

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020

ARCADIA | ATLANTA | CICERO | SHERIDAN
CARMEL | FISHERS | NOBLESVILLE | WESTFIELD



TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 46 LOW: 30



Primary forum in Fishers held before virus shutdown



On Thursday night, the Hamilton County Republican Party and the Fishers GOP Club held a 2020 Republican Primary Candidate Forum for those running for the offices of County Treasurer, County Council At Large and County Commissioner District 2. Those in attendance were County Treasurer candidates Kim Good and Susan Byer; County Commissioner District 2 candidates Commissioner Steve Dillinger (represented by Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt) and Charlie McMillan; and County Council At Large candidates Brad Beaver, John Ditslear, Jeff Hern, Sue Maki, Rick McKinney and Steven Nation. **(Above, from left)** Charlie McMillan, Mark Heirbrandt, Rick McKinney, Steve Nation, Sue Maki, Brad Beaver, Jeff Hern, John Ditslear, Kim Good and Susan Byer.

A prayer for normal, ordinary days

As a child I remember watching The Twilight Zone on TV. It was always a bit scary and unsettling. This week The Twilight Zone became my reality. And yes, it was scary and unsettling.

Like most everyone I know, I had so many questions and thoughts. A new word echoed from every corner ... coronavirus.

Social media became a firestorm of warnings and predictions. Facts vs. fear.

China is far away. Italy is far away. Then came cases in Washington State ... at a nursing home. My anxiety began to rise.

On Wednesday morning I received a call from my mother's health campus. I knew it was time to up my level of concern. My mother turned 94 on March 14. My mom is high risk and quite vulnerable.

The call came in about 10 a.m. I was told I had four hours to get to the grocery and buy her supplies that she would need while being on lockdown for the next two weeks. I needed to hurry and pick up four bags of pork rinds and a large bag of Jolly Ranchers. Those were her requests.

And I needed to sit with her and reassure her that I would be calling and checking in on her every day. I just would not be allowed inside the



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart



This faithful daughter didn't let the coronavirus keep her from wishing her mother a happy birthday ... and a happy 94th from The Reporter!

health campus. She seemed to understand. I was the one struggling with not being able to hold her hand and hug her neck. Her birthday celebration would have to be postponed.

When I brought her groceries to her, I was asked several health and travel questions. My temperature was taken. I was sanitized. I appreciated their efforts and actions. While the decision was difficult for my mother and me, I knew it was also difficult for the healthcare workers who would be taking care of my mother and all the other residents. Mom understood. Many did not.

I read a quote on Friday evening by Pastor Craig Groeschel: "When our life is 'normal' we often concentrate our prayers on wanting the

extraordinary to happen. However, when things aren't normal, we hope for something normal ... the ordinary."

Oh, how I prayed for the return to normal and ordinary.

I needed to read the quote a few times this week by A.W. Tozer: "While it looks like things are out of control, behind the scenes there is a God who has not surrendered authority."

I don't know what the future holds. My reality includes a bit of fear and much uncertainty.

I am reminded of what Corrie Ten Boom wrote: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

I pray we can soon enjoy the ordinary and the normal. I have a new appreciation for both.

Photo provided

County offices will remain open, some events postponed

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

The Hamilton County Courthouse, Judicial Center and other county offices will be open for business Monday. County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, meeting with other officials Friday afternoon, reported normal hours will continue to be observed unless the current pandemic situation changes.

Commissioners had earlier established certain protocols for dealing with the problem and believe the county government is pre-

pared to adequately handle the emergency.

Certain events have been postponed or canceled, including the annual Lincoln Day Dinner which was to be held on March 19. It is now scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on April 26 at Carmel's 502 East Event Center.

A forum for Democratic Congressional candidates set for March 26 at the Fishers Library has been canceled.

The Carmel Clay GOP annual chili supper planned for March 19 has been postponed to a yet to be determined date in April.

Horse racing indictment in federal court includes one Carmel veterinarian

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Dr. Gregory Skelton is one of 27 people charged in what prosecutors call the largest federal indictment in the history of horse racing. Skelton holds two veterinary licenses here in Indiana.

He is listed as the veterinarian at Skelton Equine Sports Medicine LLC. The address listed for the practice is for a home in Carmel.

I-Team 8 went to the address Tuesday morning to ask Skelton to further explain his portion of the indictment. According to the person who answered the door, Skelton wasn't available.

Prosecutors say 27 people have been indicted in horse racing doping scheme. The 40-page indictment alleges that Skelton and

another veterinarian manufactured, sold and customized performance enhancing drugs, or PEDs, for two horse trainers. One of those trainers was that of the disqualified winner of the 2019 Kentucky Derby.

According to the indictment, Skelton supplied PEDs, analgesics and a joint block, which blocks pain to the horse during a race. The number of horses drugged and races affected is not noted in the indictment.

It is unclear if Skelton prepared the compounds at his office in Carmel. According to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency, his veterinarian license gave him access to all veterinarian drugs with the exception of Schedule I drugs.

Parks & Rec suspends events, facility rentals

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is committed to the safety and well-being of its park visitors, staff and community during the COVID-19 outbreak. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, all park programs, events and facility rentals will be suspended from March 16

through April 15. The duration of this action may be extended based on health risks assessed at the end of this defined time period.

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation grounds and facilities will remain open to individuals and families until such time the department

See Parks . . . Page 2

Fishers, HSE freshmen to have \$150 MacBook Air rental fee

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com



annual rental fee for 13-inch MacBook Air laptops. High school freshmen at both buildings will begin using this device at this price beginning in August of the 2020-21 school year.

The school corporation will subsidize the rental cost to families. Jeff Harrison, Director of Educational Technology for HSE Schools, told board members the annual fee would need to be \$186 per year for the school district to cover the full cost. Board members voted to subsidize the difference by dipping into the 10-year bond aimed

at maintaining and renovating school buildings.

Harrison says the cost of each MacBook Air device to the school corporation is \$699, plus \$45 each for a protective case. The \$150 per year fee will cover the cost of the protective case.

After a lengthy discussion on how to move forward on the proposal, the original motion called for a \$125 per year fee to families for the device, but that motion was amended to change the annual device fee to \$150. The final vote on the fee was 6-1.

Harrison told the board that HSE administrators recommended the MacBook Air because a majority of teachers self-selected it, and he listed several technical reasons it would work best compared to other options.

The school corporation has been using iPads, charging a fee of \$90 per year. Because high school freshmen will begin using the MacBook Air next school year, it will slowly replace the iPads at high schools.

Noblesville water treatment upgrades cited in national engineering competition

The REPORTER

American Structurepoint of Indianapolis has earned a National Recognition Award for exemplary engineering achievement in the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) 53rd annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) for designing new phosphorous removal and aeration systems at the Noblesville wastewater treatment plant.

To help Noblesville's treatment plant meet increasingly stringent effluent discharge methods, American Structurepoint integrated an innovative biological phosphorus removal system (Bio-P), which uses natural processes rather than

chemicals. One of the first such applications in Indiana, Bio-P combines with aeration process modifications to achieve remarkably cleaner water at far less cost. The project also replaced centrifugal blowers with energy-efficient turbo blowers and integrated an above-ground stainless steel piping system.

Based on the first eight months of operation, the reduction in chemical usage and power will save the city approximately \$800,000 a year, while also providing cleaner water for Noblesville and downstream communities. The project also provides a valuable model other Indiana communities can use in addressing their

own water quality needs.

The project is eligible for additional honors as part of a record 203 entries this year representing engineering excellence from throughout the nation and the world. Judging for the awards program – known industry-wide as the "Academy Awards of the engineering industry" – took place in February and was conducted by a national 35-member panel of built environment leaders, along with experts from government, the media and academia. Award criteria focused on uniqueness and originality, technical innovation, social and economic

See Water . . . Page 2



BRAGG
INSURANCE AGENCY

We love to work with first time home buyers

Visit our website at BraggInsurance.com

317-758-5828

brian@bragginsurance.com





Affordable Coverage

Feeling lonely or bored? PrimeLife can change that!



PrimeLife
Enrichment
Center

- Watercolor
- Scrapbooking
- Bridge
- Needlework
- Water Volleyball
- Euchre
- Men's Club
- Meditation, Dominoes
- Mahjong and More

For Schedule, go to: <http://PrimeLifeEnrichment.org/Calendar.html>

Call 317-815-7000 for more information.

PrimeLifeEnrichment.org

WATER

from Page 1

value, and generating excitement for the engineering profession.

Recognition of all award winners including top winners – 20 Honor Awards, 16 Grand Awards and the prestigious “Grand Conceptor Award” for the year’s most outstanding overall engineering achievement – will take place at the annual EEA Dinner and Gala, a black-tie event to be held Tuesday, April 28 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1966, American Structurepoint offers comprehensive consulting and design services. Sims-Durkin Associates Engineering Co. of Indianapolis also contributed to the project.

PARKS

from Page 1

is directed otherwise. Park staff are taking additional steps to clean high-touch surfaces. Additionally, a list of precautions provided by the CDC can be viewed online at CDC.gov.

Anyone directly impacted by this decision that has related questions or would like details regarding their specific circumstances, may contact Hamilton County Parks Administrative staff at (317) 770-4400 or Hamilton.Parks@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

The parks department deeply regrets any inconveniences, large or small, resulting from these suspended services, and thanks everyone for their patience and for understanding that these critical measures were taken on behalf of the community it serves.

Please direct all inquiries and requests for additional information to Don Nicholls, Resource Development Specialist, Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, at don.nicholls@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or call (317) 770-4404.

Follow The Reporter on Facebook!



PREVAIL
Advocating for
Victims of Crime and Abuse
www.prevailinc.com

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.



All **Atlas Cross Sport** models come with a touchscreen infotainment display with both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration. Navigation is optional, as is a reconfigurable digital gauge display and SiriusXM satellite radio. The Volkswagen Car-Net connectivity app allows for remote starting and analytics while a 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot allows occupants to remain connected to the internet with their smart devices while on the go.

- Standard autonomous emergency braking with forward-collision warning
- Standard blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-traffic alert
- Available adaptive cruise control with semi-autonomous driving mode

Fun to drive. Easy to cover.



TOM WOOD
— Volkswagen —
NOBLESVILLE



Volkswagen

Care • Committment • Convenience

Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville

14701 Tom Wood Way
Noblesville, IN 46060
317.853.4552

TomWoodVolkswagenNoblesville.com





Photo provided

Brooke Lawson named Prevail Hero of the Month

The REPORTER

Prevail Inc. announced Brooke Lawson, Mental Health Coordinator at Hamilton Southeastern Schools, has been selected as Prevail's Hero of the Month.

In early 2018, Lawson reached out to Prevail about starting to offer psychoeducational support groups for sexual assault survivors at Hamilton Southeastern High School and Fishers

High School. Over the past two years, she has been instrumental in growing, maintaining and partnering to offer survivor specific services in their schools whether through support groups or acute settings.

After running the first cycle of sexual assault programming, Lawson championed adding Healthy Relationship support groups in both high schools as well. She has also coordi-

nated to ensure that students at Hamilton Southeastern Fishers Academy have been able to receive the assistance of a victim advocate when necessary and appropriate.

Trauma in a young person's life creates adversity. Lawson has been dedicated to creating safe spaces in school for young people to receive assistance that facilitates their unique healing journey.

Prevail Team Spotlight: Kelly Ferriell, Youth Team Supervisor

Submitted

This month's Prevail Team Spotlight features Kelly Ferriell, Youth Team Supervisor at Prevail, Inc.

1.) How long have you been at Prevail and what is your position?

I have worked for Prevail for seven years. I started as an intern and now I am the Youth Advocacy Supervisor.

2.) What do you like most about working for Prevail?

Every day is different and new. I am always learning new things, meeting new people, and get to be creative and curious.

3.) Who is your hero?

My heroes are the individuals who recognize they need support and reach out for help. I get to work with my heroes every day: Teens. They teach me so much and I am really excited to see how their creativity and wisdom will continue to shape our world.

4.) What is your favorite quote?

"You must be the change you want to see in the world." – Gandhi

5.) What would you sing at Karaoke night?

I LOVE Hanson, so any Hanson song would be my choice.

6.) What motivates you the most to serve others?

I believe it is possible to create a community that does not tolerate violence. My role at Prevail gives me the opportunity to work on this goal in many different ways and collaborate with many people.

7.) If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Pepperoni pizza ... with lots of cheese, please!

8.) What is your proudest accomplishment?

I am proud of my growth at Prevail. I started as an intern when I was in college and then worked as an advocate part time while I completed the last semester of college. I started working full-time two days



after I graduated college. I left Prevail for a few years to try some other jobs and always felt that a part of my heart was missing. So, when I had the opportunity to come back to Prevail, I did!

9.) What animal do you most identify with, and why?

I wish I could morph into a cat. I envy their naps in the sun and their ability to do what they want without feeling ashamed about it. And they are really flexible!

10.) Favorite Prevail memory?

My favorite Prevail memory so far was the first day Odle brought me one of his toys. I had been training to be a handler for him, which is a challenging process to say the least. After several weeks of working with him and practicing the things I had learned, Odle brought me one of his Beanie Baby toys and dropped it on my feet so we could play. In that moment I realized he accepted me as part of his pack, and that is an amazing feeling.

11.) Favorite self-care practice?

My favorite self-care routine is to put on my headphones, listen to music, and color. The more intricate and complicated the design, the more fun it is.

Gear up for Adult Easter Egg Hunt at Blackhawk Winery

Submitted

Blackhawk Winery is preparing for a busy month of April with many fun, family-friendly events along with the biggest event of all – the fifth annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt. There is so much going on at the winery that you'll want to be there all weekend, every weekend of April.

• Sunday, March 29 – Bring the kiddos out to see the Easter bunny. Have their picture taken with the Easter bunny and visit with the other farm animals,

along with other fun activities for the kids.

• Saturday, April 4 – Bring your puppies and adult dogs out to get their pictures taken with the Easter bunny. Please make sure your dogs are on a leash ... the Easter bunny is a bit nervous about this event. Bring a donation for Redemption Rescue Animal rescue and receive a token for a free glass of wine.

• Saturday, April 11 – The annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt. The kids and pooches have had their fun,

now it's the adults' turn. There will be four different hunt times throughout the day and all the eggs will be hidden in the vineyard. This event is rain or shine, so be prepared. And don't worry, the prizes aren't candy ... these are adult prizes. When you are finished with your hunt, relax with a glass of wine, some great music and food for sale from Rolling Asian Cuisine or Soladine Catering.

• Sunday, April 12 – Happy Easter! Blackhawk Winery is closed on Easter Sunday.

Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents

A Raisin in the Sun

By Lorraine Hansberry

March 20th & 21st, 2020
March 27th & 28th, 2020
March 29th, 2020
April 3rd & 4th, 2020
April 5th, 2020

Directed by Nancy Lafferty

Westfield Playhouse
1836 W. St Rd 32, Westfield, IN - (317) 402-3341
For reservations, call or visit our website:
www.westfieldplayhouse.org

2019-2020 Season Sponsored by HORIZON BANK

Information Technology can be complicated
The answer can be simple

Simplify IT

Hardware • Network Solutions
Internet • Security & Monitoring

Call Simplify IT.
866.987.2349
Serving Hamilton County & Central Indiana

ReadTheReporter.com

Community FIRST
Bank of Indiana

New Noblesville Branch Now Open!

17661 Village Center Dr. Noblesville, IN

Bringing Community Back to Banking

Community FIRST
Bank of Indiana

Member FDIC

317-399-7500
CFBIndiana.com


This is Your Community. This is Your Bank.

Supporting sexual assault survivors

Approximately 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men in Indiana experience sexual violence in their lifetimes. It is a crime that can leave a victim with physical and emotional scars that can take years to heal.



Steps are being taken to support survivors as they seek justice through legislation I sponsored that would connect survivors to professional support and guidance through every step of the



HAIBLEY
Representative

Sexual assault is a crime that can cause victims to suffer physical injury, depression, anxiety and low self-esteem. Through every step of the legal process, survivors are sharing some of the most intimate details about an invasive and sensitive crime committed against them, and it is crucial they have rights when seeking justice.

Recovering from sexual assault can be a difficult, confusing and overwhelming, and the goal of this legislation is to help survivors feel supported when they

recount a traumatizing experience.

SEA 146 is now eligible for action by the governor for consideration as a new law.

I am honored to join State Reps. Sharon Negele of Attica and Wendy McNamara of Evansville in ensuring sexual assault survivors receive professional assistance and connect to services as they need to heal and seek justice.

State Rep. Donna Schai-bley (R-Carmel) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

New Art of Business series will help local creatives build their professional skills

The REPORTER

A collaboration between organizations in and near Hamilton County will offer a new series of professional development classes and workshops for artists and arts leaders. Beginning this month, Nickel Plate Arts, Conner Prairie, the Da Vinci Pursuit, Fishers Arts Council, the Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library—Fishers, and Hamilton County Tourism will begin to offer courses specifically designed for area creatives to grow their skills in basic small business skill-building, professional skill-building, artist skill-building and other areas of professional development.

The first class from March 18 to 20 will feature Conner Prairie's award-winning techniques for engaging and delighting. In this three-day workshop, Conner Prairie staff will lead artists through conversations and exercises that will help artists engage patrons in conversation and activities that allow those patrons to better understand and value their work. Following this offering is a design innovation workshop on April 14 hosted by Da Vinci Pursuit, Fishers Arts Council's Artist Skill Set Experience Talks (ASSET) Artist Lecture Series from April through October, and more classes and workshops to be announced later in the year.

strong need for this learning series. According to Nickel Plate Arts Executive Director Ailithir McGill, “This series runs the gamut of professional development topics, from how to legally start a small art business, to basic social media tips, all the way up to how to be a part of city planning projects! By tying together all of the groups and organizations that have resources for artists, this series also offers artists a robust network of people and organizations who are eager to help them.”

Fishers Arts Council Treasurer Les Reinhardt offered her thoughts on these artist training courses: “Artists are entrepreneurs, just like any small business. And like any small business, they need to have basic business skills in order to stay competitive and realize their full potential. Understanding the how and why of branding and marketing, valuing and pricing, and networking can be a lot to take on, and we want to be there to help.”

Sarah Buckner, Destination Development Manager for Hamilton County Tourism added, "Supporting the artists and makers in Hamilton County to learn and grow in their crafts will help the growth and vibrance of our region's creative economy."

To learn more about upcoming Art of Business classes and workshops, visit bit.ly/hcartseducation.

Carmel Center for Performing Arts suspending all events for 30 days

The REPORTER

Following the coronavirus recommendations issued this week by Gov. Eric Holcomb and the Indiana State Department of Health, the Center for the Performing Arts is suspending all performances and other events on its campus through April 12.

The affected venues include the Palladium, the Tarkington and the Studio Theatre. The cancellations include performances by the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, Central Indiana Dance Ensemble, Civic Theatre, Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre and Indiana

Wind Symphony, as well as education events, rental events and *Center Presents* performances:

- Kurt Elling Quintet, March 21
- Doolin', March 27
- *Treasure Island*, March 28 (two shows)
- *Piaf! The Show*, March 28
- Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, March 29
- 800 lb. Gorilla, April 4

All ticketholders will be contacted and provided refunds or the option to donate the purchase amount to the presenting organization to help defray costs associated with the cancellations.

The Center will work to reschedule the canceled events as feasible.

The move is prompted by state recommendations to cancel or postpone for the next 30 days any non-essential gatherings of 250 or more people, as well as smaller gatherings in venues where people cannot maintain a distance sufficient to avoid the potential spread of the virus that causes the COVID-19 illness.

The Center will continue to follow the guidance of public safety officials and will reassess the policy in April to determine if the suspension needs to be

Connections Academy senior advances to final rounds of Coca-Cola scholarship

The REPORTER

Indiana Connections Academy student Mae Farmer has advanced through the semifinals of the Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship selection process. Farmer, a senior, was selected from more than 93,000 applicants based on her academic achievements, extracurricular involvement and community service.

For Farmer, who works two jobs in addition to at-

tending school full-time, the flexible schedule at Indiana Connections Academy accommodated her academic needs while allowing her to balance different priorities. Online schooling, however, was not how Farmer originally envisioned completing her education. She attended a traditional brick-and-mortar school until her sophomore year of high school when health complications made abiding by a rigid academic

schedule impossible. "If you would have asked me even at the beginning of high school if I would be doing online school and be where I am today, I would have thought you were crazy," Farmer said. "Seeing how far I've come makes me want to do better and better and exceed my expectations of myself and what I'm capable of."

Having earned the title of semifinalist, Farmer is currently working to ad-

vance to regional finals for the \$20,000 scholarship. At this stage in the process, Farmer is completing an in-depth online application to be reviewed by the Program Reading Committee in January. After this review, 250 applicants will advance as Regional Finalists and 150 will become Coca-Cola Scholars.

For more information about Indiana Connections Academy, visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.



Godby
HOME FURNISHINGS

ALL FURNITURE IS ON SALE!

4 DAYS ONLY *March 12, 13, 14 & 15*

Spring V.I.P. Sale

TAKE AN EXTRA

20% OFF

OR

15% OFF

OR

10% OFF

When you pay with CASH OR CHECK

When you pay with CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

*Plus 1 YEAR FINANCING**

*subject to credit approval. see store for complete details. some exclusions may apply.

ZEN GRAVITY



Southern Motion

in-stock color may vary



ALL NEW OUTDOOR HAS ARRIVED

Avon

Rockville Rd & Dan Jones
Avon, IN 46123
317-272-4581

Carmel

136th St & N Meridian
Carmel, IN 46032
317-566-8720



icomfort
Sleep Systems by Serta®

Noblesville / Fishers

146th St & SR 37
Noblesville, IN 46060
317-214-4321

Godby Discount Store

130 Logan Street
Noblesville, IN 46060
317-565.2211

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a black sleeveless top and a necklace, is smiling and holding a large white sign that says '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 with warm interior lighting. A 'SNYDER STRATEGY Mobile Tour' sign is visible on the left side of the house. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds.

SNYDER STRATEGY

~Superior Selling & Buying Technology~

SOLD

SNYDER STRATEGY
REALTY
Wanda Lyons
(317) 345-3960
www.WandaLyons.com

(317) 345-3960 • **WandaLyons.com**

Fishers road construction updates, week of March 16

The REPORTER

State Road 37

126th Street west of SR 37 is currently closed and is anticipated to re-open in July. During this time, cross access and all left turns will be restricted, with only right in and right out until this phase ends. Traffic on Southbound SR 37 will shift to the northbound lanes and two lanes will remain in each direction. Local access to businesses will remain open via Lantern Road. The official detour route will direct drivers to use 116th Street or 131st Street to Allisonville Road. Detour route markers and advance warning signs will be in place prior to the closure.

For a map of the detours, [click here](#). Please drive with caution through this area. To learn more about

the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

116th Street

The northernmost westbound lane of 116th Street between Lantern Road and Municipal Drive is currently restricted day and night for approximately 45 days. Access remains open to local businesses along the route.

Lantern Road

Lantern Road is closed to thru traffic, beginning south of 116th Street to Fishers Pointe Boulevard, as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project to improve the sanitary sewer underneath Lantern Road. Access to Fishers Elementary is available from 106th Street. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

96th Street

Periodic lane restrictions are in effect as part of the road widening project. For more information, view the [Fact Sheet](#).

Keep Fishers DPW safe

Road construction continues around Fishers, so please remember to slow down and drive carefully around road workers. [Click here](#) to see the Fishers DPW crew talk about worker safety.

While this list encompasses numerous project updates, it does not list all DPW projects throughout the city. The most recent projects are detailed, however please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting. The city appreciates motorists' patience and caution while driving through construction sites.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian: For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not. And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday? Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons. And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold. Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground. I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

Acts 7:23-34 (KJV)

Who was the inventor of basketball?

The REPORTER

1851 – The *Indiana Sentinel* reported that there were 245 miles of railroad track in the state. A total of 500 miles was expected to be completed by the end of the year. Construction was underway all around the state. For example, the Shelbyville, Rushville, and Knightstown roads were operating over a "good flat bar" and "doing a fair business."

1904 – The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in Indianapolis. The procession traveled on downtown streets, around the Circle, and over to Tomlinson Hall on Market Street. Mayor John Holtzman led the ceremonies, which included Irish jigs and the singing of "The Wearing of the Green" and "Come Back to Erin."



1918 – An exhibit at the Herron Institute of Art featured works by T. C. Steele as well as other members of the "Hoosier Group" of artists. Many of the exhibitors were women, including Myra R. Richards, Helen Jacoby, and Rena Tucker Kohlmann, who had both sculptures and paintings on display.

1925 – Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of the game of basketball, was a special guest at the Indiana State Basketball Tour-

ney. The game was sold out at the cow barn at the State Fairgrounds and Naismith, who had no ticket, was initially turned away at the door. After a short discussion, he was admitted and later helped hand out medals to members of the winning team from Frankfort High School. Naismith praised the "splendid spirit of the players" and the "unbound enthusiasm of the 15,000 spectators."

1960 – Northwest Orient Flight 710 crashed near

Cannelton in southern Indiana. All 63 aboard the plane were killed. The Lockheed Electra was en route from Minneapolis to Miami. Engineers later determined that the probable cause was the collapse of the right wing at 18,000 feet.

1970 – Over 300 managers from the World Book Encyclopedia Company met at Stouffer's Inn in Indianapolis. The multi-volume sets, printed by the R. R. Donnelly Company in Crawfordsville, were sold by a sales crew of over 87,000 agents. The universal "go-to" source of information before the Internet, a set of the 1970 World Books could be purchased for \$179 to \$199, depending upon binding. Today the World Book is the only A-Z encyclopedia still in print.

Fisher Family Funeral Services



317-758-0500

[www.fisherfunerals.com](#)

Traditional Values with a Personal Touch

BUSSELL FAMILY FUNERALS

Donna Bussell

1621 E. Greyhound Pass
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 537-2001
[www.bussellfamilyfunerals.com](#)

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes

317-773-2584

Our family has been serving Hamilton County since 1953

1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville
1150 Logan Street, Noblesville
12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers

HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER

Contact Information

Phone

317-408-5548

Email

[News@ReadTheReporter.com](#)

Publisher Jeff Jellison

[HamiltonCoNorthReporter@hotmail.com](#)

317-408-5548

Sports Editor Richie Hall

[Rhall1977@gmail.com](#)

Twitter: @Richie_Hall

Public Notices

[PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com](#)

765-365-2316

Web Address

[www.ReadTheReporter.com](#)

Subscription Inquiries

[Subscribe@ReadTheReporter.com](#)

Mailing Address

PO Box 190
Westfield, IN 46074

Call Peggy 317-439-3258 or Jen 317-695-6032

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon you face ..."

Speak to
Deak.com

THE Deak Team
REALTORS

Talk to
TUCKER
REALTORS
F.C. TUCKER
COMPANY, INC.



**18756 Mill Grove Drive
Noblesville • \$269,900**

NEW PRICE



Many recent updates in this 2 story, 4BR, 2.5BA home, New carpet, fresh paint, new roof 2020. All kitchen appliances stay, basement, adjacent multi-acre common area. BLC# 21695300

**5593 South Flinchum Way
Noblesville • \$279,900**



Lovely 2 story in Hazel Dell Woods with 4 BR & 2.5 BA. finished basement, fresh paint, kit appliances stay, home on over a 1/2 acre lot and this home is move-in ready. BLC# 21696880

**455 North 17th Street
Noblesville • \$209,900**

PENDING



Cute and move in ready, 4 BR, 2 BA with finished basement, main level has hardwood floors. Kitchen w/SS appliances, fenced rear yard, many updates "A real Gem". BLC# 21695622

Call Peggy 317-439-3258 or
Jennifer 317-695-6032

**Your house
could be here!**

Hamilton County Sports

NOBLESVILLE, CARMEL, WESTFIELD, SHERIDAN, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, FISHERS, UNIVERSITY, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN



Sports Editor Richie Hall

Rhall1977@gmail.com
Twitter: @Richie_Hall

Column

The sports world must be patient as it deals with the coronavirus crisis

By RICHIE HALL

Remember the good old days?



I remember being up at The Mill at Noblesville High School, standing up on the second level at one of the two overlooks on the east side of the gym, directly above the entrance. The radio and television people set up shop there whenever they come to cover a game. I wound up sitting next to a group of Carmel High School students who were there from the school's radio station, WHJE.

It was the second boys basketball sectional semi-final game of the night between Noblesville and Carmel. During the game, my old friend Joe Burgess came up to say hello. He wound up taking a selfie with me and posted it on Twitter – it's the same photo you see on the page today.

The game was your typical Millers-Greyhounds battle to the end. Carmel won on a last-second shot after being down with about a minute to go. It was thrilling, although I have to admit that covering games between two county schools is never easy. I'm happy for the winning team, and simultaneously feel bad for the other team.

Overall, it was a sectional game to remember. The good old days. Now you might be thinking "Wait a minute, what do you mean the 'good old days?'" After all, that sectional game took place nine days ago – last Friday, March 6.

Because after the events of this past week, nine days ago seems like forever.

DOMINO EFFECT

Nine days ago, we all had been hearing about the coronavirus, or COVID-19, for the past few weeks. While it was something to be aware of, it didn't seem like something that would disrupt everyday life.

Then it started getting serious. Avon Community School Corporation had a student test positive, and quickly announced all schools would close. On Monday, Kent Graham and I were talking about what that would mean for an indoor track and field meet scheduled for Friday that was to be hosted by Avon High School. And would Avon's closure cause a domino effect across other schools?

Indeed, the dominoes started dropping from there. College basketball conference tournaments would no longer allow



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville teacher Butch Robbins leads the Millers student section in the roller coaster cheer during the Noblesville-Carmel boys basketball sectional game last Friday, March 6. The landscape of the sports world would change dramatically within the next seven days, as the coronavirus crisis caused the suspension of athletics at the professional, college and high school levels.

fans at the games. Soon they would be canceled altogether. Then came Wednesday, when an NBA player tested positive for the coronavirus. Within hours, the NBA season was suspended. Other major sport leagues quickly followed suit.

Kent and I were preparing to head to Logansport on Saturday to cover Carmel in the boys basketball regional. The IHSAA said on Thursday that it would conduct games with limited fans, but that soon became unfeasible as school districts across the state, including all of Hamilton County's districts, announced they were shutting down and moving to e-learning. On Friday, the basketball tournament was postponed.

The only high school sporting event to take place Saturday was the IHSAA gymnastics state finals at Ball State University. Those girls participated at state in front of an empty Worthen Arena, as no spectators were allowed. Chesterton won the meet, its third straight state championship in gymnastics and sixth overall.

Spring sports are delayed here in Hamilton County with the closure of the schools, most of which are scheduled to be closed until the week of April 13. (Guerin Catholic is set to

re-open the week of April 6, according to the calendar on the school's website.) It will be, at the very least, early to mid April before practices can begin, and several days after that before actual games and meets can be scheduled.

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW

I do agree with the need to close schools. School systems are not just expected to educate our children, they also are expected to protect them and look out for their best interests, even if that means shutting the schools down.

To some people all the shut-downs – not just of schools, but of sports, museums, other public places – may seem like an overreaction. Possibly. But Allison Carter of the Indianapolis Star said it best in a tweet: "We will never know if we overreacted to the coronavirus. We will only know if we underreacted."

You can still think everyone is overreacting if you want. But here's the bottom line: Things are different now, much different from nine days ago, whether you like it or not. Terms like "social distancing" and "flattening the curve" were word salad on March 6, but they are in our lexicon as of March 15. Now we must decide how we're going to

react to this situation and weather it with as little damage as possible, because we don't have much of a choice.

As a sports journalist, it's my job to report on sports, and that means to sometimes view situations like this through the lens of athletics. It does seem a little frivolous to be talking about sports at a time like this. It's awful to watch what's happening across the country and around the world as well, especially in Italy, as the coronavirus takes its toll.

Those of us in the sports world, especially high school sports, have been confronted with quite a bit of disruption over the past week, as is the case with much of everyday life around the world. During the school year, everything is pretty much planned out. Conference meets on this day, sectionals on that day, and if our teams advance, regionals are here on this day. Now, that's all out the window for the foreseeable future.

STORIES TO TELL

People have asked me, "What are you going to write about?" Well, there are always feature stories. Fortunately, there are many stories to tell in an athletics-crazy county such as Hamilton. Don't be surprised if you're an athlete who graduated from a

local school, is competing in college sports, and you get an email from me during the next several days. You might have a good story to tell, and I'd be happy to tell it.

Also, if anyone out there has a good idea for a feature story, my email is always open. You can always reach me by email: rhall1977@gmail.com. Let me know your ideas. It can be anything sports-related. I've written stories on everything from baton twirling to synchronized swimming.

Of course, I'll make sure to keep you updated with spring schedule adjustments. And when we finally do get going with the spring sports season – and we will – I will be there to cover all the events again. I'm just as ready as everyone else to get outside and enjoy the spring.

But for now, we'll have to be patient. The best we can do is stay safe, use common sense when it comes to going out, wash our hands, have faith and work together. A year from now, we can all look back and wonder if we overreacted to the coronavirus, but something tells me that if we do our part to keep it as much under control as possible, we will be glad we overreacted like we did.



Talk To Tucker
Let's Talk
YOUR STORY STARTS HERE.
TalkToTucker.com

Call me 317.407.6969
dani.robinson@talktotucker.com

Thinking about a move in 2020?

Talk to Dani to see the real estate market more clearly.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| <p>5906 CROSSCUT LANE • \$239,900 SOLD!</p>  <p>4 BR / 3 BA • Fully Fenced Yard</p> | <p>0 EAST 450 S • \$39,999 NEW LISTING</p>  <p>4.74 Acres • Middletown</p> | <p>4984 N CHOSIN FEW LN • \$39,999 NEW LISTING</p>  <p>Large Kitchen • New HVAC • Crawfordsville</p> |
| <p>0 221st STREET • \$140,000</p>  <p>10 Acres • Noblesville</p> | <p>19206 PRAIRIE CROSSING DR • \$194,900</p>  <p>3 BR / 2 BA • Lakes at Prairie Crossing</p> | <p>11509 IVY LANE • \$230,000 NEW LISTING</p>  <p>2 BR / Loft Condo • Many Upgrades</p> |
| | | <p>737 N 11TH STREET • \$134,900 SOLD!</p>  <p>3 BR / 1 BA • Fenced Yard</p> |

Want more of the best
news coverage in
Hamilton County?

Email
Subscribe@
ReadTheReporter.com

and sign up for the Daily
E-Edition today!

Indy Fuel's league...

ECHL cancels remainder of 2019-20 season

On Saturday, the ECHL Board of Governors approved the cancellation of the remainder of the 2019-20 Season.

A statement from ECHL Commissioner Ryan Crelin:

The decision by the ECHL to cancel the remainder of the 2019-20 Season does not come lightly, as this is an emotional time for our Players, Coaches, Member Teams, Fans and Staff. At this point in the Season, there has been immense dedication and countless hours committed in moving towards what is traditionally the most exciting part of the hockey year.

With that said however, as each passing day raises additional concerns for the safety of those in the ECHL community and as we take precautionary measures in conjunction with our local authorities across the continent to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, it has become apparent that this is the prudent decision. Our game and our product are based on our Fans and their ability to cheer on their favorite ECHL team and Players at one of our many facilities around the continent. Without that social environment and game atmosphere, the ECHL simply isn't the same.

On behalf of the ECHL and our Board of Governors, we appreciate the Professional Hockey Players' Association for their assistance during this unprecedented time and working as partners in hockey to reach this decision for the best interest of the ECHL and its Players. This decision allows our Players the opportu-

nity to return to their homes and removes the uncertainty that currently exists.

While we are hopeful that this period ceases and an opportunity to return to normalcy for the hockey calendar presents itself, in the interim, we ask all Fans, Players, Coaches, Officials, and Staff to continue to abide by the measures put in place by their local authorities and follow precautionary protocols for their safety, as we will begin preparations for the 2020-21 ECHL Hockey Season.

With the announcement of the ECHL canceling the remainder of the 2019-20 season, the Indy Fuel will be working with season-ticket, and ticket plan holders on appropriate action for affected games, while single-game buyers will receive a refund through their point of purchase. The club will be communicating with season ticket holders, partners and other affected parties with additional information soon.

The health and safety of fans and players are of the utmost importance to the Indy Fuel organization. The Fuel and the ECHL have been closely monitoring the situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to be in contact with the State of Indiana Department of Health to monitor for Coronavirus. We thank you understanding and patience as the ECHL and Indy Fuel work through this unpredictable situation. We look forward to having you back at Indiana Farmers Coliseum next season.

Carmel Wrestling Club postpones sessions

Carmel USA Wrestling Club announced that it has postponed all sessions.

"With the current safety precautions in place, we have postponed all CUSAWC sessions until it is decided we can safely get back into the wrestling room/weight room at CHS," said Ed Pendoski in an email release from the club.

The club has also canceled the montly membership, so members will not be charged during the time off.

"When we get back into our regularly scheduled workouts, everyone will need to sign back up through our website," said Pendoski.

McDonald's All American Games canceled

Due to the coronavirus situation, it was announced earlier this week that the 2020 McDonald's All American Games have been canceled.

Hamilton Southeastern's Sydney Parrish was to be one of the players at the games.

Here is a full statement from the McDonald's All American website:

"After careful consideration, we have decided to cancel the 2020 McDonald's All American Games and all associated events. We made this very difficult decision in order to protect the health and safety of the players, coaches, fans and event staff.

"We know how much the McDonald's All American Games means to the tremendously talented 48 high school athletes selected to the roster. Canceling the Games does not diminish the contributions they have already made to the sport and their communities - nothing can take away the fact that each of them will forever be a McDonald's All American."

kent graham images
317-313-9599
As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man. Prov. 27-19
kentgraham@sbcglobal.net
kentgraham.photoshelter.com

Hamilton County Reporter
 Click the button

CLICK HERE

f Like us on Facebook



Treating Sinus & Allergy Issues

Focus on *enjoying springtime*. Not on allergies.

Presented by
Michael Agostino, MD

Wednesday, March 25
6-7 p.m.

Riverview Health
395 Westfield Rd.
Noblesville, IN 46060

Krieg DeVault conference
room (entrance 3)



Do you suffer from seasonal allergies, food allergies or sinusitis? At our free seminar we'll discuss common sinus and allergy symptoms, nasal airway disorders and the treatments available to control allergies and prevent sinusitis.

To register, visit riverview.org/classes or call 317.776.7999. Registration is required. A light dinner will be served.

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter