

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

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## TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Periods of morning rain. Afternoon storms. Wind gusting to 35 mph.

Tonight: Showers and storms; some may be severe. Wind gusting to 35 mph.

HIGH: 67 LOW: 53



# County officials go live on Facebook to update residents

## County's second case of COVID-19 confirmed

### The REPORTER

On Wednesday evening, Hamilton County officials conducted a Facebook live broadcast to update residents on the coronavirus outbreak.

During the broadcast, officials confirmed two Hamilton County residents have now been diagnosed with COVID-19. Chris Walker with the Hamilton County Health Department refused to comment on what cities the two individuals reside in.

Emergency Management Director Shane Book-er announced the Hamilton

County Commissioners have issued an emergency declaration. The declaration activates the county's comprehensive emergency management plan. The declaration also activates the Hamilton County Emergency Operation Center, which will work to support each of the county's municipalities.

Commissioner Christine Altman announced the courthouse will be closed to any individual that exhibits signs of illness.

[Click here](#) to watch the recorded broadcast on Facebook.



Photo provided  
Commissioner Christine Altman answered the public's questions.

# Taxpayers: Please pay taxes online or by mail

### The REPORTER

Hamilton County Treasurer Jennifer Templeton is encouraging taxpayers to pay their property taxes online.

"In an effort to protect the community and our staff from the further spread of COVID-19, we're asking taxpayers to avoid coming into our office at this time," Templeton said. "We're still available to answer any questions you might have. We just encourage you to contact us over the phone."



Templeton

Taxpayers have several options for making their payments including the following:

- Pay online at [this link](#). Online payment fees do apply. e-Checks are \$1 and credit cards are 2.5 percent.
- Drop off payments at the antique drop box outside the east door of the Old Courthouse. If you'd like a receipt, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- Drop off payments at the following banks: BMO, Bussey, Citizens State, Community First, Farmers, Fifth Third, First Farmers, First Merchants, Horizon, Merchants Bank of Indiana, and Star Financial.

Property tax bills will be mailed no later than April 15. To help expedite the process, the Treasurer's Office has made them available online for early viewing at [this link](#).

Businesses needing signed Property

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# Fishers police investigating two deaths

By LARRY LANNAN | [LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)



Two people are dead after Fishers police responded to the report of a family disturbance overnight in the area of 126th Street and Cumberland Road. Officers responded to a home in the 12600

block of Ladson Street and located an adult female and an adult male, both having suffered injuries believed to be from a firearm.

The female was 73; the male, 20. Police say they were related.

Authorities say there is no threat to the community and officers are not searching for any suspects.

This investigation remains active. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Cesar Rodriguez at (317) 595-3346.

# Quakenbush announces COVID-19 safeguards at Sheriff's Department

### The REPORTER

Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush announced changes his office is making due to coronavirus.

Sheriff Quakenbush in a social media video message said, "All services to the public will continue."

"My number one goal for our community is to ensure confidence in the fact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will continue to operate and provide the duties and functions, while also making the necessary changes to allow us to carry out these functions in the safest possible way," Quakenbush said. "The safety of our community, employees and inmates is at the top of our priorities. When you call dispatch or 911, patrol deputies will respond. Some investigations

may be handled by telephone if the complaint is not in progress. We will continue to proactively patrol and enforce the law."

The Sheriff said correction facilities will operate without interruption.

"We have medical housing, quarantine facilities and a 24-hour medical staff to maintain a safe correction environment," Quakenbush said.

Jail visits will be restricted to remote video visits. To register for a remote video jail visit, go to [gettingout.com](#).

If you are symptomatic, sick or have been in the last 72 hours, please do not come to the Sheriff Department campus unless you are court-ordered. Quakenbush explained that if you must report to the Sheriff's



Photo provided

Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush released a video message Wednesday letting the public know that essential public safety services and resources will continue. Click the photo above to watch the video message.

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# Carmel Police making modifications

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department (CPD) is committed to protecting the community. Based on recommendations by public health officials regarding what is currently known about COVID-19, CPD has made minor changes for the safety of the public and department personnel. The department's goal is to continue to provide as many services as possible while limiting opportunities for potential

exposure and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The following changes are in effect until further notice:

- CPD officers have been provided with additional personal protective equipment (PPE).
- CPD employees are following social distancing, hygiene and cleaning practices recommended by public health officials.
- Non-emergency calls

for service and administrative tasks are being handled without in-person contact whenever possible.

- The level of civilian staff working at CPD headquarters has been reduced by enabling employees to work remotely.
- Services provided at CPD headquarters such as fingerprinting for job applications and permits and car seat checks have been suspended.
- Events and programs such

as Citizens Police Academy, Carmel Cares: A Mental Health Awareness Forum, tours of CPD headquarters, and ride-alongs have been canceled or suspended.

- CPD employees will not accept paper documents other than emergency documents.

Please consider the following alternatives and suggestions in response to the temporary

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# Carmel Mayor directs \$25K in support for food pantries

### The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard directed checks be written Tuesday to support four Carmel food pantries in need of donations to help provide food to those who are now home-bound during the COVID-19 crisis. Those checks – totaling \$25,000 – were hand delivered today by the Carmel Police Department to the Merciful Help Center at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, the Carmel United Methodist Food Pantry and the Bread of Life Pantry at Venture Christian Church. A fourth check was hand-delivered Wednesday to Carmel Friends Church.

The mayor directed that the City use funds in his annual budget for immediate distribution to the Carmel food pantries. These funds were in the budget to support local initiatives that provide vital services to those most in need in our community.

"Nothing is more important at this



Brainard

time than helping our neighbors, especially the elderly and under-privileged who rely on our local food pantries for survival," said Brainard. "With children home from school and many working from home, the need is even greater. I urge all of our residents to check on their neighbors and help provide support during this trying time."

The City learned late Tuesday morning that the city's largest food pantry, Merciful Help Center, completely ran out of food on Monday. The demand has been great and financial assistance will help them resupply the pantry.

Because of the threat of spreading the virus, those in need of food cannot simply enter the food pantries; now they must pull up to the curb and work with volunteers to place orders and wait on their food to be carried to their cars. Because of this, food pantries are also in need of

more volunteers.

Each of the three largest food pantries – Merciful Help, Carmel United Methodist and Bread of Life – received \$7,500 checks Tuesday while the smaller pantry at Carmel Friends Church (open only one day a week) is getting \$2,500.

The City urges local residents and businesses to help support this cause. Below is a list of food pantries and their hours of operation.

### Merciful Help Center

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Campus  
1045 W. 146th St., Carmel  
South side of Matthew 25 Center (Blue Awning)

- Tuesdays: 10 a.m. to noon; 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thursdays: 10 a.m. to noon
- Saturdays: 9 to 11:30 a.m.

### Carmel United Methodist Church

621 N. Range Line Road, Carmel

Mission House side door next to garage (Dry goods will be quarantined for 48 hours prior to use)

- Mondays: 1 to 5 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 1 to 7 p.m.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Bread of Life Pantry

Venture Christian Church  
14501 Hazel Dell Pkwy., Carmel  
(317) 846-9828

- Wednesdays: 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays: 10 a.m. to noon

### Carmel Friends Church

651 W. Main St., Carmel  
(317) 846-5090

- Wednesdays: 9 to 11:30 a.m.

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For volunteering, food requests and any other special problems caused by COVID-19, or for more information, email [help@carmel.in.gov](mailto:help@carmel.in.gov).



# Coronavirus cancellations

**Send your event cancellation notice to [Notices@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Notices@ReadTheReporter.com)**

## Atlanta

### Mr. Muffin's closes train layout display to public

**Submitted**

For the health and safety of our customers and friends, the layout at Mr. Muffin's Trains in Atlanta will be closed until after April 1. We will reassess the situation and provide a further update at that time. The shop will remain open for shipping and pick-

ups as long as the Indiana government allows. We are taking additional safety precautions, including more frequently disinfecting public spaces, and are willing to accommodate special needs such as curb-side pickup. We strongly recommend placing credit card

orders via the [website](#); you can still pick up the order by clicking the "Pickup in Store" button in the shopping cart. We'll pull the product and notify you when it's ready to pick up. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (765) 292-2022 or visit [MrMuffinsTrains.com](#).

## Noblesville

### Community First Bank closes lobby at Noblesville branch

**The REPORTER**

During this time of extra caution due to COVID-19, Community First Bank (CFB) of Indiana remains committed to the health and well-being of its customers, employees, and surrounding communities.

Effective 5 p.m. on Wednesday, all CFB branches will temporarily close the lobbies to walk-in traffic. These branches will remain fully staffed and able to assist customers during normal business hours. Banking will still be

carried out via five drive-up locations, six 24/7 ATMs, online banking, mobile app, night depository, and in-person appointments by request (including new account openings, loan appointments, etc.). Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions.

### NHS Alumni Banquet canceled

**The REPORTER**

The NHS Alumni Board has made the decision to cancel the 2020 NHS Alumni Banquet. The board apologizes for any inconvenience this has caused you, but your health and safety are a top priority. The board hopes for a great turn out for the 2021 banquet to be held on April 24, 2021.

All reservation checks received, will be returned as soon as possible. The organization is still taking donations for the scholarship fund and/or general fund. Goldstar donations of \$250 or more and in memory donations to help with scholarships for those graduating seniors for next year will still be accepted. All names will

be posted in the 2021 newsletter. Those donations can be sent in a separate check to NHS Alumni, P.O. Box 818, Noblesville, IN 46061. Please include a note with your check to let the NHS Alumni Board know what your donation should be used for so your name can be added to the 2021 newsletter.

### Upcoming Noblestories presentation canceled

**The REPORTER**

The Noblestories presentation, sponsored by the Noblesville Preservation Alliance (NPA) and scheduled for March 29 at Preser-

vation Hall in Noblesville, has been postponed until further notice in recognition of the potential dangers posed by the coronavirus. NPA will reschedule at

a future date once the scope of the outbreak has been determined and public health officials are assured that public gatherings are safe again.

#### Community First Bank open house

Community First Bank's public open house for the Noblesville Grand Opening event set for Wednesday, March 25 has been canceled.

## Carmel

### Walk Off The Earth rescheduled for August 9 at the Palladium

**The REPORTER**

Canadian indie-pop band Walk Off The Earth has set a new date for its debut at the Center for the Performing Arts – Aug. 9. WOTE's previously scheduled April 17 date was among the Center Presents performances canceled this week in response to new public health guidelines on COVID-19. But the group, known for its vocal harmonies, gymnastic musicianship and whimsical videos, is rescheduling the U.S. tour in support of its new album, HERE WE GO! The local performance is now set for 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Palladium, 1 Center Green, Car-



Photo provided

mel. Tickets purchased for the previous date will be honored, and ticket sales have resumed at [TheCenterPresents.org](#). The band shared the news with its fans – "wotelings" – via social media. "In light of the ongoing public health concerns,

we've decided to move our upcoming Here We Go US leg to August," they posted. "We love and value each and every one of you, and your safety and well-being is of the utmost importance to us ... We look forward to being back on the road soon and seeing you all this summer!"

### Monon Community Center closes

**The REPORTER**

The Monon Community Center is closed until further notice. The closure includes all Monon Community Center amenities: Fitness center, indoor aquatics, gymnasium, KidZone, indoor track, group fitness classes, personal training and private lessons. The closure will be assessed on a daily basis based on recommendations from public health officials. For the most up-to-date information, please visit [carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information](#).

**virus-information.**

Please note that Carmel city parks remain open, and everyone is encouraged to stay active and spend time outdoors if possible while continuing to practice safety measures, social distancing and protocols recommended by the CDC. While the Monon Community Center will re-open as soon as conditions warrant, the following are canceled through April 10, at which time cancellations will be reassessed and impacted parties will be notified: Rec-

reation programming, aquatic programs, swim lessons, rentals, volunteer events and organized events (Hamilton County Homeschool Hoopla, Summer Hiring Event, Barrier-Free Theatre Performance, Swim Meet). In accordance with Carmel Clay Schools, the before- and after-school program Extended School Enrichment is also closed through April 10, including School's Out Spring Break Camp. During the closure, CCPR will continue to pay full- and part-time staff.

### Center for Performing Arts extends cancellations through May 11

**The REPORTER**

The Center for the Performing Arts is extending its previously announced suspension of all performances and other events on its campus through May 11. The cancellations include performances by Actors Theatre of Indiana, 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. 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 Center will continue to follow the guidance of public safety officials and will reassess the suspension as needed. The Center's offices will

remain in operation during standard business hours. The Box Office and the Great American Songbook Exhibit Gallery at the Palladium will be closed to the public through May 11, but ticket sales for events not affected by the suspension will continue online at [TheCenterPresents.org](#) or by phone at (317) 843-3800. Patrons with questions or concerns may contact the Patron Services department at (317) 843-3800 or [tickets@TheCenterPresents.org](#).

## Fishers

#### Fishers GOP Club cancels Meet & Greet

The Fishers GOP Club has canceled its Meet & Greet scheduled for April 9 at the Delaware Township Community Center.

#### IKEA closing stores

IKEA announced Wednesday that all stores will close "temporarily," including the facility in Fishers. Home delivery will continue. Pickup service will continue, and the Fishers store will be handling pickup services. The company gave no indication how long the shutdown of stores will last.

#### Lobby closed at Fishers Police Department Headquarters

The Fishers Police Department has closed the lobby of its headquarters. Please call (317) 595-3300 to speak to Records staff and (317) 773-1282 to speak with a Fishers police officer.

#### HSE School Board meeting canceled

The Hamilton Southeastern school board has canceled its March 25 meeting.

## Countywide

### Janus postpones fundraising breakfast

**The REPORTER**

Janus Developmental Services has been working in conjunction with the county health department and the state to plan diligently for COVID-19 protocols. Janus is committed to the safety and well-being of all staff and clients and is strictly following guidance and recommendations set

out by local authorities and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. With that in mind, Janus has decided to move the Create, Connect and Commit Fundraising Breakfast from Friday, April 24 to Friday, Aug. 14. The breakfast will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The location and time of the Aug. 14 break-

fast will be the same as the April breakfast, which was at the 502 East Event Center in Carmel. Please plan to attend the breakfast on Aug. 14. Feel free to RSVP to Patty Steffen at [psteffen@janus-inc.org](mailto:psteffen@janus-inc.org) prior to July 24. Thank you for your understanding and support of Janus.

### PrimeLife Enrichment temporarily closes doors

**The REPORTER**

Due to the growing serious health threat of the coronavirus, PrimeLife Enrichment has temporarily closed its Center, located at 1078 Third Ave. SW in Carmel, effective immedi-

ately. The facility will remain closed at least until April 6 and potentially longer. Handy also announced that the Central Indiana Council on Aging (CICOA) will deliver lunches

to those in need. She encouraged PrimeLife Enrichment members to contact CICOA for additional information. Visit [primelifeenrichment.org](http://primelifeenrichment.org) for more information.

### Hamilton County Parks expands COVID-19 closures

**The REPORTER**

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) is closing the Cool Creek Nature Center located in Cool Creek Park, and the Taylor Center of Natural History and Koteewi Range Sport and Target Archery Center, both located in Strawtown Koteewi Park, until further notice. Additionally, as a precautionary measure, all park programs, events and

facility rentals are suspended through April 15. The duration of this action may be extended based on health risks assessed at the end of this defined time period. At this time, Hamilton County Parks and Recreation park grounds will remain open and accessible to the public to enjoy isolated recreation, which will become increasingly important during this time. Maintenance services will

continue to be provided in the parks. And as before, enhanced cleaning measures will continue to be taken throughout the park system. To receive ongoing updates regarding HCPR park operations, the public is encouraged to visit the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation [Facebook page](#) or call the HCPR Administrative Office at (317) 770-4400.

#### Hamilton North Public Library closes branches

The Hamilton North Public Library is closed to the public until April 16.

## Westfield

### Community First closes lobby at Westfield branch

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### Westfield Lions Club postpones Poker for Sight tournament

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Lions Poker for Sight Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament, originally scheduled for April 17 and 18, will be postponed until Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. The Lions Poker for Sight tournaments are the largest fund raisers for the Westfield group. They are a

vital part of the club's philanthropic endeavors every year. The drawing for the winner of the Zac Brown Band Concert VIP tickets will also be moved to the night of June 13 at the final round of the Poker for Sight Tournament. For more information or to register for Lions

Poker for Sight go to [lions-poker.org](#). For more information on the Westfield Lions Club go to [westfieldlions.org](#). The Westfield Lions Club will keep everyone posted on additional developments as time gets closer. Thank you all for your support.

### Westfield Chamber cancels three events

**The REPORTER**

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce has released notices of the following cancellations: • "Shark Tank" Luncheon: This event has been postponed until further notice. • Westfield Young Professionals: At

this time all events are TBD. The next meet up is scheduled for April 2. • Coffee with the Chamber: At this time all events are TBD. The next coffee is scheduled for April 14. The Chamber will announce updates and changes as they occur. For more information, visit [westfield-chamber.org](#).

#### Westfield GOP Club postpones Congressional debate

The Westfield GOP Club has postponed the 5th District Congressional Debate. The Club's goal is to reschedule the debate for sometime in April. Updates will be provided.







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CARMEL PD

modifications:

- Call the non-emergency telephone number of (317) 571-2580 if you would like to speak with an officer regarding a non-emergency situation.

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Be prepared to speak with an officer over the phone instead of in-person.

- Call the administrative telephone number of (317) 571-2500 if you would like to speak with an employee regarding services provided by CPD to determine if you can be assisted remotely instead of in-person.

- If you need to provide documentation to a CPD employee, prepare to submit it digitally. If there are paper documents, please scan or take digital photographs of them.

- If you need to purchase a copy of a motor vehicle crash report please do so at [buycrash.com](http://buycrash.com).

These temporary modifications will not compromise the public's safety. CPD will continue to respond to all emergencies and calls for service. CPD encourages everyone to join in efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 and follow recommendations from public health officials.

PAYING TAXES

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Tax Clearance Forms are encouraged to send them by mail with a return envelope for processing. Innkeepers Tax payments should be mailed.

Mobile Home Title and Moving Permits must still be processed in person, but the Treasurer's Office asks that citizens contact them prior to arriving so they can

provide taxpayers with a complete list of items in an effort to limit time in the office. The Treasurer's Office can be contacted at (317) 776-9620.

For more information about COVID-19, please check out the [Hamilton County Health Department's website](#).

SHERIFF

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Department campus as a result of a court order, the Sheriff asks that you call (317) 773-1872 during business hours or (317) 776-2595 after hours before you come.

Critical sex offender registration will continue to occur at the Sheriff's office. Fingerprint requests will be processed inside the lobby. Necessary background checks, public record requests and many other inquiries should be requested by fax or email. Local background checks for gun permit applications will continue; however, the Sheriff asks that you call

(317) 773-1872 in advance. Tax warrant payments in the form of money order or cashier's check can be mailed to the Sheriff's Department or paid online through [IndianaTaxWarrants.com](#).

In his statement, Quakenbush encouraged county residents to shop local. The Sheriff also explained there is a blood shortage and reminded residents to donate if possible.

"Check on your neighbors. This is a communal effort," Quakenbush said. "The men and women of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department are working hard to keep everyone safe."

**Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents**

# A Raisin in the Sun

By Lorraine Hansberry

**March 20th & 21st, 2020**

**POSTPONED UNTIL A LATER DATE**

March 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 2020

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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.



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.

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# New roundabout coming to Range Line Road in Carmel

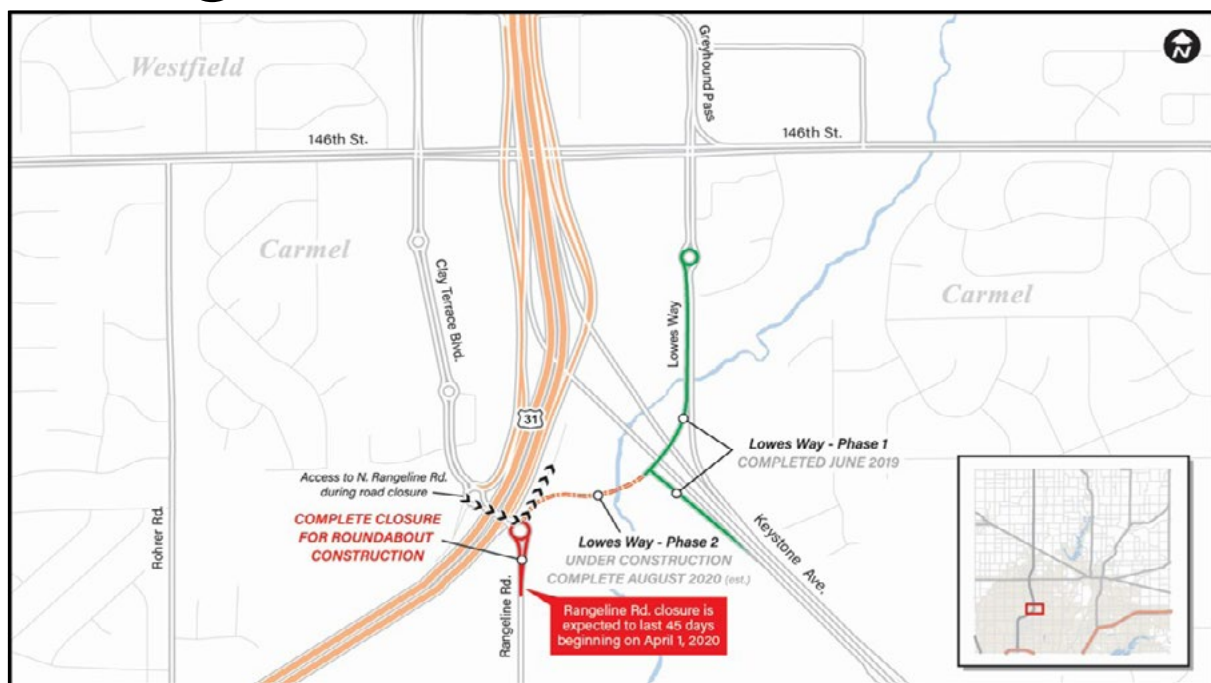


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Effective on or after Wednesday, April 1, Range Line Road between the U.S. 31 overpass and Cool Creek Boulevard will be closed for roundabout construction. This road is scheduled to be closed to all thru traffic for approximately 45 days, tentatively opening back up to traffic in mid-May. The newly constructed roundabout will connect the recently opened ramp onto southbound Keystone, providing a more efficient way for motorists to access Keystone from 146th Street. [Click here](#) for more project information.

## #LoveHC website offers support, information for residents in need

### The REPORTER

Social service agencies have worked nonstop to support the youth, families and seniors of Hamilton County during the impact of COVID-19. A group of county officials want to build on that support, so they teamed up to launch

#LoveHC, a website to help direct residents where to go to help their neighbors during this crisis.

The #LoveHC portal provides COVID-19 business resources, encourages donations to Good Samaritan Network and offers support of local businesses.

“There are many workers across the county – particularly in the service and hospitality industry – who cannot work right now, stock up on food and supplies or let alone feed their families,” said Hamilton County Tourism President and CEO Brenda Myers.

“Due to this dire situation, officials quickly connected to see how we could come together and help.”

The partnership includes Hamilton County Tourism, the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Good Samaritan Network, which assists agencies such as the Youth Assistance Program, Shepherd Center, Fueled for School, food pantries and other non-profits to provide needed support.

“This partnership with tourism allows us to focus on finding essentials that are in short supply everywhere,” said Good Samaritan Network Executive Director Nancy Chance. “They know how to get the word out – we know how to help people.”

The website launched Wednesday evening after the Hamilton County Commissioners gave live updates via Facebook on the COVID-19 situation.

“We are pleased to partner with our county tourism agency in helping Hamilton County residents understand how they can help each other,” said Commissioner Christine Altman, who serves as the representative to the county’s emergency management response plans. “While our first concern is the health and safety of our residents, the county recognizes that supportive services provided through our valued community partners are equally as important.”

Hamilton County Tourism traditionally markets to out-of-area visitors but will be shifting focus to the current needs of the local residents and community.

“This is critically important,” Myers said. “Never was there a time for us to come together and love Hamilton County.”

For more information, visit [visithamiltoncounty.com/love-hc](http://visithamiltoncounty.com/love-hc).

## Please patronize these fine Carmel establishments

The City of Carmel has compiled this list as a courtesy to the public only and provides no representations or warranties whatsoever as to the establishments listed here. Please call the restaurant(s) you choose to ask if they have carryout, delivery, or both.

<b>Amber Indian</b> 317-580-0828	<b>Joe's Next Door</b> 317-846-8877
<b>Anthony's Chophouse</b> 317-740-0900	<b>Juniper on Main</b> 317-591-9254
<b>Agave Bar and Grill</b> 317-844-5551	<b>Little Cairo</b> 317-853-6821
<b>Biaggi's</b> 317-818-1777	<b>Los Arroyos</b> 317-810-1747
<b>Blu Moon</b> 813-844-8310 or 317-379-9506	<b>Main Street Poke</b> 317-564-0908
<b>Books and Brew – Carmel</b> 317-740-0350	<b>Matt the Millers</b> 317-805-1860
<b>Boombozz Pizza and Taphouse</b> 317-843-2666	<b>Mimi Blue Meatballs</b> 317-564-8524
<b>Brockway Pub</b> 317-669-8080	<b>Muldoons</b> 317-571-1116
<b>Bru Burger</b> 317-975-0033	<b>No Label at the Table</b> contactus@ nolabelatthetable.com
<b>Brunchies</b> 317-975-0033	<b>Omoni</b> 317-810-1668
<b>Bubs</b> 317-706-2827	<b>Pad Thai</b> 317-818-8272
<b>Burgerhaus</b> 317-740-0392	<b>Papa Fattoush</b> 317-564-8782
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# AG Curtis Hill urges Hoosiers to submit price-gouging complaints online amid coronavirus outbreak

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill is urging Hoosiers who believe they have been subjected to excessive prices for consumer goods during the coronavirus pandemic to [file a complaint online](#) with the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

While specific price-gouging authority in Indiana law refers to fuel prices during a state of

emergency, the Office of the Attorney General has authority to enforce the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, which permits appropriate enforcement of any unfair, abusive, deceptive or unconscionable conduct. In an executive order issued Monday, Gov. Eric Holcomb said Hoosiers who believe they've been subjected to excessive prices for consumer goods should contact the Attorney General's Office.

In accordance with the executive order and the authority of the Office within Indiana law, the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division is accepting complaints related to excessive prices for all consumer goods.

To submit a price-gouging complaint, the Office is encouraging Hoosiers to utilize the online [consumer complaint form](#), which can be found at [indiana-](#)

[consumer.com](#), then click on "File a Complaint." If you have questions about the types of complaints handled by the Consumer Protection Division, you may call the Consumer Protection Division at 1-800-382-5516 or (317) 232-6330.

For more information about the coronavirus outbreak, please contact the Indiana State Department of Health at (877) 826-0011, or visit [in.gov/coronavirus](#).

## Fix leaks, stop wasting water and money

### The REPORTER

Indiana American Water is encouraging customers to decrease water waste and save on their bills by fixing household water leaks during the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [Fix-a-Leak Week](#). The annual awareness campaign, organized by [EPA's WaterSense program](#), is being observed this week through March 22.

"Fix-a-Leak Week is all about empowering people to save water and money," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "A small investment of time and a few dollars to repair

plumbing and fixture leaks can really pay off in the long run by reducing water and sewer bills."

According to the EPA, the average household's leaks can account for nearly 10,000 gallons of water wasted every year and 10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day. The most common types of leaks result from worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. Fixing these leaks can save homeowners about 10 percent on their water bills.

Indiana American Water offers these tips for detect-

ing water leaks:

- Assess your water usage during a colder month. If a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons during the month, there is likely at least one – or more likely several – serious leaks.

- If your water meter is accessible, check it at the start and end of a two-hour period during which no water is being used (i.e. when no one is home). If the meter changes, there is most likely a leak.

- Place a drop of food coloring in your toilet tank and see if the water in the bowl changes colors within 10 minutes.

- At least once a season, and especially after extreme temperature changes, check faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for surface leaks, indicated by water on the exterior of the pipes.

To further assist customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, American Water has also produced a [helpful infographic](#) including tips on finding and fixing common, and some not-so-common, indoor and outdoor water leaks. A [downloadable leak detection kit](#) is also available online through Indiana American Water's website at [indianaamwater.com](#).

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt, Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.*

Acts 7:39-43 (KJV)

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**Noblesville/Wayne Townships**  
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## Meeting Notices

At this time, the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet as scheduled on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. The South District will meet at 7 p.m. and the North District 8 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020, at the Cool Creek Park Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel. The regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

The Fall Creek Township Board will meet to discuss a resolution on coronavirus policies at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, in the Community Room at the Fall Creek Township Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will hold an emergency meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, in the Council Chambers at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.



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# County wrestlers named to IHSWCA Academic First Team, Honorable Mention

Wrestlers are known for their toughness and intensity, but something that might get overlooked is their intelligence. The Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association is more than happy to put that in the spotlight. The IHSWCA recently released its Senior and Junior Academic All-State team, and the list of athletes on those teams is a long one. A total of 146 student-athletes made the Senior Academic All-State First Team, with another 175 wrestlers earning Honorable Mention.

The Junior Academic All-State First Team is just as long, with 113 wrestlers on the list. Another 155 received Honorable Mention.

A wrestler must have a grade-point average of at least 3.75 to make First Team, while those with GPAs between from 3.25 to 3.74 are placed on the Honorable Mention list. Seventy-two seniors and 50 juniors had GPAs of 4.00 or better.

Hamilton County wrestlers are well-represented on both the senior and junior lists, with 39 total wrestlers receiving on the First Team or Honorable Mention lists. Carmel had 17 wrestlers place across the four lists. Hamilton Southeastern had six wrestlers on the lists, Hamilton Heights five, Westfield and Guerin Catholic four each and Noblesville three.

Here is a list of county wrestlers named to the IHSWCA Academic First Team and Honorable Mention, along with each of their grade-point averages:

**SENIORS**  
**First team**  
Suhas Chundi, Carmel, 4.50  
Carson Eldred, Westfield, 4.40  
Laurel Williams, Carmel, 4.39  
Andrew Irick, Hamilton Southeastern, 4.26  
Samuel Crousore, Hamilton Southeastern, 4.24  
Garrett Sharp, Carmel, 4.16



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- Noblesville's Timothy Alexander was named to the IHSWCA Junior Academic All-State First Team for the 2019-2020 season. Wrestlers are eligible for the First Team if they have a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher.
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| Luke Stohler, Hamilton Heights, 4.15       | Joseph Langerman, Carmel, 3.67           | Chloe Etgen, Carmel, 3.25                  |
| Ethan Ward, Carmel, 3.96                   | Haakon Van Beynen, Carmel, 3.62          |  |
| Joshua Evans, Noblesville, 3.89            | Jackson Mitchell, Carmel, 3.59           | <b>JUNIORS</b>                             |
| Reece Luhmann, Hamilton Southeastern, 3.84 | Joseph Fremion, Guerin Catholic, 3.56    | <b>First Team</b>                          |
| Jeffrey Dunasky, Guerin Catholic, 3.82     | Gabriel Davin, Carmel, 3.48              | Jacob Lemieux, Hamilton Southeastern, 4.20 |
| Brendan Mattingly, Carmel, 3.80            | Michael Richey, Carmel, 3.42             | Joseph Lafiosca, Guerin Catholic, 4.15     |
| Jeffrey Iles, Noblesville, 3.79            | Sophia Pecoraro, Carmel, 3.39            | Dakota Arvin, Westfield, 4.13              |
| Hayden Clark, Carmel, 3.79                 | Alexander Hubbard, Guerin Catholic, 3.39 | Gabriel Arvin, Westfield, 4.13             |
| Ronan Hiner, Hamilton Southeastern, 3.77   | Alexander Naylor, Hamilton Heights, 3.35 | Haylee Jones, Hamilton Heights, 4.05       |
| <b>Honorable Mention</b>                   | Robert Williams, Carmel, 3.33            | Ian Watson, Westfield, 4.03                |
| Paul Ginella, Carmel, 3.71                 | Jonathan Williams, Carmel, 3.32          | Timothy Alexander, Noblesville, 3.84       |



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Carmel's Suhas Chundi had the highest grade-point average of Hamilton County wrestlers on the Senior Academic First Team, with a 4.50.

## Bruce Wolf to retire as Carmel assistant AD

Longtime Carmel assistant athletic director Bruce Wolf has announced his retirement at the end of the school year.

Wolf is retiring after 40 years at Carmel High School, the last 25 years in his current role as assistant AD. He also served as the interim athletic director during the 2000-01 school year.

“Wolfie’ is a tireless advocate for all student-athletes and started the Champions Together initiative,” said Carmel athletic director Jim Inskeep on Twitter. “A friend to all, Wolfie is the first Greyhound in the building each morning. His 6 a.m. emails are the first, second and third ones in your inbox. He is the consummate professional and mentor to those in and out of our building.”

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## Indians postpone games, cancel Victory Field events

The Indianapolis Indians have announced that all games have been postponed and all other events at Victory Field are canceled.

The Indians are among the many sports teams that are putting their seasons on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An [article](#) on the team's website said the Indians are following "the guidance and precautionary measures set forth by public health experts from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), State of Indiana and City of Indianapolis."

Fans are asked to hold on to their tickets, and the team will provide information on options once they are available.

There is no public access to Victory Field at this time. Indians fans are encouraged to visit [IndyIndians.com](#) or follow the team's social media accounts for more information.

## Five Fuel games affected by ECHL cancellation

The Indy Fuel said that five scheduled home games at Indiana Farmers Coliseum have been affected due to the cancellation of the remainder of the ECHL's 2019-2020 season.

The five games are:

Friday, March 13 vs. Wichita  
Sunday, March 15 vs. Kalamazoo  
Friday, March 27 vs. Wheeling  
Saturday, March 28 vs. Toledo

Saturday, April 4 vs. Fort Wayne

"This is an entirely new and fluid situation that has developed amongst the sports world, so we greatly appreciate your patience as we work through each issue," the Fuel said in an email. "We look forward to having you back at an Indy Fuel game next season."

Visit this [website](#) for information on the Fuel's cancellation ticket policy.

## Anderson University cancels remainder of spring sports season

Anderson University announced on Wednesday that the school's athletic department all practices and athletic events for the remainder of the spring semester have been canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This coincides with Anderson canceling all in-person classes for the semester.

Anderson athletic director Marcie Taylor said in a [release](#) on the university's website that there is "rightfully so much concern surrounding COVID-19, and things are changing so quickly nationally and locally," that it was necessary to cancel the remainder of the spring sports

season.

Taylor also said: "We know this makes a significant impact on student-athletes because there is such a limited time to compete in college. We are particularly heartbroken for our seniors and empathize with our student-athletes and coaches who have worked so hard to prepare for their spring sports season."

Several Hamilton County athletes are members of AU's sports teams. The NCAA said that all 2020 spring-sport athletes will receive an eligibility waiver for next season.

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