops. The Union Army needed control of the entire river in order to cut off supply routes. With little or no progress being made by the spring of 1863 Grant was desperate to cut off the city. Finally, after the city was surrounded on three sides against the river, Grant ordered two frontal attacks in May. With these making no progress, a call went out on May 21 for 150 volunteers to be used in three separate detachments. The first detachment was to carry logs across an open field and place them across a ditch allowing the second to carry large boards and throw them over the logs to form a bridge. The third was to cross the open field with scaling ladders and plant them on the bank while the main body of troops advanced across the bridge. It was estimated that only 30 men ever made it to the ditch. After this attack proved unsuccessful, Grant kept up the siege of Vicksburg until the city surrendered on July 4, 1863, the same day Lee's troops were defeated at Gettysburg. So bitter was the fall of Vicksburg on Independence Day, 1863, the city did not again celebrate the 4th of July until 1945. Four Ripley County soldiers, members of the 83rd Indiana Infantry were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in the charge of the ditch on May 22, 1863. The 83rd Indiana Infantry was organized at Lawrenceburg, Indiana September 4 - November 5, 1862, and mustered in for a three-year enlistment under the command of Colonel Benjamin J. Spooner. The 83rd also took part in Battles at Kennesaw Mountain and Missionary Ridge. The four members of the 83rd receiving the Medal of Honor were Joseph Frantz, born in France and entered service from Osgood, Jacob Overturf, born in Jefferson County and entered from Holton, Reuben Smalley, born in Redding, New York and entered from Dabney, and Frank Stolz, born in Dearborn County and entered the service from Sunman. Mr. Overturf is buried in the Holton Cemetery and Mr. Smalley is buried in the South Park Cemetery in Greensburg.

Public Notice of Petroleum Release, Spill, or Overflow

Local health departments are required by statute (IC 13-23-16) to inform the public of the discovery of released regulated substances at an underground storage tank site or in the surrounding area under 329 IAC 9-4-1 (1) or a spill or overflow under 329 IAC 9-4-4 (a). The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) was notified on February 10, 2025, of such an incident from the owner or operator of the Baylor

Realty, Inc. facility located at 9269 East SR48 in or near Milan, Indiana in Ripley County.

For further information on the Leaking Underground Storage Tank program, please go to www.in.gov/idem/tanks/2333.htm.

Or contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management at (317) 232-8900 or by e-mail at LeakingUST@idem.IN.gov.

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Check Out the LOCAL SCENE



Spay & Neuter Awareness Month

Did you know?

Veterinarians and rescue organizations repeatedly stress the significance of having pets spayed or neutered. This process, which is a relatively minor procedure with an excellent recovery rate, renders the animals sterile so that they cannot reproduce. Many animal shelters will not even allow people to adopt pets before the dogs and cats have undergone the spay or neuter surgery. Prospective pet owners may wonder just why spaying and neutering is so important. Here are a few reasons.

- **Increased longevity:** A study that focused on Banfield Pet Hospitals' database of 2.2 million dogs and 460,000 cats found that, compared to animals which were not neutered or spayed, neutered male dogs lived 18 percent longer and spayed female dogs lived 23 percent longer, while spayed female cats in the study lived 39 percent longer and neutered male cats lived 62 percent longer.
- **Curbs unwanted behaviors:** Unaltered dogs and cats may roam to find mates, meow or bark, mark territory, and engage in other unwanted behaviors.
- **Prevents litters:** Undesired litters of puppies or kittens leads to overpopulation that can result in these animals being placed in shelters or humanely euthanized.
- **May prevent cancers:** Spaying or neutering can reduce the risk for certain cancers in animals, such as reproductive system cancer or pyometra. Undergoing the spaying and neutering process increases the likelihood that pets can live longer lives, and also helps reduce medical treatment costs.

There are several reasons to neuter and spay pets. Furthermore, it may be possible to find a low- or no-cost spay and neuter clinic to handle the procedure. TF232723



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