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TODAY'S WEATHER



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Tonight: Rain and/or snow changing over to all snow.
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Westfield Lions giving back

New non-profit grateful for Lions Club donation

The REPORTER

The Westfield Lions Club welcomed Jennifer Sell, Executive Director of the Noblesville-based group Same As U to the Club's recent meeting. Same As U is dedicated to serve young adults with developmental disabilities.

"Young adults with developmental disabilities 18 and over are kind of left out. They get help and support through high school, but then they are left without a real support group after high school. We try to provide that support," said Sell.

Same As U provides a "college-style" curriculum in academics, as well as enrichment development, along with vocational, social and life skills for the young people.

Sell told the Lions, "Same As U is dedicated to equipping young adults with developmental disabilities to be able to enjoy the bountiful life God designed."

Established in April of 2019, Same As U, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, depends on volunteers and donations from the community to do this very special work. For more information on this wonderful organization, visit sameasu.org or call (317) 445-2702.

Lion President John Wardlow said, "We are so happy to help support this amazing group. It is great to see how much effect Same As U, has on the lives of these kids."

About the Lions

Lions Clubs International is a non-political service organization of over 1.7 million members worldwide,



Westfield Lions Club President John Wardlow (right) presents a check to Same As U Executive Director Jennifer Sell.

established originally in 1917 in Chicago by Melvin Jones. It now has over 46,000 local clubs in more than 200 countries worldwide.

The Lions' motto is "We Serve." Local Lions Club programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues, and many other programs.

Uninformed voters mean more election campaign spending

We are entering a new election season, and many people will bemoan the fact it is a time when political candidates spend huge amounts of money to try to buy an election through those obnoxious TV ads, phone calls and other gimmicks. And, often times the candidate with the most money wins.

This happens in election campaigns at both the national and local levels. The targets of campaign spending are the uncommitted voters and those who would likely not vote but for the constant barrage of advertising, much of it negative. And, it works.

Although readers of this newspaper and other publications probably make up their own minds who they will support, unfortunately many do not make an informed decision.

So, this vast part of the general public has no one to blame but themselves for the endless spending by politicians trying to influence them.

And, the rest of us are subjected to the propaganda. But, there are small things we can do about it. We all have friends, neighbors and family members who may not be informed on political issues. We can encourage them to become informed. And, there will be debates and candidate appearances offered by civic groups and service clubs. We should take advantage of the opportunities.

COLUMNIST



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The County Line

Carly Joe Herring takes top honors as Westfield Future Chef



On Wednesday night, Westfield Washington Schools held the seventh WWS Sodexo Future Chef Competition. Finalists, representing all six of the WWS elementary schools, competed with their recipes. (Above left) Congratulations to Carly Joe Herring, who took home the top prize this year with her Chic'n Nacho Soup. (Above right, from left) Luke Virgona, Sophia Kissling, Brenna Paris, Kaylee Clark, Karina Hernandez, Chef Mike Szady from Vincennes Community Schools, Jillian Omer, Carly Joe Herring, Maximus Lane, Sydney Cyr, Owen Roberts and Keaton Knott.

Ms. Greer goes to Washington



Monica Greer, executive director of the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to share the success of Hamilton County's Quick Response Teams. The teams work with overdose survivors in an effort to get them into treatment. The discussion was part of a Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

COVID-19 no threat to water quality

Carmel committed to delivering water that exceeds EPA guidelines

Indiana American Water customers can count on access to clean water

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel Water and Wastewater Utility wishes its customers to know that during this challenging time period, the Utility is prepared and has the needed systems and personnel in place to continue with the safe delivery of drinking water and sanitary sewer service that meets all federal guidelines.

The Utility has a combined total of 25 State of Indiana certified operators in place to operate and maintain the city's water and wastewater infrastructure. The operators, along with additional personnel,

have been cross-trained in numerous operational procedures. The systems in place offer redundancy in emergency situations, and there is more than adequate capacity to readily serve the public.

Regarding the overall safety of drinking water as it relates to COVID-19, the Environmental Protection Agency has released the following statement:


"There is no higher priority for EPA than protecting the health and safety of Americans. EPA is providing this important information about COVID-19 as it relates to drinking water and wastewater to provide

At Indiana American Water (IAW), the health and safety of customers, communities and employees is a top priority. IAW provides an essential service that is critically important, and like many other companies in the U.S. and across the globe, IAW has established coronavirus preparedness plans.

It is important for you to know that IAW's drinking water treatment barriers provide protection that includes filtration and disinfection of surface water supplies (e.g., those from lakes, reservoirs, or rivers) and disinfection of ground water sources (e.g., under-

Fishers to fund neighborhood matching grants again this year

By LARRY LANNAN | LarryInFishers.com



The City of Fishers will provide nearly \$68,000 in funding for matching grants to Fishers neighborhoods this year. The grants were once separated into the Neighborhood Matching Grant and the Tree Matching Grant, but have now been combined and renamed the Vibrant Neighborhoods Matching Grant (VNMG).

According to the city, the intent of the VNMG program is to provide money for older neighborhoods, typically 10 years or older. Projects funded include beautification of a subdivision entrance or property along city roadways.

Over \$78,000 total was requested by 22 neighborhoods throughout Fishers. A committee reviewed all requests and submitted its recommendations to the Board of Public Works and Safety, which voted to approve the committee's work at its Monday meeting. The funds had been approved by the City Council as part of the 2020 budget.

[Click here](#) to review the entire list of neighborhoods receiving the VNMG grant.



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clarity to the public. The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking-water supplies. Based on current evidence, the risk to water supplies is low. Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual.

“EPA has established regulations with treatment requirements for public water systems that prevent waterborne pathogens such as viruses from contaminating drinking water and wastewater. COVID-19 is a type of virus that is particularly susceptible to disinfection and standard treatment and disinfectant processes are expected to be effective.”

Carmel Utilities Water Treatment Plants have been recognized as exceeding all EPA requirements and stands ready to meet the City’s needs.

[Click here](#) to learn about water transmission and COVID-19, and to see general questions and answers about COVID-19, drinking water and wastewater treatment.

continuously evaluating the situation and latest developments to determine how measures can be adopted and amended as necessary to support customers, communities and IAW employees.

For additional information about the coronavirus and drinking water and wastewater please visit:

- [Environmental Protection Agency](#) - Americans can continue to use and drink water from their tap as usual
- [World Health Organization](#) - Water treatment practices effective against COVID-19, WHO says

In an effort to keep customers safe during the coronavirus pandemic, IAW will place a moratorium and discontinuing service shut offs at this time. This moratorium will continue to be evaluated as more information becomes available. Additionally, IAW will begin the restoration of service to previously shut-off customers. The restoration may take some time, but IAW says it will work as quickly and safely as possible. If your service was turned off prior to March 12, IAW says it will restart your service.

IAW has been focused on two high priorities as the spread of the coronavirus has evolved: The health and safety of IAW employees and the health and safety of IAW customers. As such, IAW will also suspend all non-essential field appointments and will limit the amount and nature of contact with customers during all emergency field appointments.

For additional information about the coronavirus, please visit:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

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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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Coronavirus cancellations

Today's Nickel Plate Irish Express canceled

The REPORTER

The Nickel Plate Express has canceled all excursions through April 4, beginning with today's Irish Express.

"The Nickel Plate Express is committed to the safety of our passengers

and employees. We are doing our part to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in the community," said Dagny Zupin, Nickel Plate Express executive director. "Nickel Plate Express will continue following the lead of nation-

al, state and local officials and monitor the situation."

The Nickel Plate Express plans to return to regular operations on April 11 for the Easter Sunrise Express brunch. Those who purchased tickets for canceled

rides should email info@nickelplateexpress.net for exchanges and refunds.

Stay tuned for updates and future events by visiting NickelPlateExpress.com or following along on [Facebook](#).

SAT testing at HSE, Fishers canceled

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

SAT tests scheduled for today at both Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers high schools have been canceled. Students from throughout Central Indiana

had planned on taking the test at those Fishers locations.

HSE Schools Spokesperson Emily Abbotts says it will be up to the College Board to decide when a makeup test will be scheduled and the Board will handle any refund issues.

Mayor Brainard outlines Carmel's COVID-19 outbreak preparedness



Photo provided

On Thursday, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard released a video message detailing the City's preparedness and anticipated response measures to the COVID-19 outbreak. Click the photo above to view the message.

Following Noblesville Schools, Boys & Girls Club closes facilities

The REPORTER

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville places the health and safety of its Club Kids, team members and volunteers as its top priority.

The State of Indiana and Hamilton County Health officials are encouraging the public to take proactive steps to prevent the coronavirus from spreading, and in consideration of the health of BGCN families, the Club closed Friday evening. BGCN will remain closed until further notice and will work in consultation with healthcare experts to make the best path to re-open the Club.

There are currently no known COVID-19 cases among Club members or in the county. However, BGCH is a gathering place for local children, and BGCN officials made this decision out of an abundance of caution following notification of the Noblesville School Corporation closure which directly affects the kids the Club serves.

BGCN recommends the following preventative measures that every family should take to prevent exposure to COVID-19:

- Avoid close contact to anyone who is sick.

- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth.

- Cover your sneeze or cough with a tissue and throw the tissue away. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your arm and then wash your hands as soon as possible.

- Stay home when you are sick.

- Clean and disinfect frequently used objects and surfaces such as light switches and door knobs.

- Wash your hands often
- Teach youth to wash their hands with warm water and soap while singing

the "Happy Birthday Song" twice. This will ensure they have scrubbed long enough. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that is at least 60 percent alcohol. Soap and water are always best and should be used when available. For more information on hand washing please visit the [CDC's handwashing website](#).

As always, BGCN's number one focus remains providing a safe environment for local youth. Updates can be found at bgcni.org and on the Club's social media channels.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation cancels programs, events

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation has announced due to the closure of Carmel Clay Schools and an abundance of caution, the cancellation and postponed programming and events through April 10.

Extended School Enrichment

Due to Carmel Clay Schools' closure, and based on guidelines provided by the Indiana Governor, Extended School Enrichment before- and after-school programming is canceled at all 11 Carmel Clay elementary schools from March 16 through April 10. CCPR will reassess at that time for continuation. All parents/guardians of ESE students have been contacted.

For those enrolled in "School's Out" spring break camp (April 3, April 6-10) CCPR will be in contact in the coming days about possible cancellation.

Recreation Programming and Events

The following programming and events have been canceled – all cancellations

will be reassessed around April 10 regarding continuation:

- Recreation programming
- Aquatic programming and swim lessons
- Volunteer events
- Senior programming, including SilverSneakers® group fitness classes and Tai Chi

The following events have been canceled due to projected attendance of 250+ individuals:

- Hamilton County Homeschool Hoopla
- 2020 Summer Hiring Event
- Barrier-Free Theatre performance, *A Hero's Heart*, has been postponed to a date TBD.

If you were enrolled in a program during this time frame, please refer to your email for cancellation information.

For the most up-to-date information and status regarding CCPR facilities and programming, please visit carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information.

Noblesville Lions Club reschedules dodgeball, cornhole tournaments

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech College announced Friday that all campus activities are postponed. This will include the Noblesville Lions Club Dodgeball and Cornhole Tournament.

The Lions Club Tournament is rescheduled for noon on Saturday, May 9 at in the Ivy Tech Gym. All elements of the tournament will remain in place as nothing will change with the actual activity.

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Mitchell Congressional campaign launches virtual townhall series

The REPORTER

In response to the postponement of multiple previously scheduled opportunities for 5th District residents to meet their candidates for Congress, the Kelly Mitchell for Congress campaign announced on Thursday a virtual townhall series to connect with voters amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The CDC, government officials, and health care professionals are asking Hoosiers to avoid large gatherings and limit physical contact to mitigate the risk to public health. This

townhall series will allow voters to participate in a dialogue, ask questions, and hear directly from Mitchell regarding issues important to them.

With only 55 days left until the primary election, this series will bring the campaign directly to voters so they can learn more about Mitchell from the safety of their own homes. The Mitchell campaign will use digital, social media, paid media



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are launching this townhall series to give 5th District voters a voice. Our goal is to engage voters and give them the opportunity to ask questions, hear my platform, and learn why I am the best candidate to represent them in Congress.

and public sources to advertise to voters to join.

Mitchell released the following statement:

“The health and safety of Hoosiers is important to me. We’re using this townhall to give 5th District voters a voice. Our goal is to hear the voters and give them an opportunity to ask questions, hear my platform, and learn why I am running as a candidate to represent them in Congress.”

I encourage everyone to share our townhall information with friends and family, to take part in the primary process, and most importantly, stay safe.”

New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are the new library items lists for the week of March 9:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. The Warsaw protocol, by Steve Berry
2. Above the bay of angels, by Rhys Bowen
3. Coconut layer cake murder, by Joanne Fluke
4. Death by chocolate frosted doughnut, by Sarah Graves
5. Perfect little children, by Sophie Hannah
6. The museum of desire, by Jonathan Kellerman
7. Breaking silence: a novel of Serrated Edge, by Mercedes Lackey
8. Blindside, by James Patterson
9. A divided loyalty: an Inspector Ian Rutledge mystery, by Charles Todd

10. The Big Lie, by
James Grippando
New Adult
Nonfiction Books

1. My iPad for seniors, by Michael Miller
2. Start by believing: Larry Nassar's crimes, the institutions that enable him, and the brave women who stopped a monster, by John Barr
3. The kids are in bed: finding time for yourself in the chaos of parenting, by Rachel Bertsche
4. Hill women: finding family and a way forward in the Appalachian Mountains, by Cassie Chambers
5. From freezer to cooker: delicious whole-foods meals for the slow cooker, pressure cooker, and Instant Pot, by Polly Conner
6. The passion economy: the new rules for thriving

- ing in the twenty-first century, by Adam Davidson
7. Modern flexitarian: plant-inspired recipes you can flex to add fish, meat, or dairy, by Lucy Taylor
8. Sexual citizens: a landmark study of sex, power, and assault on campus, by Jennifer Hirsch
9. Average is the new awesome: a manifesto for the rest of us, by Samantha Matt
10. Failure to launch: why your twentysomething hasn't grown up... and what to do about it, by Mark McConville

New DVDs

1. Sanditon
2. Ballers. The complete fifth season
3. Big little lies. The complete second season
4. Back and blue
5. Boruto: Naruto next generations. 04, episodes

- 40-52
- 6. Chained for life
 - 7. Crown Vic
 - 8. Fleabag. Season 1
 - 9. Jexi
 - 10. The lighthouse

1. Step back in time, by Kylie Minogue
2. Ellevation, by Elle Varner
3. Reason, by Unspoken
4. Voyager, by 311
5. Indigo, by Chris Brown
6. Dream again, by James Fortune
7. The things we can't stop, by Cold
8. Spider-Man, far from home: original motion picture soundtrack, by Michael Giacchino
9. Colorado, by Neil Young
10. Courage, by Celine Dion

Letter to the Editor

You can save
a life through
organ donation

Dear Editor:

The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) has been removing the financial barriers for families facing transplants for more than three decades. Right here in Indianapolis, a group of caring and committed volunteers are working hard to do just that for the Deaver family.

COTA organizes communities across the country to raise funds for transplant-related expenses. Sydney Deaver, 1, has received a heart transplant. Sydney's family has turned to COTA for assistance, support and guidance.

COTA funds help with expenses such as food and lodging while the family is at the transplant center; transportation to and from the transplant center; copays, deductibles and medications, and assistance with household expenses while a parent is out of work during the time of the transplant. All of these expenses add up quickly and can stand in the way of a child receiving a life-saving transplant. Transplant-related expenses last a lifetime due to anti-rejection medications, follow-up visits and sometimes another transplant.

Transplant families from every corner of this country have worked with COTA. Since 1986, generous individuals have made contributions to help ensure transplant-needy children and young adults receive a life-saving transplant.

April is National Donate Life Month. Every day 22 people die waiting for an organ transplant in the United States. One organ donor can save eight lives. Sydney needs you to go to registerme.org and sign up to be a designated organ and/or tissue donor, and to support COTA in honor of her at cota.org/campaigns/COTAforTeamSydneyD.

Thank you.

Lacey Walden

Public Relations Coordinator, COTA for Sydney D.

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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black sleeveless top and a necklace, is smiling and holding a large white sign with the word 'SOLD' in red letters. The sign also features a small blue diamond logo. She is standing in front of a two-story house with a stone and siding exterior. The house has several windows, some of which are lit up. A smaller sign on the house reads 'SNYDER STRATEGY Mobile Tour'. In the bottom left corner, there is a business card for Wanda Lyons, a realtor with Snyder Strategy Realty, with the phone number (317) 345-3960 and the website www.WandaLyons.com. The background is a clear blue sky with some clouds.

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Toni Ann Chaudion
October 3, 1973 – March 13, 2020



Toni Ann Chaudion, 46, Tipton, passed away on Friday, March 13, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on October 3, 1973 in Tipton. Toni was very creative and loved crafts and crochet. She enjoyed sign language and loved Pepsi. Most of all, Toni loved her son and nieces and sitting outdoors on sunny days.

She is survived by her mother, Brenda A. Prince Holden; father, Larry J. Holden; sisters, April Chaudion, Missi (Tony) Shadday, Kelly Holden, Lesley Holden and Tamara Klingensmith; son, Wesley Crist; grandmother, Sue Prince; several nieces; three great-nephews; and one great-niece.

Toni was preceded in death by her biological father, Tony W. Chaudion; and grandparents, Mary Prince, Robert and Peggy Chaudion, Fred Prince, and Sonny and Marie Holden.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Autism Society of Indiana, 1800 N. Meridian St., Suite 103B, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Arrangements

Calling: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 16
Service: 1 p.m., March 16
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Linda J. Dunlap
July 31, 1945 – March 12, 2020

Linda J. Dunlap, 74, Fishers, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at her home in Fishers. She was born on July 31, 1945 to John and Eva (Ralston) Hiatt in Madison County.

Linda taught junior high and high school math for many years. She enjoyed quilting, gardening and reading. Most of all, Linda loved looking after her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Dunlap; son, Glenn (Betheny) Dunlap; daughter, Jennifer Warriner; son, Grady (Meghan) Dunlap; grandchildren, Bronte (Alex) Eaker, Hiatt Dunlap, Brynn Dunlap, Zach Warriner, Evan Warriner, Samuel Dunlap, Matthew Dunlap and Elizabeth Dunlap; and siblings, Peggy (Larry) Bair, John Robert (Patty) Hiatt, Tim (Jenny) Hiatt, Marium (Jim) Treadway and Tom (Marilyn) Hiatt.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road in Fishers. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Vinson Memorial Park in Summitville, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278, or to Grace Care Center, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville, IN 46062.

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, in the Council Chambers of the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Hamilton Heights School Board will meet for a public work session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the Media Center at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

The Hamilton Heights School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, in the LGI Room at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

The Sheridan Economic Development Commission will not meet as scheduled on Monday, March 23. The Commission will now meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2020, in the Community Room at the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

The Sheridan Economic Development Commission will not meet as scheduled on Monday, June 15. The Commission will now meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020, in the Community Room at the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan.

The Hamilton County Election Board will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, in the Conference Room in the Hamilton County Clerk's Office at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Suite 106, Noblesville.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him, And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance. But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh. Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls. So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers, And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem. But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph. The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live. In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months: And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

Acts 7:9-22 (KJV)

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Paul Kermit “Spanky” Roberts

September 21, 1943 – March 11, 2020



Paul Kermit “Spanky” Roberts, 76, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday morning, March 11, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Westfield surrounded by his loving family. Born September 21, 1943 in Lebanon, he was the son of the late Leon Franklin “Cookie” and Ruth Anna (Barker) Roberts. Not too long after graduating from Whitestown High School with the Class of 1963, Paul proudly served his country in the United States Army, spending much of his deployment stationed in Korea.

Paul grew up in rural Boone County and spent hours upon hours helping out around the family farm. Tending to the dairy herd, which was one of Paul’s favorite parts of their farm, and getting to spend time working with his dad was a pretty good way to grow up. Paul always seemed to be in his element when he was around the farm and he tried to stay connected to agriculture in some way throughout his life. Over the years Paul worked for Kaiser Fertilizer in Fayette, did some dairy farming around the Carmel area, and worked for United Feeds in Sheridan. Paul also worked with Bouse Construction and for BIMCO in Sheridan for several years.

Paul had a strong devotion to his family. Whatever activities they were involved in, he made it a point to be involved. One of the activities to which he devoted much of his free time was being a Band Booster for Marion-Adams (now Sheridan) Blackhawk Band and Guard. The band program had a core group of parents who would show up and help with anything and everything – building props and equipment trailers, sewing flags and uniforms, driving buses and trucks – whatever needed done. This group was a wonderful asset to the program, but they also developed quite the reputation. There was an inner circle of long-time band parents that had to be chaperoned more closely than the children did. If they could think up a prank, they would pull it – on the kids, on the band director and staff, and on the other parents and each other. Paul was the instigator of quite a few of those pranks and the victim of nearly as many. Those stories have since become somewhat of a legend and are the source of a lot of wonderful memories. After Paul’s son graduated, he continued to be an active part of the booster organization for many years, following his niece through the program.

Paul also enjoyed going fishing, playing a round of golf, or just taking off on his motorcycle. He also loved watching TV. Seriously, Paul loved watching TV, especially old Westerns. When people would stop by for a visit, they better time it around his programs. If a visitor showed up while a Western was on, Paul would continue watching until it was over – then his attention would shift to visiting.

In 2001 Paul suffered a major stroke and his life would change in a big way. With the help of his loving family he was able to recover and return home. As Paul needed more constant care, he moved to a home unit at Wellbrooke of Westfield. It was the perfect fit for Paul and his family. It wasn’t long before he had the run of the place. He would get on his scooter and give the nurses a run for their money. He would zoom around the halls and visit other Sheridan residents that were at Wellbrooke. Sometimes you just didn’t know where you would find him.

He was a longtime member of Sheridan Six Points Church.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Janet Darlene (Sedwick) Roberts. She and Paul were married on May 7, 1967. Also surviving is his son, Raymond Dean Roberts (Susan), Atlanta; three grandchildren, Taylor, Tanner and Kaylee Roberts; his brother, Rev. Richard L. Roberts (Marilyn), Pleasant Plains, Ark.; sister, Debbie R. Wiley (Marc), Lebanon; brother-in-law, Mike Sedwick (Anita), Sheridan; mother-in-law, Mary Sedwick; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and by his father-in-law, Fred Sedwick, Jr.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Brad Pointer will be officiating. Visitation will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to Sheridan Six Points Church, 1545 W. 226th St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

Paul had a signature phrase that he used for any and all occasions, and with that we end his obituary in the same fashion, by saying to you all... God Bless America!!!


Arrangements

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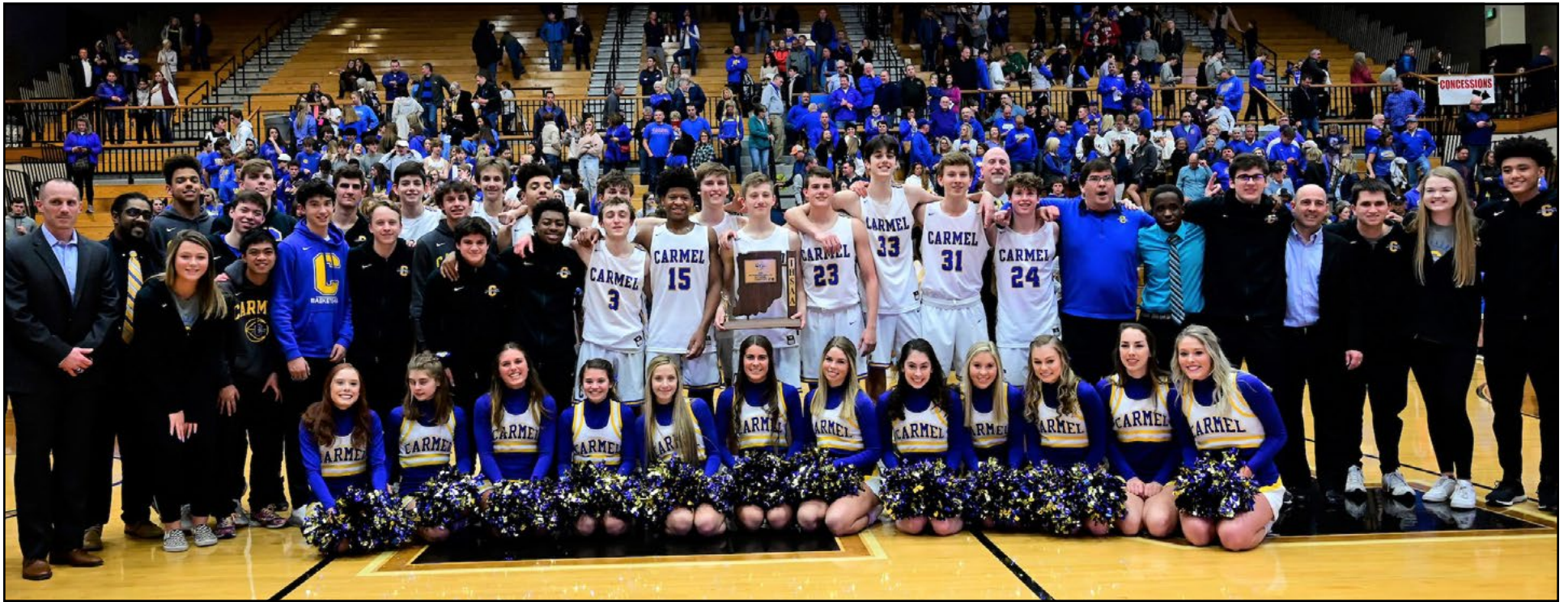


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IHSAA regionals were to be played today...



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The Carmel boys basketball team, shown here after winning the Sectional 8 championship last Saturday, is among the 64 teams that was to participate in an IHSAA regional today. However, the IHSAA postponed the boys basketball tournament on Friday.

Boys basketball tournament postponed

By RICHIE HALL

It was one of the last sports standing after the wave of cancellations due to the coronavirus breakout.

But on Friday, the IHSAA announced that the boys basketball tournament would be postponed. The tournament was supposed to play its regional games today, but those have now been pushed back indefinitely.

Shortly after noon, the IHSAA released the following statement: "Due to the number of schools closing after today for an extended period of time, it has become apparent the IHSAA boys basketball tournament series cannot be completed as scheduled. Subsequently, the boys basketball tournament is postponed immediately."

Carmel was to play in the Logansport regional today, taking on New Haven in the second semi-final game. That contest would have followed the first semi-final between Marion and Fort Wayne Snider.

"This time in our society is unprecedented," said Carmel athletic director Jim Inskeep. "I appreciate the efforts of the IHSAA to make accommodations but at the end of the day sometimes things just don't work. I think everyone is taking the proper precautions for the greater good of our state and nation."

The IHSAA had already tried to accommodate the quickly-changing situation. On Thursday, the organization announced that regional games would be played

but with limited spectators. That was still the plan as of Friday morning before the IHSAA made the decision to postpone the tournament.

Commissioner Bobby Cox said Friday night on the Indiana Sports Talk radio show that it was "impossible to tell people that the boys basketball tournament will continue on a specific date." The boys basketball tournament has been played to completion every year since the inaugural event in 1911, and has never once been canceled or ended before the state finals.

There will be one IHSAA event taking place today. The gymnastics state finals are set to begin at 1 p.m. at Ball State University's Worthen Arena. No spectators will be allowed at the event.

INDYCAR CANCELS RACES

In addition to the boys basketball tournament, another sport with Indiana ties announced it was postponing part of its season on Friday.

INDYCAR said it was canceling all of its events through April. The season was to begin Sunday at the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (Fla.), then continue with three races next month: The Grand Prix of Alabama in Birmingham, the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach (Calif.) and the AutoNation INDYCAR Challenge at the Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas.

INDYCAR released the following statement on

Friday: "After careful consideration, including regular communication with our event promoters, health officials, and the city administrations in our respective race markets regarding COVID-19, we have made the decision to cancel all NTT INDYCAR Series events through April. This begins with the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg which was to begin today and run through Sunday, March 15 and continues through the AutoNation INDYCAR Challenge at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas which was to take place April 24-26. Although we are disappointed to delay the start to this INDYCAR season and will miss our incredible fans who support us each year in St. Petersburg, Birmingham, Long Beach, and Austin, the safety of our fans, participants, staff, partners, and media will always remain our top priority. We will continue to coordinate with public health experts and government officials as we determine the appropriate plans for resuming our schedule."

NASCAR also postponed its next two races, this weekend's Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway and the Dixie Vodka 400 next weekend at the Homestead-Miami Speedway. The next scheduled race is March 29, the O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at the Texas Motor Speedway, but NASCAR said in a statement that it "will continue to monitor this dynamic situation as we assess future race events."

Events canceled at Heights until April 13

With all of Hamilton County's high schools now shut down in a physical sense for the next few weeks, many events have been canceled.

Here is a list of events canceled at Hamilton Heights, which will be closed starting March 16, until April 13. In addition to no events, no practices are allowed to take place.

TRACK AND FIELD: March 17 at Lebanon, March 24 vs. Western, March 28 at Hoosier State Relays

SOFTBALL: March 20 scrimmage at Taylor, March 23 vs. Zionsville (varsity away, junior varsity at home), March 25 at Frankton, March 27 at Lapel, April 9 at Anderson, April 11 at Kokomo

GIRLS TENNIS: March 25 scrimmage vs. Cardinal Ritter, April 8 at Tipton

BASEBALL: March 26 scrimmage at Taylor, April 9 vs. Anderson, April 10 at Anderson



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The Hamilton Heights softball team reached the sectional championship last season, but will have to wait until after April 11 to start its season. Heights will be shut down until April 13, with no practices or competitions allowed.



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Sheridan announces spring sports update

The cancellations came in a continuous streak, one after the other on the Sheridan Blackhawks Twitter feed Friday, totaling 24 in all.

With Sheridan Schools closed for the next four weeks, it means adjustments to the spring sports season. Sheridan High School athletic director Beth DeVinney posted a message on the school's athletics website Friday regarding the situation, thanking everyone for their patience.

DeVinney said she realizes the disappointment everyone feels about the circumstances, but in order to keep students and families safe, "I know it was the absolute right thing to do," she said.

Events and practices were canceled starting Friday, and that will last until Sunday, April 12. DeVinney said that no one should be in the building during the break, including no weightlifting or gym time.

"Youth League is also out until we are back in school," said DeVinney.

PRACTICE RULE STILL IN EFFECT

Once school is back in session, athletics can begin again, but it's not as simple as just starting events right away. IHSAA rules stipulate that student-athletes need 10 practices before they can compete in their chosen sport.

"The IHSAA has NOT waived the minimum practice rule and therefore that will affect games coming back from break," said DeVinney.

If school starts again on April 13, here is what the schedules will look like:

Track and field athletics have already fulfilled their 10 practices. However, DeVinney pointed out there is an addendum that covers missed practices during the season. Those that miss more than 10 practices, as Sheridan athletes will, must have six more before being eligible to compete.

Thus, Sheridan's first two track meets, scheduled for April 14 and 16, have been canceled. The Blackhawks' first meet will take place on April 23 at Bud Wright Stadium and will also be the Senior Night meet.

Softball still has six practices to com-



Kirk Green/File photo

Sheridan's spring sports, including baseball, will have their schedules affected by the school's closure for the next four weeks. Pictured from last season is Blackhawks pitcher Cole Bales.

plete; those will take place from April 13 to 18. Sheridan's first six softball games have been canceled, making the first contest an away game April 21 at Delphi.

Baseball and boys golf have yet to start practicing, as the first date for official practices, according to IHSAA rules in those sports, is March 23. So, those seasons will be delayed even further.

Both sports will now practice April 13-18, then have four more from April 20 to 23. (April 19 is a Sunday, thus no practice allowed on that day.) The golf

team's first meet, schedule for April 23, is canceled. The Blackhawks will open the season April 27 at Cool Lake Golf Club against Western Boone.

As for baseball, the first five junior varsity games are canceled, with the opener now April 27 at Park Tudor. Varsity baseball will have all games in March and April canceled, and start its season May 2 by hosting Taylor in a doubleheader.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Sheridan Middle School track

and golf teams are in the same situation. Both teams will have their first 10 practices April 13-18 and April 20-24 (if there is no Saturday practice on April 18).

Both teams have their first two meets canceled and will start the season on April 27. The track team will host Taylor and the golf team will play Hamilton Heights and Clinton Central.

The full message from DeVinney can be found [here](#) on the Sheridan Athletics website.



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Basketball Hall of Fame postpones Men's Awards Banquet

In the interest of public health and safety, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame will postpone its Men's Awards Banquet scheduled for March 25 for a date to be determined.

"While we are sorry for the inconveniences this may cause, the Hall of Fame executive committee felt it the best course of action for all involved," said Kayla Kessler, assistant director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

A reschedule date will be communicated as soon as possible. Reservations may be kept for our future date or requests for refunds of reservations will be handled by the HOF office in the coming days.

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