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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight: Partly cloudy evening.
Mostly cloudy overnight.
HIGH: 49 LOW: 33



Fishers unveils community plan addressing COVID-19

Hotline established for at-risk population

The REPORTER

While there are no currently confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Fishers, the City's stated goal is to manage precautions ahead of any confirmed cases and encourage the community to take personal responsibility and reduce the impact on high-risk populations.

The CDC has identified older populations are at a higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness. Part of the civic duty of community members is to work together and protect those most at high risk by staying at home.

Schools & Childcare

- Implement e-Learning policy (HSE Schools)
- Stay at home if you are sick
- Implement sick cleaning protocols
- Limit sports gatherings, convocations, meetings and extracurricular activities
- Cancel all field trips until further notice
- Eliminate unnecessary gatherings (PNO, celebrations, etc.)
- Fishers Fire Department can be used as a resource for cleaning procedures and protocol related to the illness

Noblesville officials "ready to respond" to COVID-19 threat

The REPORTER

Editor's note: Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen released the following update on Thursday:

The City of Noblesville is in regular communication with and continues to follow the guidance of state and local health officials when it comes to measures concerning COVID-19. We do not want residents to panic as public health officials are taking the proper steps to ensure the health of our city.

Through our partnerships and pre-

paredness planning, we are confident that the city is taking appropriate action and remains ready to respond to this evolving public health situation.

We also want to remind residents on the importance of taking necessary precautions and safeguards, including refraining from non-essential large gatherings, washing their hands, being observant of symptoms and staying up to date on the latest coronavirus information online at cityofnoblesville.org/coronavirus.

Individuals

- Stay at home and limit contact with groups of people
- Practice social distancing to reduce exposure in large groups
- Offer help to the elderly and those with weakened immune systems
- Practice good hygiene and hand washing
- Stay at home if you are sick

- Develop a plan for e-Learning, working from home, and child care
- Reduce your exposure to others in your household
- First responders are prepared to handle these cases
- If you have symptoms, call your physician's office before you visit their office

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Health Department coordinating with local schools on coronavirus response

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department continues to coordinate with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), municipalities and school districts within Hamilton County to prepare for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Currently there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Hamilton County, however, officials continue to take steps to prepare. The county is working closely with municipalities and school districts to ensure plans are in place to mitigate and respond to COVID-19. These plans include several actions and potential actions including educational materials for students and parents, and enhanced opportunities to wash hands during the school day.

Closing schools for an extended period of time is a tool school districts and communities have as an option to limit the spread of COVID-19. At this time, the Health Department is not providing guidance for any Hamilton County School Districts or individual schools to close. Should a COVID-19 case develop which has implications for a school district, the Health Department will work with the schools, municipality, ISDH and the Indiana Department

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(From left) Jill Gilmer, Rachel Ferry and Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard.

Carmel Arts Festival's "Mayor's Award" painting presented to Brainard

The REPORTER

The Carmel International Arts Festival officially presented the "Mayor's Award" winning painting to Mayor Jim Brainard at City Hall recently. This is a traditional gift to the Mayor, who chooses his own favorite artwork during the Festival and then purchases it for display at City Hall or another location.

This painting – "Field With Joy" – was created by winning artist was Kwang Cha Brown, who is orig-

inally from South Korea. Presenting the painting was Jill Gilmer, president of the board of directors of the festival, and Rachel Ferry, executive director.

"I am so thrilled about this honor and the press release highlighting my painting for the Mayor's Award," said Kwang Cha.

According to Kwang, "Field With Joy" is best described as "thick dots of various hues of oil paints, clustered together and basking in the sunlight, through

use of pointillism. A vertical stroke between the blossoms leads you into the distance."

This painting was chosen over hundreds of pieces of art from more than 130 juried artists exhibiting during the 2019 Carmel International Arts Festival. The artists came from 23 states – from as far west as New Mexico, as far north as Minnesota and upper Michigan, as far east as New York and as far south as Florida and Texas.

HSE school board gives superintendent power to handle compensation issues in any COVID-19 closures

By LARRY LANNAN
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Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) school board members voted unanimously to allow Superintendent Allen Bourff the authority to handle compensation issues for district employees if school would need to be canceled due to the COVID-19 virus.

The resolution enacted Wednesday night allows administrators to "review the impact of any school closing and/or if the Superintendent deems any other measures necessary to assist employees as a result of other circumstances related to COVID-19."

Many school employees are hourly workers, such as bus drivers, food service staff and instructional assistants. The resolution empowers the superintendent to act quickly in the event of a school closure to take care of those workers.

Ryan Taylor, Director of Staff and Student Support Services for HSE Schools, told the board students who provide written documentation from their healthcare provider advising them to refrain from attending school due to COVID-19 will receive an excused absence. For all other students, the normal attendance policy remains the same.

Here is what Taylor presented to board members about school-sponsored events and travel:

- Any school-sponsored



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Ryan Taylor, Director of Staff and Student Support Services for HSE Schools, reviews COVID-19 contingency plans.

or district-sponsored travel to locations with travel advisories for the coronavirus, as identified by the CDC or the U.S. Department of State, will be canceled.

Currently, planned school-sponsored or district-sponsored in-county, in-state and out-of-state events are continuing as planned. However, each trip will be reviewed as concerns arise.

Currently, school officials are carefully considering events that may involve 1,000 or more participants. Stay tuned . . . for now, events will continue as planned.

Students who are exhibiting flu-like symptoms will not be permitted to participate in field trips.

- Parents and guardians should verify that their phone numbers and email addresses are correct in Skyward and ensure that notification permissions are set to receive messages.

What about students returning from spring break? Here's what Taylor presented to the board:

"Any person traveling for any reason from a Level 2 or Level 3 country for COVID-19 must self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to the U.S. As this situation is rapidly evolving, health authorities may also impose domestic and/or regional U.S. travel restrictions prior to spring break. We encourage you

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Fishers-Carmel COIT deal clears the General Assembly, heads to the governor

By LARRY LANNAN
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The dispute between Carmel and Fishers over the state formula distributing County Option Income Tax (COIT) funds appears to be settled.

House Speaker Todd Huston tells LarryInFishers.com that a conference committee report with the language agreed-to by officials of both cities has now passed both the House and the Sen-

ate and is headed to the desk of Governor Eric Holcomb. The governor is expected to sign the measure.

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness has said that despite the fact that Fishers and Carmel have roughly the same population numbers, Carmel has been receiving significantly more COIT funds the past several years, and the gap has been widening.

Mayor Fadness recently told LarryInFishers.com the deal reached with Carmel calls for a revised COIT distribution formula that will add \$15 million to \$18 million in additional COIT funds to Fishers over three

years, but that increase is tied to a rise in COIT tax collections of 2.5 percent each year. In other words, presuming a strong economy continues locally, Fishers will receive the extra funds.

According to Fadness, after that initial three-year period, Fishers would receive \$4 million to \$6 million in additional money per year from COIT, but that would once again rely on continued COIT tax collection growth in the coming years.

According to Speaker Huston, all the provisions described to me by the mayor are included in the final version of the legislation.

BREAKING NEWS

It is confirmed that all six Hamilton County public school systems and University High School will move to e-Learning Monday, March 16.

Coronavirus cancellations

Veterans appreciation event canceled until further notice

The REPORTER

The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, has canceled the Vietnam Veterans Appreciation event, which was scheduled for Saturday, March 21 at the Noblesville

Township Community Center.

Chapter Regent Sharon McMahon said, “The Chapter officers are disappointed to cancel the event as we honor our Vietnam veterans and always look forward to gathering them together and

showing our appreciation for their service and commitment, for which most of them received little recognition as they returned home so many years ago. As all of them are over 60 years of age, we want to keep them safe and healthy during

this coronavirus outbreak and we believe this to be the proper way to proceed. We are planning to offer this event later in the year and look forward to hosting these courageous individuals who have served our country so well.”

Noblesville Schools suspends all after-school activities, field trips

The REPORTER

Several school districts in counties with cases of COVID-19 have announced school closures. Noblesville Schools has been in close contact with the Hamilton County Health Department, the City of Noblesville and other Hamilton County school districts.

A statement issued by Noblesville Schools on Thursday said the following:

“Our health department issued a statement Thursday stating that there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Hamilton County at this time. They are not currently recommending school closures,

but have recommended that we limit school activities.

“Based on this guidance, we will be cancelling all after-school activities and field trips effective at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

“We have no suspected or confirmed cases among students or staff and as of now, schools will be in ses-

sion tomorrow [Friday].

“This is a rapidly evolving situation and we will continue to provide updates as we receive more information or if new developments occur.

Find the latest information on Noblesville Schools response to COVID-19 on the front page of our website.”

Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville postpones all weekend events

The REPORTER

In accordance with guidance from the Hamilton County Health Department, the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville’s leadership has made the decision that events and activities beyond the after-school program will be postponed until further notice.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, BGCN is taking precautions and doing everything possible to keep Club Kids, staff and patrons protected from its spread. As a result, this weekend’s Basketball Spectacular and Auxiliary Auction have both been postponed to later dates.

“The Auxiliary Auction appreciates the overwhelming community support for this year’s event, and it is with the safety of our supporters and our civic

responsibility in mind to postpone our Annual Auction scheduled for this Saturday. Our event sponsors, Community Health Network and Harbour Trees have joined us in our decision to reschedule,” said Auxiliary President Kim Hirschfeld. “Harbour Trees has generously offered to host the event, tentatively for June 13, to coincide with the grand re-opening of the Beach Club, featuring their new Crow’s Nest Event Space, so save your green ShamRock attire and plan on joining us for a Lucky Night Under the Stars. We will be the first group to break in this beautiful space and raise funds for Club Kids.”

Because the Club still has an immediate need for funding, select silent auction items are currently

open for bidding at one.bidpal.net/bgcn20. The silent auction will remain open until 10 p.m. this Saturday. Supporters are invited to sit down with your device in the comforts of your own home and bid away to raise funds for the Club.

A Fund-A-Need will also take place to support the Club’s Transportation Program. Donations over \$100 will enter supporters into a drawing for the .75 carat white gold, solitaire diamond necklace donated by Smith’s Jewelers, which will be drawn for at the June event.

Questions in regards to the auction can be forwarded to Kim Hirschfeld at Kimhirschfeld@yahoo.com.

In addition, the Club has made the decision to

postpone the annual Basketball Spectacular that was scheduled to take place at Noblesville High School on Saturday. The event has tentatively been rescheduled for Saturday, May 9 at the NHS gymnasium.

“We’re thankful for all of our generous league and event sponsors, especially our Title Sponsor, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs, but our number one priority is the safety of our players and coaches,” said BGCN Sports Director Tony Eslamirad. “It is our goal to host the event in the future to celebrate our players’ achievements and recognize league players for their full season of hard work.”

Questions in regards to the Basketball Spectacular can be Tony Eslamirad at teslamiard@bgcn.org.

Options Schools postpones all events with large gatherings through March

The REPORTER

In order to remain committed to the health and safety of students and faculty, Options Schools has postponed upcoming events with large attendance through the end of March with the current threat of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The list of postponed events currently includes: Options-Noblesville Senior Institute Gallery Walk (March 17), Options-Westfield Groundbreaking Ceremony (March 18), Options-Carmel Open House (March 18), Options-Carmel Senior Institute Gallery Walk (March 20) and

Options-Noblesville Open House (March 25).

As originally scheduled, Wednesday, March 18 will remain an E-Learning Day for all Options students.

“After consulting with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and local officials, we feel that it is in the best interest of our students and staff to temporarily postpone Options Schools events,” said Dr. Mike Gustin, Options Schools President. “At this time, we do not feel school closure is necessary. However, we are encouraging all students and staff members to practice good sanitation habits and to remain home

if they are feeling ill.”

Students concerned about their own welfare or potential exposure to family members may elect to participate in the Options’ Alternative Classroom Experience and learn from home. Parents should contact their building principal for more information on this option.

Currently, there are no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in any Options Schools campuses. If a case were to occur, Options would notify staff, students and parents from the involved school(s) and follow the recommendations of local, state and federal authorities. In the event

schools would need to be closed for an extended period of time, Options would utilize E-Learning Days and postpone in-person meetings for Distance Education students.

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on Wednesday. The ISDH and Centers of Disease Control (CDC) have shared guidance based on what is known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19. Per their recommendation, Options administration will continue to collaborate, share information, and review plans with local health officials.

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or emergency room

Workplace

- Identify staff that are essential to the daily operations of your business
- Identify alternative work locations and operational procedures
- Review current sick policies to mitigate implications of sick leave (i.e. paid sick time, unlimited sick time, etc.)
- If schools close, determine childcare options for working parents
- Change large meetings to conference calls
- Cancel non-essential travel for your staff
- Practice social distancing to reduce exposure in large groups (no shaking hands, etc.)

Assisted Living Facilities

- Implement a “no visitors” policy
- Fishers Fire Department will continue visiting and consulting with facilities to provide support
- Screening all staff/visitors upon arrival to facility
- Create a single point of entry for visitors
- Implement temperature/respiratory screenings for visitors
- Limit internal programming and gatherings within the facility

Community & Faith-Based Organizations

- Reduce community

- gatherings and events
- Hold online-only church services
- Continue to support at-risk populations

City Policies

- The City of Fishers has implemented the following guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19:
- Canceled all upcoming tours and field trips until further notice
- Canceled work travel for City staff through April 2020
- Work travel is canceled through June 2020 for Fishers Police Department (FPD)
- Canceled fingerprinting procedures with FPD
- Identified staff that are essential to city operations
- Identified alternative work locations and operational procedures for at-risk city employees
- Canceled City and Parks & Recreation events through March 2020
- First responders will:
- Practice home precautions at firehouses
- Continue to follow health guidelines put in place by the CDC
- Implement a policy to not wear uniforms and shoes and practice hygiene at the firehouse.
- The City of Fishers has created a community hotline for at-risk populations. Please call (317) 595-3211 if you are at-risk and in need of assistance.

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of Education to make the best decision possible for the community, district and affected families.

There are several factors which must be considered when discussing school closures due to COVID-19. Some of these considerations include meals provided by schools for children in need and childcare concerns for parents who work during school hours.

The Health Department has started communicating to school districts recommendations to limit school activities and limit student contacts

to classroom environments. Materials conveyed to school districts and referenced in decision making include:

- World Health Organization’s [Key Messages and Actions](#) for COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Schools
- CDC’s [Preventing Spread of COVID-19](#) in Communities
- ISDH’s [2019 Novel Coronavirus website](#)
- Indiana Department of Education’s [COVID-19 Resources for Indiana schools](#)

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to reconsider any unnecessary travel and to rigorously follow CDC guidance. Persons who return from ANY spring break travel with COVID-19 symptoms may be required to self-quarantine.”

If HSE Schools would need to close, e-learning would be implemented. The YMCA programs before and after school would be canceled. School facilities that are rented, including to religious organizations, would be closed to all events. Plans are being de-

veloped by school officials to provide breakfast and lunch for students during any closure.

On the compensation issue, Superintendent Bourff told the board the school corporation would have no authority to force contractors to take care of their employees working in HSE Schools, because contract workers are not employees of the school corporation. However, the school system can encourage contractors to take care of their workers during any school closure situation.

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Cicero Kiwanis will highlight work of Heights Education Foundation

The REPORTER

Melissa Martin, President of the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation (HHEF), will be the guest speaker at this Saturday's meeting of the Cicero Kiwanis Club.

Martin will share a behind-the-scenes look at this organization that has been working diligently to invest in the future of students at Hamilton Heights. HHEF was founded in 1989 to create opportunities, impact student success, and make a difference in the overall educational experience for Heights' early childhood through grade 12 students. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entity, its mission is to provide monetary grants for teachers who initiate class-

room instructional proposals that demonstrate a high degree of creativity and instructional enhancement designed to improve student academic achievement.

HHEF is comprised of a dedicated group of volunteers from Heights, local businesses and community leaders. One hundred percent of all money raised is allocated to the corporation in the form of grants.

There are a variety of ways to support the Foundation to ensure it can continue its good work throughout the school corporation. Serve as a volunteer, make a tax-deductible donation, nominate a Husky Hero, enroll in Kroger Community Rewards, AmazonSmile, purchase a Department of

Education license plate, and leave a lasting memory through a bequest to the Foundation's Endowment Fund.


Martin shared that the Foundation is wrapping up its "Setting the Foundation Brick Fundraiser" and encourages anyone in the community to be a permanent part of the new entryway at Hamilton Heights High School by ordering their brick today. The last day to order is March 27.

To learn more about the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation, to donate, order a legacy brick, and/or see the opportunities it has provided, visit hhschuskies.org/hhef or check out the [HHEF Twitter feed](#).



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Melissa Martin, who works as a Technology Integration Specialist at Hamilton Heights, will be the featured speaker at this Saturday's breakfast meeting of the Cicero Kiwanis. Martin is pictured with HHES students using virtual reality headsets funded by the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation.



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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.


– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.





What's new for 2020? The Atlas Cross Sport.



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Local author wrapping up statewide book tour

Just listen

Submitted

Hamilton County author Joe Drozda is ending his current statewide book tour for his book *I Love IU/I Hate Purdue* with a local book signing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 at Barnes and Noble, 14790 Greyhound Plaza, Carmel. Drozda has made 14 stops on this tour which has spanned the state of Indiana from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River.

Drozda has experienced tremendous appreciation from IU graduates and fans for this book which celebrates good things about Indiana University and pokes fun at not-so-good things about Purdue. He has signed a book for prolific author Bob Hammel and one for TV personality Dick Vital. He has also had a lot of fun experiences while meeting fans at these signings.

In northwest Indiana, he met a lady with his same last name, Drozda.

In Greenwood, he signed a book for

an IU man at 6:30 p.m. who was taking his wife out for dinner. This man returned about 8 p.m. and asked for three more books. He asked the first be dedicated to his dad, a Purdue grad, quoting a passage from the book. Drozda exclaimed, "That's from the book!" The wife then added, "I know, I think he tried to read the whole book to me all through dinner." The same thing happened at a signing at an Indianapolis store. The man came back and bought more books the same night.

At a signing in Bloomington, he and Miss IU led the Kiwanis Club guests in singing of "Indiana Our Indiana." Then he signed books for members and guests.

To date, Joe Drozda's book has become a best-seller among IU grads and is being sold at many retailers and online book sellers as well. This past Christmas, the book was featured on HoosierHuddle.com as one of the 10 recommended gifts for IU fans.



Photo provided

Hamilton County author Joseph Drozda is joined by Miss IU Second Runner-up 2020 Vanesa Quiroga (left) and Miss IU 2020 Alexandria Ford (right).

Last Saturday I was enjoying a book signing/selling event at Half Price Books on West 86th Street when my phone rang. I saw that it was my mom.

Ordinarily I wouldn't answer my phone during a book sale, but when it's Mom, I drop everything. And, fortunately, no one in the store was visiting any authors at that time.

I answered and heard her weary voice on the other end. Mom explained to me that her toilet wasn't working and that no one from her assisted living facility could fix it for another 90 minutes.

"I have to walk down the hallway now whenever I need to use the bathroom," she explained miserably.

Now, for most of us, going down the hallway to go to the bathroom is not a big deal. To an 87-year-old woman using a walker and battling bladder issues, it's daunting. I felt her frustration and was also upset because I was 45 minutes away and couldn't help her. I knew my husband and kids were either working or out of town.

As I felt a rising sense of unease well up within me, I suddenly realized that even if I were close by, there wasn't much I could do anyway. I'm not a plumber, and my abilities only go as far as the use of a plunger. But I knew there was one important way I could help her in the next few minutes.

I explained to Mom that I was in Indianapolis in the middle of a book sale and signing and that I wished I could help her.

"I'm sorry you're dealing with this right now," I said sympathetically, "It really stinks. I hope they can get there sooner."

Mom's voice immediately lifted.

"I appreciate that, Honey," she replied. I chatted with her a little bit more and asked her to call me when the toilet was fixed. I heard her tone change from frustration to calm.

I realized in that brief conversation that Mom didn't need me to rush over to fix everything. She just needed someone to listen to her frustrations.

Isn't that what most of us need in life no matter what age? How many times do we vent to good friends or co-workers when a difficult situation arises? Even though venting doesn't necessarily change things, it often helps so we can think clearly and move on with life.

I used to feel so helpless when Mom called me with a frustrating challenge in her life. But then I realized that sometimes, there's nothing I can do to help her but listen. And that's often all she needs.

This epiphany has helped me in so many situations in my sandwich generation journey. We want to do all we can to help our loved ones have an easier time in life. But there are just some moments when all we can do is loan them a listening ear, send good thoughts, and say some prayers. And that's often more helpful than we realize.



Liquor thief hits Target for 2 fifths and half-pint

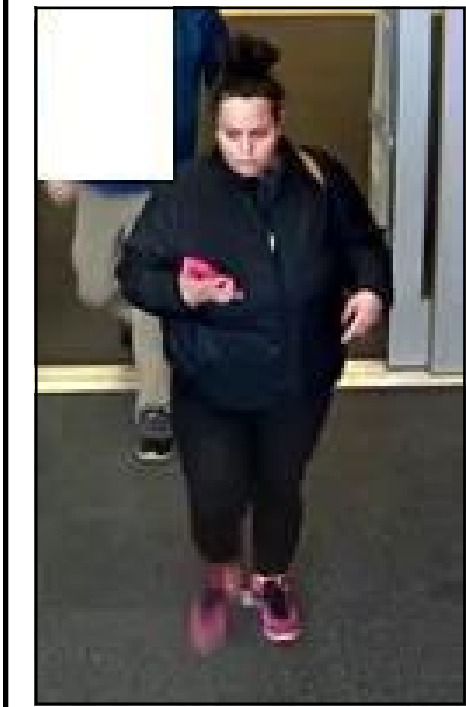


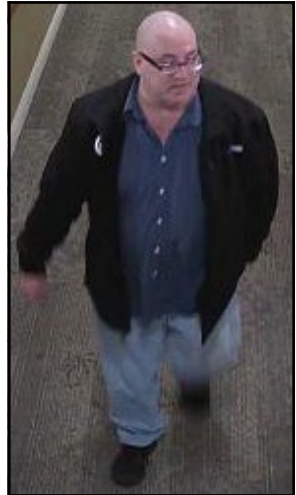
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At 1:04 p.m. on Wednesday, the suspect pictured at left stole one bottle of 375ml Grey Goose, one bottle of 200ml Hennessy and two bottles of 750ml Hennessy from Target, located at 10401 N. Michigan Road, Carmel. The suspect has stolen from the store multiple times on prior occasions. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Cristhian Rodriguez at crodriguez@carmel.in.gov or call (317) 571-2690 ext. 7770.

Carmel Police looking for man who entered senior living apartments

The REPORTER

At 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 5, the suspect pictured was observed entering apartments at 689 Pro Med Lane, Woodland Terrace Senior Living. The suspect told the Concierge that he was there to pray with people. Anyone with information is asked to contact Officer Cristhian Rodriguez at crodriguez@carmel.in.gov or call (317) 571-2690 ext. 7770.



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Riverview Health issues updated visitor restrictions

The REPORTER

As flu season peaks and as a precaution against COVID-19 (also known as "coronavirus"), Riverview Health is taking added measures to protect patients, families, staff members and the community from unnecessary exposure to these viruses. Effective Saturday, March 14, Riverview Health is implementing these temporary visitation restrictions:

- No visitors with influenza-like illness, fever or cough.

- No visitors under the age of 16, unless special arrangements are made.

- Only one visitor per patient at a time, and visitors may only be immediate family, partner or significant other.

- Maternity patients are limited to only one identified support person and no other visitors, regardless of relationship.

- No visitors entering the hospital just to use the cafeteria, purchase coffee, etc.

In addition to these vis-

itor restrictions, Riverview Health is canceling all public seminars and support groups until further notice. As Riverview works to provide a safe environment for its patients, staff and community, Riverview apologizes for any inconvenience these visitation restrictions may cause. Riverview Health will continue to monitor conditions and remove the restrictions as soon as it is safe to do so.

For more information on Riverview Health, visit riverview.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Spartz: I will continue to work hard for Hoosiers

Dear Editor:

I am pleased with the progress the General Assembly made this year, but our work is not complete.

On average, Hoosiers pay more for certain health care services than citizens in nearby states. To begin addressing this issue, the General Assembly passed health care policies that will increase price transparency, curb 'surprise' medical billing, and require hospitals to give patients a good-faith estimate for their care before they can charge out-of-network rates.



Spartz

In addition, I authored policies that will support local government, protect the rights of individual property owners and ensure that Hoosier farmers have access to affordable medical coverage.

As I finish my tenure in the Indiana Senate, I will continue to work hard to address the needs of our community and will remain a fierce advocate for policies that protect individuals' rights to life, liberty and property.

State Sen. Victoria Spartz
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer concerned that Clay Township's debt load is too high

Dear Editor:

A total of 116 Indiana townships have reported their debt levels to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

One of them – Clay Township in Hamilton County – reported it carries 60 percent of the load (\$122 million of \$204.3 million total).

That's 47 percent of the principal the 116 have borrowed, 77 percent of the interest and 68 percent of the lease payments.

Clay Township is Carmel and Carmel is Clay Township. Even by Carmel standards, 60 percent of the load is a bit much.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then said the high priest, Are these things so? And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell. And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child. And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years. And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place. And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

Acts 7:1-8 (KJV)

Public Notices

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that Westfield Washington Schools, Westfield, Indiana, will receive sealed proposals until 3:00 P.M. EST, on April 2, 2020. Proposals are to be submitted at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Building, 1143 East 181st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, ATTN: Brian Tomamichel, CFO. The Board of School Trustees reserves the right to negotiate at its discretion with those submitting proposals in accordance with Indiana Law. Sealed Proposals are being sought for the following item:

FOOD OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Detailed specifications are on file in the office of the Chief Financial Officer, of Westfield Washington Schools Administration Building, 1143 East 181st Street, Westfield, IN 46074, and can be obtained through the districts website at <https://www.wws.k12.in.us/Page/1002>. Any questions should be directed to Brian Tomamichel, CFO at tomamichelb@wws.k12.in.us RL3225

3/6/2020, 3/13/2020

You are cordially invited to the Hamilton County Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Update - township meetings

Noblesville/Wayne Townships

Thursday, March 26, 2020 / third meeting tbd

Durbin Elementary School

18000 Durbin Road

Noblesville, IN 46060

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

White River Township

Thursday, April 16, 2020 / July 23, 2020

Walnut Grove Community Center

25587 State Road 213

Cicero, IN 46034

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Adams Township

Thursday, March 17, 2020 / June 25, 2020

Sheridan Community Center

300 East 6th Street

Sheridan, IN 46069

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please call our office at (317) 776-8490 if you should have any questions.

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2/24/2020, 3/2/2020, 3/9/2020

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

OF THE SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Sheridan Town Council will meet in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the Sheridan Town Hall located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069.

As permitted under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b), the Town Council will meet in Executive Session to discuss job performance of an individual employee IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

Sheridan Town Council

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3/13/2020

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and everything green including, face painting, live music, new exhibits and features in local art galleries and businesses. All the fun of Meet Me on Main begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 14 in the Arts and Design District and includes the following special events:

Gather your friends and take a selfie for a chance to win. Take a selfie in the Arts & Design District and "check in" to the Carmel Arts & Design District Facebook page for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Two additional \$100 gift cards will be given away this month. To enter, visit participating galleries and businesses to fill out an entry form. Only one can be

Meeting Notice

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the board room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

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Noblesville's Donna Buckley to be an assistant coach on team...



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Hamilton Southeastern's Sydney Parrish (left) is one of 14 players selected as 2020 IndyStar Indiana Girls All-Stars. Parrish was a four-year starter for the Royals and will play college basketball at the University of Oregon. Noblesville coach Donna Buckley (right) will be one of the assistant coaches for this year's All-Stars team.

HSE's Sydney Parrish named to Indiana Girls All-Stars

Hamilton Southeastern's Sydney Parrish is among the 14 players that have been selected for the 2020 IndyStar Indiana Girls All-Stars, it was announced Thursday.

Those chosen to the team will play three games in June -- one exhibition game against the Indiana Junior All-Stars as well as home-and-home contests against the Kentucky All-Stars.

Parrish averaged 24.8 points per game for the Royals this season. She was a four-year varsity starter, helping Southeastern to a Class 4A state championship in her junior season. Parrish will attend the University of Oregon beginning this fall.

The other 2020 Indiana Girls All-Stars, listed alphabetically, are: Allison

Bosse of Brownsburg, Kendall Bostic of Northwestern, Ella Collier of Danville, Katie Davidson of Lawrence North, Nan Garcia of Jeffersonville, Khera Goss of Ben Davis, Sydney Graber of Homestead, Madison Layden of Northwestern, Rachel Loobie of Franklin Central, Ra'Shaya Kyle of Marion, Jasmine McWilliams of North Central, Dash Shaw of Crown Point and Kristian Young of Lawrence North. Garcia is injured and is not expected to play in the games.

The head coach for the 2020 Girls All-Stars will be Jeff Allen of Bedford North Lawrence. He will be assisted by Donna Buckley of Noblesville and Doug Springer of Northridge.

The 2020 IndyStar Indiana Miss Bas-

ketball will be announced from within the group of All-Stars listed above at The Star's Indiana Sports Awards program on May 3 at Clowes Memorial Hall in Indianapolis.

The Junior-Senior exhibition game is set for June 3 at a site to be announced. The first game against Kentucky will be June 5 at a site to be announced. The final game against Kentucky will be June 6 at Southport Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

All three dates will be doubleheaders with the IndyStar Indiana Boys All-Stars.

The Indiana Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, will play two doubleheaders -- one on June 1 against the Kentucky Junior All-Stars at a site to be announced and the second on June 3 against the Indi-

ana senior All-Stars.

The Indiana All-Stars program was founded in 1939 when the Indiana Boys All-Stars played the state champion Frankfort Hot Dogs. The series with Kentucky began in 1940, and the girls portion of the All-Stars was added in 1976. The Junior All-Stars, boys and girls, were added in 1996.

The Indiana portion of the All-Star Games is organized and produced by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. The Indianapolis Star, with its IndyStar brand, is a title sponsor.

Miss Basketball is selected through a balloting process of coaches and media

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IHSAA announces restrictions for boys basketball regionals, gymnastics state finals

IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox announced on Thursday that the remaining games in the IHSAA boys basketball state tournament will continue as scheduled but with limited spectators in attendance as Indiana seeks to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

This includes Carmel playing at the Logansport regional on Saturday. The Greyhounds will play New Haven at

noon, following the 10 a.m. game between Marion and Fort Wayne Snider. The championship game is scheduled for 8 p.m.

"The IHSAA continues to monitor the impact of COV-19 around our state," the IHSAA said in a news release on Thursday. "Our primary focus has been and will continue to be the health and safety of our students and supporters attending our events. Given the recent and ongoing

spread of the coronavirus and available information surrounding the pandemic, the IHSAA will conclude all winter tournament series events as scheduled with limited to no spectators in attendance.

"Individuals who are at higher risk for the disease as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are strongly encouraged to refrain from attendance. This includes older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions

such as heart disease, diabetes and lung disease.

"The Association acknowledges these are unprecedented measures and is sympathetic to the loyal fans of education-based athletics in Indiana. Your understanding and support during these challenging times is appreciated.

"Using the Center for Disease Con-

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The NBA has suspended games indefinitely due to the coronavirus outbreak. The Reporter will begin to run standings again at a later date, once games return.

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Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	43	22	.662	-
Utah	41	23	.641	1.5
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2.5
Portland	29	37	.439	14.5
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	-
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5.5
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21.5
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24.0
Golden State	15	50	.231	35.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	-
Dallas	40	27	.597	1.5
Memphis	32	33	.492	8.5
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12.0
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12.5

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NCAA cancels men's, women's basketball tournaments

WISH-TV

INDIANAPOLIS - The NCAA has canceled this Division I men's and women's basketball tournaments.

Remaining winter and spring championship are also canceled.

NCAA President Mark Emmert and the Board of Governors made the announcement Thursday afternoon.

"This decision is based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat, our ability to ensure the events do not contribute to spread of the pandemic, and the impracticality of hosting such events at any time during this academic year given ongoing decisions by other entities," the NCAA said in a statement.

TIMELINE OF CORONAVIRUS IN INDIANA

March 6: Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) confirms the first case in Indiana. Officials say the Marion County resident had recently traveled to Boston to attend a BioGen conference as a contractor.

March 8: ISDH confirms a second case. An adult in Hendricks County who had also traveled to the BioGen conference was placed in isolation. Also on March 8, Noblesville Schools announced that a parent and that parent's children will be self-quarantining after attending an out-of-state event where someone else tested positive.

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March 9: Two more cases are confirmed. Avon Community School Corporation had announced on March 8 that a student tested positive. That case, along with another in Noble County, was confirmed by state health officials at a press conference.

March 10: Two more cases are confirmed as the state launches an online tracker. New cases are confirmed in Boone and Adams counties. Purdue and Indiana universities suspend classes for two weeks beyond their spring breaks. Ball State University basketball fans learn the Mid-American Conference tourney will have no fans in the stands. Three businesses operating nursing homes in Indiana announce they will no longer allow visitors.

March 11: ISDH confirms four more cases in Indiana, three adults in Johnson County and an adult in Howard County. The University of Indianapolis announced it will extend its ongoing spring break through March 22. The Indianapolis-based NCAA announces the men's and women's Final Four basketball tournaments will be conducted with essential staff and limited family attendance. The Big Ten announced all sports events, including the men's basketball tournament at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, will have no fans starting March 12.

Ball State University announced all classes are suspended for the rest of the spring semester. NBA suspended all games, including the Indiana Pacers, until further notice. Butler University extended its spring break, after which it will go to virtual classes.

March 12: ISDH reported two more cases of the coronavirus, in Marion and St. Joseph counties, for a total of 12. Taylor University canceled international and domestic spring break trips for students and faculty sponsors. Indianapolis' annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was canceled. Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb announced new protections that led to extended public school closings and the cancellation of large events across the state. The ECHL, including the Indy Fuel hockey team, suspended its season. Indy Eleven said it will reschedule four matches, including its home opener set for April 4. The NCAA canceled the men's and women's basketball tournaments. The Big Ten suspended all sporting events through the winter and spring seasons. Hancock County announced a jail staff member tested positive for COVID-19. Fiat Chrysler's Kokomo plant said it was remaining open after an employee tested positive for the coronavirus.

PARRISH

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overseen by game organizers from the IBCA. The remainder of the team is finalized by All-Star game director Mike Broughton after observing numerous games and events throughout the season, conferring with coaches, school officials and media across the state and reviewing votes submitted by coaches and media who each could recommend up to 10 players.

A complete list of those chosen as 2020 IndvStar Indiana Girls All-Stars follows.

2020 IndyStar Indiana Girls All-Stars

Name, School, Height, Pos., PPG, College Choice
 Allison Bosse, Brownsburg, 5-8, G, 17.0, Marian
 Kendall Bostic, Northwestern, 6-1, F, 20.5, Michigan State
 Ella Collier, Danville, 6-0, G, 23.5, Marian
 Katie Davidson, Lawrence North, 5-10, G/F, 10.7, Miami (Ohio)
 ^ Nan Garcia, Jeffersonville, 6-0, F, 18.8, Penn State
 Kherra Goss, Ben Davis, 5-11, F, 14.6, Toledo
 Sydney Graber, Homestead, 6-0, F, 15.1, Central Michigan
 Madison Layden, Northwestern, 6-1, G, 25.6, Purdue
 Rachel Loobie, Franklin Central, 6-1, G/F, 21.0, Central Michigan
 Ra'Shaya Kyle, Marion, 6-6, C, 27.3, Purdue
 Jasmine McWilliams, North Central, 5-11, F, 12.1, Northwestern
Sydney Parrish, Hamilton Southeastern, 6-2, G, 24.8, Oregon
 Dash Shaw, Crown Point, 5-6, G, 13.5, Purdue-Northwest
 Kristian Young, Lawrence North, 5-5, G, 10.7, Illinois-Chicago
 Head coach: Jeff Allen, Bedford North Lawrence
 Assistant coaches: **Donna Buckley, Noblesville**; Doug Springer, M
 ^ injured; unable to play in games

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tro's guidance regarding large gatherings, the IHSAA will limit games/events to approximately 250 individuals."

BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Each participating school will be allotted only 75 complimentary tickets aside from the 12 dressed players and to include only essential personnel, coaches, administrative staff and immediate family of players.

"We regret that non-varsity boys basketball participants, cheerleaders, dance teams, school mascots and pep bands may not attend the games," said the news release. "This measure is to protect the health and safety of the student athletes, their families and the public at large."

“Anyone holding a regional ticket will be issued a full refund at the point of purchase. Individuals must present the ticket(s) in order to receive a refund.

“A very limited number of news media will be approved for covering the Saturday’s regional games. All print and

broadcast news media must request credentials via email through the IHSAA staff from a recognized business account, not the host school. A final list of approved news media will be shared with each host school to allow admittance on Saturday.

“Regional games will continue to be streamed at IHSAA.tv.org and its affiliates as well as previously approved broadcast stations.

"Guidelines for the boys semi-states and state championship games have yet to be determined and will be announced at a later date."

GYMNASTICS STATE FINALS

The IHSAA also has restrictions on the gymnastics state finals, which are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Ball State University's Worthen Arena.

"Due to the number of participants and essential workers, coaches, spotters, and medical personnel at the gymnastics state finals, there will be no spectators allowed at the event and thus no tickets on sale at Worthen Arena," said the news release.

“Anyone holding a state finals ticket will be issued a full refund at the point of purchase. Individuals must present the ticket(s) in order to receive a refund.

“Saturday’s events will continue to be streamed live at IHSAAtv.org and previously-received news media credential requests will still be honored.

"Additional information will be released as soon as possible."



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