

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Morning showers. Mostly cloudy.
Temps fall to around 50 by afternoon.
Tonight: Partly cloudy and colder.

HIGH: 64 LOW: 28



Security screenings in place at Judicial Center, Courthouse

The REPORTER

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the potential risk of exposure to the county's workforce and visitors, security staff at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center and the Courthouse have implemented the following:

Historic Courthouse

The North, East, and South doors to the Historic Courthouse will be locked preventing entry from the outside. All traffic to the building will be directed to the West door. Signage has already been posted.

A security officer will be stationed inside the West door. Buildings and Grounds has set up a hand sanitizer station. The security officer will direct each person entering the building to sanitize their hands before proceeding further.

Tunnel connecting the Judicial Center and Historic Courthouse

The West end door leading from the canteen area of the Judicial Center to the Courthouse will be secured. This will require a programmed ID badge or key fob to access the tunnel.

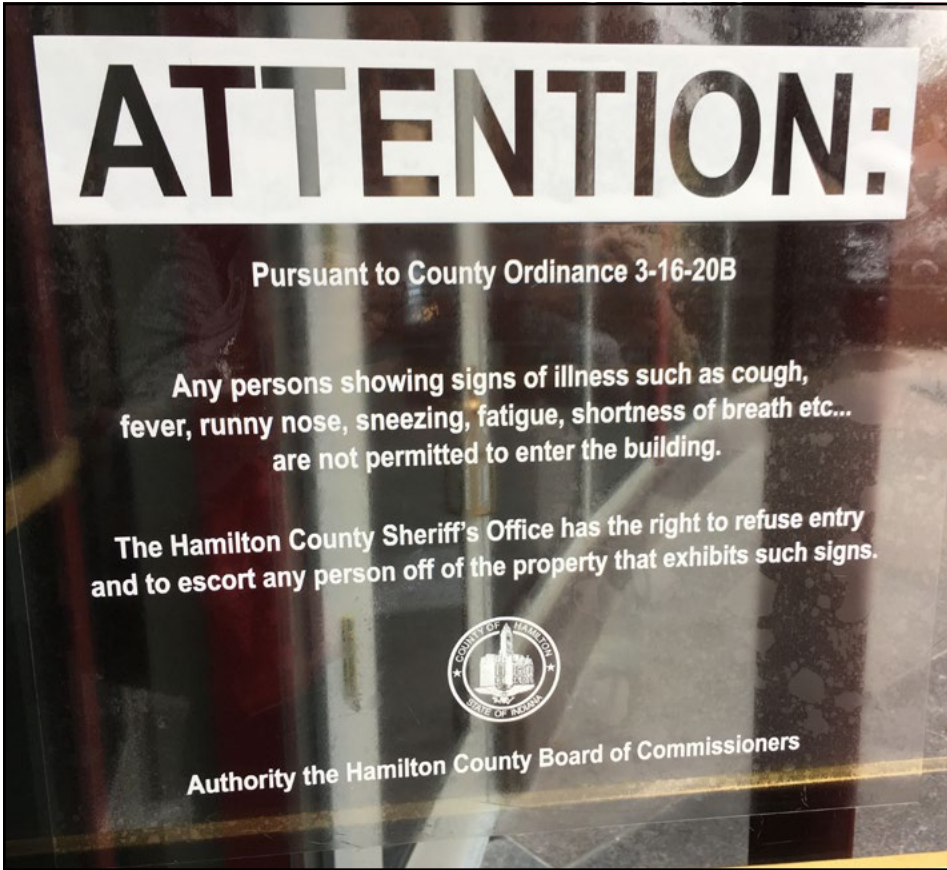


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This notice has been posted at the West entrance of the County Courthouse.

This measure is to prohibit the general public from accessing the Courthouse through the tunnel.

Judicial Center

At the security station inside the Judicial Center East door (public entrance), Buildings and Grounds has set up a hand sanitizer station. Security staff will direct each person entering the screening area to sanitize their hands.

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Screening questionnaire

At each public entrance

— East door of the Judicial Center and West Door of the Historic Courthouse — Security staff will ask each member of the public four simple questions. The answers will help the officer determine if the person may proceed further.

County circuit, superior courts declare emergency operations

The REPORTER

In response to concerns about COVID-19, the Hamilton Circuit and Superior Courts have declared an emergency operations plan which will change the way in which the courts operate.

The Indiana State Department of Health, which is Indiana's lead agency on COVID-19, has the latest information about the virus. The best approach is fundamental healthy practices, such as washing your hands, covering your mouth when sneezing, staying

home when you are ill, and practicing social distancing. The Hamilton Circuit and Superior Courts are working with local emergency management and health departments to ensure we are taking the necessary steps in response to the virus.

Maintaining required court operations is important. The health and safety of our employees and community are equally important. Therefore, the Hamilton Circuit and Superior Courts

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Carmel Mayor issues new orders to combat COVID-19

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard signed a new order Wednesday declaring a local disaster emergency, prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Among the new orders are an end to unnecessary travel, the closure of all Carmel public playgrounds, and an advisory to local workout facilities to close, and for banks to remain open, but only with ATM

and drive-thru services.

"I realize that the steps we are taking are difficult for local business owners and residents, but we must act quickly and we must act now to prevent the further spread of this deadly virus that has brought much pain and death to China and European countries and is threatening to do the same here in the United States of America," Brainard said. "The pain we are experiencing today is nowhere near the pain we will most certainly experience if we sit back and do nothing. I urge all Carmel residents to join me



Brainard

in fighting this virus." Effective 7 p.m. Wednesday, travel in the city of Carmel is only permitted for the following reasons: Medical reasons, providing care to one who you're the primary caregiver for, mandatory work activities, food, groceries, medication, essential household goods and hygiene products. This

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Coronavirus confusion . . . Local newspapers need to be responsible in their reporting

As county residents hunker down in an attempt to diminish the spread of the coronavirus, local news outlets scramble to be the first to report updates as they happen. With that said, being first doesn't mean the information is always correct. I'll explain.

On Wednesday, the City of Noblesville issued a press release announcing the city's first confirmed case



JEFF JELLISON
Publisher's Perspective

of COVID-19.

The release quoted Mayor Chris Jensen saying, "The City of Noblesville has been informed that we have the first confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community.

We do not want residents to panic as health officials are taking the proper steps to ensure the case stays as isolated as possible."

Following Jensen's

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Annetta Petty retiring from Noblesville Schools

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools Executive Director of Learning Annetta Petty announced Tuesday that she will retire during the 2020-21 school year after more than 35 years of service to the district. Noblesville East Middle School (NEMS) principal Ryan Rich has been named her successor and will begin the transition to his new role as director of secondary learning in July 2020. He will

finish the school year with NEMS.

Rich will lead middle school and high school curriculum and instruction for the district, in collaboration with the district's director of elementary learning, Dr. Jennifer Wheat Townsend.

Petty, who began her career with Noblesville Schools as an English teacher at Noblesville High

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Fishers suspends stormwater bills, lifts sign restrictions

The REPORTER

"In recognition of the difficult times our community is facing, the City is taking the following actions to alleviate the financial burden on our residents and businesses," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness.



Fadness

All Fishers Sewer Utility bills should follow the standard due date on your statements.

Residents with questions or concerns about paying Fishers Sewer Utility bills should contact the Fishers Coronavirus Hotline at (317) 595-3211.

Suspension of all Fishers Stormwater Utility Bills

Effective immediately, all residential Fishers Stormwater Utility bills will be suspended for 60 days. If residents received utility bills via email, you may disregard the bill at this time. A new bill will be sent when the City begins to bill again.

Suspension of all Commercial Stormwater Utility Bills

Effective immediately, all first quarter Fishers Stormwater bills for commercial properties is suspended for 60 days. If you received a notification via email, you may

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Governor Holcomb extends school closures through May 1

The REPORTER

Governor Eric J. Holcomb took additional unprecedented actions Thursday to protect and support Hoosiers during the COVID-19 outbreak by signing executive orders that extend the closure of schools, provide economic relief and protections for individuals and businesses, and expand unemployment insurance benefits for those impacted by job loss.

"Every day we learn more about how to tackle this monster," Holcomb said. "We are being thoughtful about how to approach every action we are taking in this national public health emergency and putting Hoosiers' health and safety first."

Daily COVID-19 testing capacity in Indiana has expanded with the addition of a new partnership between the Indiana State Department of Health and Eli Lilly and



Holcomb

Company, and at least one other entity has initiated testing this week. In the past 24 hours, about 200 tests have been completed.

"As we increase the number of tests analyzed each day, no one should be caught off guard that the number of positive cases will increase," State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box said. "This will help us know where community spread is occurring in Indiana and help us mobilize resources in affected areas."

Here is a summary of covered actions. The Executive Orders, which contain additional actions, can be found at [in.gov/gov/2384.htm](https://www.in.gov/gov/2384.htm).

State of Emergency Extension

• The Governor will extend the current state of emergency an additional 30 days

Schaibley, Cook praise Governor for taking more steps
Following Governor Holcomb's Thursday press conference, State Reps. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) and Tony Cook (R-Cicero) lauded the governor for his decisive action.

"Governor Holcomb has taken decisive steps to help slow the spread of COVID-19," Schaibley said. "By expanding unemployment benefits, providing relief to hard-working Hoosiers and businesses, and extending school closures through May 1, Indiana is activating necessary resources to protect the health and safety of Hoosiers. While it is difficult for us to adjust to this evolving situation, Hoosiers are resilient and we will continue to address this pandemic one step at a time."

"The governor's decision to close schools until May 1 and cancel standardized exams across the state is the right course of action to protect the health and wellness of our students and families," Cook said. "I am encouraged by the steps the state has taken to try to slow the spread and flatten the curve of COVID-19."

when it expires on April 5.

K-12 schools

• All K-12 public schools will remain closed until May 1. Non-public schools are also ordered closed. This date may be revised to extend through the end of

the 2019-20 school year if circumstances warrant.

• All state-mandated assessments will be canceled for the current academic year. The governor has contacted U.S. Secretary

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CARMEL

restriction does not impact travel related to food delivery or the resupply of retail stores, pharmacies and food pantries.

Click here to watch the mayor's video message on Facebook.

Here are the details:

• A "Watch" travel advisory for the declared emergency is in effect within the corporate limits of the City of Carmel. Under this advisory, only essential travel is permitted and all non-essential travel should be avoided. This advisory does not affect travel in Carmel for the following purposes: (1) travel relating to medical care or diagnostic testing for oneself or another; (2) travel required to provide care to another for whom the traveler is a primary caregiver; (3) travel for mandatory employment activities; (4) travel required to obtain fuel, food, groceries, medication, or essential household goods and personal hygiene products; (5) travel relating to food delivery or to the resupply of retail stores, pharmacies, or food pantries; (6) travel for recreational purposes where

the driver and passengers do not leave the vehicle; or, (7) travel by individuals engaged in employment needed to restore utility service or provide any other emergency public service.

• All employers within the City of Carmel are strongly encouraged to allow for teleworking arrangements to the maximum extent possible to minimize the amount of mandatory work travel.

• All businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations located within the City of Carmel should implement their emergency action plans.

• All public playgrounds located within the City of Carmel shall be closed. All trails and multi-use paths shall remain open and walking or bicycling thereon, as well as in public parks, is both permitted and encouraged.

• All gyms and workout facilities located within the City of Carmel should offer only individual "one trainer-one guest" sessions.

• All banks, credit unions, and investment ser-

vices located within the City of Carmel should offer only drive-up, ATM, or "one financial advisor-one client" sessions.

• All hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers located within the City of Carmel should postpone all elective and non-emergency surgical procedures in accordance with and subject to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04.

• All retail businesses located within the City of Carmel whose facilities have drive-up capabilities should require customers to use this drive-up service only.

• All bars, restaurants, nightclubs and other establishments that provide in-dining services within the City of Carmel must close their operations to in-person patrons and provide drive-thru, take-out, and delivery services only, in accordance with and subject to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04.

This Declaration will be in effect until a further declaration is issued or as determined by the Mayor of the City of Carmel.

BILLS

disregard the bill at this time. All Fishers Sewer Utility bills should follow the stated due date on your statements.

Businesses with questions or concerns about paying Fishers Sewer Utility bills should contact the Fishers Coronavirus Hotline at (317) 595-3211.

Code Enforcement

Effective Wednesday,


the City of Fishers lifted the following UDO codes for businesses. This allows businesses to advertise access to carryout food. The following Articles are not being applied for the duration of the COVID-19 event:

• Outdoor Display and Storage Standards (Article 6.10): exempts businesses from restrictions associated with outdoor display signs

(feather flags, sandwich boards, etc.), allowing businesses to promote service available.

• Temporary Signs (Sec. 6.17.8): exempts businesses from the permit requirements and standards. Permanent signage will still require permitting for installation.

Click here for more information about COVID-19.



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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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Missing my mama

The past few weeks have affected each and every one of us in many ways. I've been continuously praying that this virus slows down, we can all help each other, and kindness and compassion will prevail.

When I heard of various local assisted living facilities being on lockdown and not allowing visitors last week, I knew I had to act quickly to help my mom before her facility followed suit. I dropped everything, ran to her apartment, and made a list of items she would need from the grocery store in the coming weeks.

After returning from Kroger and putting everything away, I knew I had to get back to work. But it was hard to move my feet to hug Mom goodbye. My heart gave a little jump of fear not knowing when I'd be able to see her next.

Before Mom moved to Central Indiana, I'd only see her once every month or two. We'd talk on the phone of course, but since she was up near South Bend that was the best I could do.

Now that she's only five minutes away, we see each other at least once or twice a week. I've gotten used to that over the past three years and of course, I love it! I never imagined that would have to stop for any reason, even temporary.

Yes, we can talk on the phone once again. But I wish we could do a video call so I could see that she's all right. Like many elderly



AMY SHANKLAND
Sandwiched

people, Mom's not learned much about our modern technology. In fact, she often says she's "technologically brain dead."

Thanks to Facebook, I've seen people coming up to their loved ones' windows to at least say hello or wish them a happy birthday. But I can't even do that, as Mom's windows face an interior courtyard.

I'm definitely grateful that her facility and others are taking this precaution. I know many of us are scared of losing our elderly friends and relative as well as others with compromised immune systems. I also know that this lockdown won't be forever.

But this situation has helped me realize how much I was taking many things for granted, and I know I'm not alone.

Yes, I miss my mama. I'm already looking forward to the day when I can give her and so many others a big hug and kiss. I'm sure a lot of joyful tears will fall. I'll hold on to that thought to help me keep me going in the weeks ahead.

P.S. – If you don't already know how incredible this local paper is, here's a quick illustration. I lost ALL of my columns from my computer last week. This upset me because I planned to compile them into a book next year. When I shared my dilemma, The Reporter staff compiled them all and sent them to me in a zip file! THANK YOU to Jeff and everyone for their help.

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statement, just a little over an hour later, Noblesville issued a second release that said, "There is not a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the City of Noblesville based on updated information."

Emily Gaylor, Communications Director for the City of Noblesville, told the Reporter the initial information Noblesville received from the Hamilton County Health Department was incorrect.

Gaylor explained, "There are a lot of moving parts when someone tests positive for COVID-19. Hospitals report to the Indiana Department of Health. The state then reports the information to the Hamilton County Health Department. The Health Department reports the information to the cities. That will all be changing. The Hamilton County Health Department will no longer inform cities of confirmed cases."

The initial announcement of a confirmed case of COVID-19 was immediately published on Facebook by another local newspaper.

The same newspaper published the incorrect information the next day in their daily edition, hours after the city had issued a correction.

I'm not surprised the other local newspaper published incorrect information. The same news source published an article indicating their staff would not be out in the community.

People rely on local news. Nearly 10,000 people daily receive the Reporter. We feel it our responsibility to report news and updates correctly.

The Reporter will cover breaking news and local events, and if the situation requires, we'll be out in the community. We will practice social distancing, we won't be shaking hands and we won't cover a cough with our sleeve and give you an elbow bump with the same arm.

I can assure we will maintain our reputation of being Hamilton County's most trusted news source by taking every step possible to confirm the information we publish is correct. Even if that means not being first.

Wolfies Grill asks community to "roll-up" sleeves, donate blood

The REPORTER

Wolfies Grill is proud to partner with [Versiti Blood Center](#) to hold a blood drive at its locations in Fishers, Noblesville and Indianapolis in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

On Monday, Governor Holcomb requested all restaurants to temporarily close to dine-in customers and encouraged healthy Hoosiers to donate blood in response to the nationwide shortage. The American Red Cross noted on its website that the country faces "a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations during this coronavirus outbreak. Healthy individuals are needed to donate now to help patients counting on lifesaving blood."

"It's time for our community to step up," said Scott Wolf, owner of the Central Indiana-based restaurant group. "With so many discouraging stories lately, I wanted our family, staff and our customers to have the opportunity to be a part of something bigger and make a difference for others in our community."

Helpful information:

- The blood drive will be held this weekend is open to the public.
- In order to adhere to the executive

Donation Locations

Saturday, March 21

1 to 5 p.m.

Wolfies Geist

11699 Fall Creek Road, Indianapolis

Sunday, March 22

12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wolfies Noblesville

20999 Hague Road

Sunday, March 22

1 to 5 p.m.

Wolfies Fishers

7695 Crosspoint Commons

utive orders passed earlier this week, blood will be drawn in bloodmobiles stationed in the parking lot.

• Anyone who donates blood will be able to take 20 percent off any carryout order at the respective Wolfies location.

About Wolfies Grill

The Wolf family opened their first Wolfies location in 2004. Since then, owners Scott and Nyla Wolf have expanded to seven locations throughout Hamilton County – five Wolfies restaurants, the Italian House in Westfield, and the Broken Barrel in Carmel. Scott and Nyla manage the chain or restaurants with their son Alec and daughter Ansley. The organization has 350 employees.

Duke Energy implements more measures to protect customers, employees

The REPORTER

Duke Energy has implemented additional steps to protect its customers and employees in the six states it serves during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Duke Energy power plants, and electricity and natural gas delivery facilities, are staffed, ensuring dependable service to customers.

The company has taken the following steps to protect its customers and employees:

- Duke Energy will not disconnect any customer's service for non-payment, in order to give customers experiencing financial hardship extra time to make payments. The company will continue to read meters and send bills. Customers should pay what they can to avoid building up a large balance that will be harder to pay off later.
- Through a carefully planned process, Duke Energy has directed employees who are not involved with power generation, power delivery, customer service or other critical functions to work from home, where possible.
- Duke Energy technicians will continue to respond to power outages and other emergencies.
- Company technicians will continue to complete service orders – such as new electric connections

and requested disconnections.

• If technicians need to interact with customers in-person, such as in an emergency, they will follow the U.S. Centers for Disease Control's safety guidelines, including social distancing.

• Services that are not urgent or time-sensitive, but require in-person customer contact by Duke Energy employees, will be rescheduled. Duke Energy will contact customers to reschedule those appointments.

• Duke Energy's customer service team is available to serve customers. The company will evaluate any staffing impacts related to school and other closures, and will adjust accordingly.

• Customers can perform nearly all customer service functions [online](#), through Duke Energy's automated voice phone system, or through the company's mobile app.

• Visit [Duke Energy Updates](#) for complete customer information, including answers to frequently asked questions.

• Be aware of scammers, who continue to target customers, threatening disconnection of service and asking for immediate payment over the phone. Duke Energy never asks for personal information over the phone or demands payment using money orders or gift cards.

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School (NHS) in 1983, later served as NHS principal prior to joining the district leadership team in the top academic role.

"Annetta's intelligence, sharp analysis and calm leadership have left a lasting impact on decades of students and educators," Superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer said. "Based on her quiet, behind-the-scenes style, many may not realize how influential she has been in growing the academic excellence of Noblesville Schools."

Rich, who holds bachelor's, master's and educational specialist degrees from Ball State University, served as a social studies teacher, middle school assistant principal and high school assistant principal prior to his role leading NEMS. He has been with Noblesville Schools

for over 20 years, leading the development of innovative middle school programming, redesigning the district's teacher evaluation process and serving as an advisor on district curriculum efforts.

"Ryan has been a transformational leader in middle school education and we're excited to welcome him to our district leadership team," Niedermeyer added. "He has substantial expertise in curriculum development and I'm confident he will continue to move our middle and high school teachers and students to the next level of academic achievement."

The district will post the NEMS principal position immediately to begin the process of identifying a replacement for Rich. The new principal will be announced at a later date.

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are adjusting the way the courts operate and are changing procedures in the following ways:

The Courts will continue to be open and hold essential emergency hearings during this time. This includes and is not limited to the following:

1. Initial hearing for in-custody defendants
2. Bond reviews
3. Initial hearings on CHINS and continued initial hearings
4. Fact findings for CHINS that are time sensitive
5. Protection order hearings
6. Civil commitments
7. Probate mental health hearings
8. Detention hearings for CHINS and juvenile delinquencies
9. Any other hearing at the discretion of the Judge

With regards to Jury Duty, individuals who have received a jury summons for March 18, 2020 through May 4, 2020 should not report for jury service.

All attorneys/litigants/parties to a case who are scheduled to come to

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of Education Betsy DeVos to share the state's plan and also has asked the Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jennifer McCormick to pursue any federal waivers needed to cancel the requirements for accountability, chronic absenteeism and state-mandated assessments.

Economy

• The state of Indiana will align with the federal government to delay state income tax payments from April 15 to July 15. The U.S. Treasury extended the deadline to pay federal income tax by 90 days.

• Penalties will be waived for 60 days for property tax paid after May 11. The state will work with counties that may experience cash flow stress because of the delay.

• The state will not immediately move forward with using \$300 million in reserves to pay for several capital projects approved in the just-concluded legislative session and instead maintain flexibility to utilize the funds as needed for relief efforts and to maintain current services. The state will consider using bonding authority to move forward with the just-approved capital projects.

• Providers of essential utility services such as gas and electric, broadband, telecom, water and wastewater services are prohibited from discontinuing service to any customer during the public health emergency.

• The state's application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was approved on Wednesday. This program provides targeted, low-interest loans of up to \$2 million to help small businesses and nonprofits overcome the temporary loss of revenue as a result of coronavirus. See more at [SBA.gov/Disaster](#).

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

• The state will interpret Indiana's unemployment laws to the broadest extent possible to cover Hoosiers who are out of work because of COVID-19.

• Benefits will be paid to individuals who file their initial unemployment claims late.

• The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) will allow individuals to continue to accrue unemployment eligibility if they take work leave because of COVID-19.

• DWD will seek federal authorization to provide unemployment benefits for those who are not otherwise eligible for unemployment, such individuals who have recently started a job.

• For employers, DWD will not assess certain experience rate penalties because of employees who receive unemployment benefits because of COVID-19.

Housing

• No residential eviction proceedings or foreclosure actions may be initiated during the public health emergency. This does not relieve the individual of obligations to pay rent or mortgage payments.

• All public housing authorities are requested to extend deadlines for housing assistance recipients and required documentation to show eligibility for housing programs.

• The Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and Indiana Community Housing Development Authority are required to work with financial institutions to identify tools to help promote housing stability.

Social Services

• Participants in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) and the Children's Health Insurance Program are not required to make premium payments.

• Job search requirements are waived for those applying for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits.

• The Family and Social Services Administration will seek a federal waiver to extend renewals for existing Medicaid and HIP recipients.

• Telehealth services for mental health, substance use disorder and prescribing for Medicaid covered services will be expanded.

Insurance

• The commissioner of the state Department of Insurance will request that insurers institute a 60-day moratorium on policy cancellations for non-payment of premiums. This does not suspend a policyholder's obligation to make payments.

• The commissioner will ask health insurers to cover COVID-19 testing without requiring prior authorization.

• The commissioner will request that health insurers not increase prices or coverage costs that involve medical care for COVID-19.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles

• To limit the number of in-branch transactions, late fees will be waived for several driver's licenses and identification card renewals, vehicle registrations, titles and certain other transactions.

• Other operational changes in branches are being instituted to provide for the safety of employees and customers in branches, such as spacing between terminals and limiting the number of customers in the lobby.

Veterans

• Requirements have been relaxed for veterans to qualify for awards from the Military Family Relief Fund.

• Awards in excess of \$2,500 may be approved by the IDVA director during the public health emergency.

Health and Professional Licensing

• Mental health professionals are permitted to practice via telemedicine.

• Advance Practice Registered Nurses are allowed to provide services in multiple locations.

• The state health commissioner may waive requirements of the nursing home certificate of need statute to respond to COVID-19 issues for long-term care facilities.

More information may be found at the ISDH website at [in.gov/coronavirus](#) and the [CDC website](#).

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay School Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel. The Board has limited the number of attendees to 50 based on recommendations by Governor Holcomb.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will not meet on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Both the North District and South District meetings have been canceled.

Public Notices

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

Noblesville/Wayne Townships
Thursday, March 26, 2020 **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
Durbin Elementary School
18000 Durbin Road
Noblesville, IN 46060
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

White River Township
Thursday, April 16, 2020 / July 23, 2020
Walnut Grove Community Center
25587 State Road 213
Cicero, IN 46034
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adams Township
Thursday, June 25, 2020
Sheridan Community Center
300 East 6th Street
Sheridan, IN 46069
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please call our office at (317) 776-8490 if you should have any questions.
RL3140 2/24/2020, 3/2/2020, 3/9/2020

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

RFP Documents for the procurement of

Dell Computers

from the Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation are **available on the web site** [www.hsechools.org](#). (Please refer to the link near the bottom of the HSE home page.) This website is the official source for all documents related to this solicitation. Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation is not responsible for documents distributed through any other means.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: prior to 1:00 pm local time (EST) March 27, 2020

RECORDING OF PROPOSERS: 2:00 pm local time (EST) March 27, 2020
LOCATION: Hamilton SE Schools Administration
13485 Cumberland Rd.
Fishers, IN 46038

Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and Specifications stated in the RFP documents. Questions should be addressed via email to HSE's Director of Infrastructure Technologies, Tom Kouns ([tkouns@hse.k12.in.us](#))
RL3250 3/12/2020, 3/20/2020

Notice

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W Main Street, Arcadia, Indiana. The discussion will be on IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(A) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct.
RL3288 3/20/2020

Notice

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a Special Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W Main Street, Arcadia, Indiana to discuss two sets of quotes and to discuss several disaster resolutions.
RL3289 3/20/2020

Join ATI on Facebook for an uplifting sing-a-long



Photo provided

Stuck at home, riding out the COVID-19 wave? Actors Theatre of Indiana is hoping to bring a little fun and enjoyment, while also keeping us safe in the comfort of our homes. Join ATI at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, March 20 ... grab a beer and a comfortable seat in front of your favorite electronic device and join Actors Theatre of Indiana's TRIO with special guest Jim Reilly for an Old Fashioned Irish Sing-a-long featuring Don, Judy and Cindy on vocals and "Big" Jim tickling the keyboard. It is sure to be a performance for the ages! Come to Actors Theatre of Indiana's [Facebook page](#) for some music and fun!



Kenneth L. Baker

August 15, 1943 – March 4, 2020

Kenneth L. Baker, 76, Bluffton, Ind., passed away Wednesday morning, March 4, 2020, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. He was born August 15, 1943 in Lebanon to Leroy Paul and Mava Gene (Wallace) Baker, who preceded him in death.



He is survived by his wife, Betty S. Baker, Bluffton; daughter, Julie L. (Joe) Smith, Bluffton; sister, Nancy L. Urban, Sheridan; brother, Michael D. (Yolanda) Baker, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and grandchildren, Elizabeth B. and Gabriel A. Smith, both of Bluffton.

A celebration of life service has been postponed until a later date.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude Children's Hospital or St. Luke Church Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built him an house.

Acts 7:44-47 (KJV)

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IHSAA cancels boys basketball tournament

By RICHIE HALL

The IHSAA announced on Thursday that the boys basketball tournament was officially canceled.

The tournament had been on hold since last week, when the regional rounds were indefinitely postponed. Sporting events across the country were being canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak, but the IHSAA had been hopeful that the boys basketball tournament could be played.

But after Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb issued his directive on Thursday closing all schools across the state until May 1, it became clear that the tournament would not be finished.

"It is with great sadness and disappointment that we inform Hoosiers of the cancellation of the remaining games of the 2020 IHSAA boys basketball tournament series," said IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox. "While the Association maintained every hope of continuance, it is now evident those hopes are now unreachable." Cox also said that the health and safety "of our public remains paramount and our primary focus."

Carmel was to have played in the Logansport regional, but is one of the 64 teams across the four classes that saw its season come to an end with the announcement. Greyhounds coach Ryan Osborn said he was disappointed for his

team, including Jackson Jannsen, Carmel's only senior.

"From a big picture perspective, you get it," said Osborn. "From a basketball perspective, it hurts."

The IHSAA's boys basketball tournament was first played in 1911. The tournament had been contested every year since then through 2019 - even during the two World Wars, when many other sporting events were put on pause.

"That's crazy," said Osborn. "It tells you what we're dealing with right now. I thought Bobby Cox and his staff did an amazing job trying to hang in there. It just got to the point where it couldn't logistically work."

So, Carmel's season officially finishes with an 18-7 record. The Greyhounds won their sixth consecutive sectional championship before the tournament was postponed-then-canceled, with Osborn noting that his team was young and inexperienced at the start of the year.

"Our message all year was just get better," said Osborn. He said the team wanted to be playing its best in March, and he felt Carmel did that.

"And to get to this point and to see it all end abruptly is kind of a whirlwind," said Osborn. "It's hard to digest, I guess. Big picture, I get it. For the boys, you feel for them."



Kent Graham/File photo

Carmel senior Jackson Jannsen helped the Greyhounds to a sectional championship two weeks ago. Carmel was to play in the Logansport regional, but the tournament was canceled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Will retire at the end of the school year...

Tony Oilar reflects on 44-year career

By RICHIE HALL

Tony Oilar only had one job interview in his entire professional career.

It was back in the spring of 1976, when he interviewed for a social studies teacher position at Noblesville Junior High School. He was hired and that would be the beginning of a 44-year career in Noblesville Schools.

Oilar is retiring at the end of the school year. He came to Noblesville as a small-town kid from Frontier High School who had just graduated from Ball State University. Oilar spent his entire career as a Noblesville Miller, where he became a well-respected teacher, coach and administrator.

"I really don't know what I would have done if I had not been hired by Noblesville," said Oilar. He was friends with Noblesville High School graduate Dan Deirdorff, whom he asked how to get to Noblesville from Muncie. Once he got to Noblesville and checked it out, he thought it was "huge," since there was a Jim Dandy and McDonald's there.

"Considering where I came from, I had hit the big time," said Oilar.

Oilar was hired by then-Noblesville Junior High principal Jack Ford, who grew up about 10 miles from where Oilar grew up - "so that didn't hurt my chances," he said. At the time, Hall of Famer Dave Nicholson was the NHS varsity boys basketball coach.

"I played against his Benton Central teams as a junior and a senior so he was somewhat familiar with me," said Oilar. "That probably didn't hurt my chances either."

Oilar taught social studies at Noblesville Junior High and Noblesville Middle School for 30 years, serving as the department chair the last 10 years he was there. He taught eighth-grade American History "and loved every second of it," he said.

Oilar made news in 1984 when he won second place in that year's Olin W. Davis Awards "for developing outstanding curriculum units on economics," according to a Noblesville Ledger article from Aug. 13, 1984. Oilar's project was "Economics and the Western Movement." The next year, he received a master's degree from IUPUI.

In addition to teaching, Oilar also began his coach-

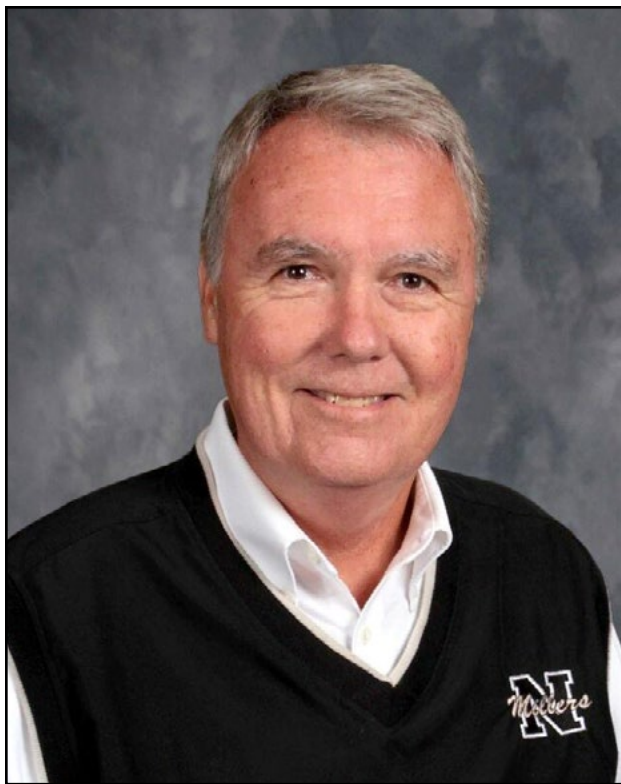


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Tony Oilar announced his retirement from Noblesville schools after a 44-year teaching, coaching and administrative career.

ing career in 1976, as the seventh-grade boys basketball assistant coach. It was the beginning of a 24-year coaching career, as he became the seventh-grade head coach, the freshman head coach, the junior varsity head coach and the eighth-grade head coach.

Oilar remembers the fun he and his teams had winning two Hamilton County boys basketball freshman tournaments, and six eighth-grade county boys basketball tournaments. "I also coached three undefeated teams," he said. "Those teams were loaded with talent. I had great kids who came from great families."

His best memory involves an eighth-grade team: His son Brian scored with six seconds left to give the Millers a two-point win over Fishers in the championship game of the county tournament. "What a moment,"

said Oilar.

Oilar was part of legendary basketball coach Dave Nicholson's staff during the 1980's, which he called one of his best memories.

"We had very talented players," said Oilar. "The atmosphere at the games in the 'old' high school gym was just unbelievable. When the pep band played 'Miller Time' prior to the opening tip it was the best atmosphere in the state. Being a small part of the 1984 undefeated boys basketball team was something I will never forget. We also had great teams after 1984."

"I coached many great basketball players such as Scott Haffner, Tom Coverdale, Larry Simmons, Scott Fleming, Chris Hartley, John Karaffa, Rob Cutter, Mark Roberts and many others," said Oilar. "I also coached a kid by the name of Kevin Pritchard. He was on my seventh-grade team in 1980-81. He moved after that year to Oklahoma and was the two-time Mr. Basketball in Oklahoma and won a National Championship playing for Larry Brown at Kansas. That is the same Kevin Pritchard who is the President of Basketball Operations for the Indiana Pacers today. I sure wish he had stayed a Miller. Dave Nicholson always said I was the one that ran him away."

Oilar also coached baseball, mentoring eight-grade and junior varsity teams, and also serving as the varsity assistant baseball coach. He has some great memories of Millers baseball as well, including one from 1985, when he was on the coaching staff. Noblesville upset what Oilar called "an outstanding Carmel team" in the sectional championship game. The Millers won 3-2 in a game delayed several times by lightning; the victory ended a seven-year sectional drought for Noblesville.

The 1985 season also included an unforgettable win by the Millers over Sheridan. The score was tied and the Blackhawks had the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning. Oilar tells what happened next.

"There were a couple Sheridan fans starting to get all over Coach Ron Fleming because it looked like for sure the Millers would lose," said Oilar. "I was so upset I was looking for my keys in the dugout. We brought the outfield way in...there were no outs. I remember a fan yelling at Fleming asking if he was crazy."

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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 16 wrestlers place across the four lists. Hamilton Heights and Hamilton Southeastern both had six wrestlers on the lists, followed by Westfield and Guerin Catholic with four each and Noblesville with 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
Luke Stohler, Hamilton Heights, 4.15
Ethan Ward, Carmel, 3.96

Joshua Evans, Noblesville, 3.89
Reece Luhmann, Hamilton Southeastern, 3.84
Jeffrey Dunasky, Guerin Catholic, 3.82
Brendan Mattingly, Carmel, 3.80
Jeffrey Iles, Noblesville, 3.79
Hayden Clark, Carmel, 3.79
Ronan Hiner, Hamilton Southeastern, 3.77

Honorable Mention

Paul Ginella, Carmel, 3.71
Joseph Langerman, Carmel, 3.67
Haakon Van Beynen, Carmel, 3.62
Jackson Mitchell, Carmel, 3.59
Joseph Fremion, Guerin Catholic, 3.56
Gabriel Davin, Carmel, 3.48
Michael Richey, Carmel, 3.42
Sophia Pecoraro, Carmel, 3.39
Alexander Hubbard, Guerin Catholic, 3.39
Alexander Naylor, Hamilton Heights, 3.35
Robert Williams, Hamilton Heights, 3.33

Jonathan Williams, Carmel, 3.32
Chloe Etgen, Carmel, 3.25

JUNIORS

First Team

Jacob Lemieux, Hamilton Southeastern, 4.20
Joseph Lafiosca, Guerin Catholic, 4.15
Dakota Arvin, Westfield, 4.13
Gabriel Arvin, Westfield, 4.13
Hayley Jones, Hamilton Heights, 4.05
Ian Watson, Westfield, 4.03
Timothy Alexander, Noblesville, 3.84
Honorable Mention
Jacob Shafer, Carmel, 3.66
Cooper Mansfield, Hamilton Heights, 3.49
Devin Dudley, Hamilton Southeastern, 3.38
Devonte Henson, Hamilton Heights, 3.37

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"The Sheridan hitter hit a screaming, sinking line drive to center fielder Brian Purvis who was playing very shallow. Brian dove, somehow caught the ball for out No. 1, threw to second to double up the runner for out No. 2 and then Scott

Fleming threw to third base for the third out. The runner at third was crossing home. Triple play! The Millers then won in extra innings. When I see Ron Fleming today we still talk and laugh about that night at Sheridan."

In 2006, Oilar transitioned to administration when he became the athletic director at Noblesville Middle School for five years, then served as the assistant athletic director at NHS for 10 years. Having spent his entire career at Noblesville, Oilar got a front-row seat to the changes in Noblesville Schools and the city in general.

"The biggest change I have seen since I came to Noblesville in the fall of 1976 is the tremendous growth of the city," said Oilar. "Regarding education, I think the biggest change is the expectation of teachers. They certainly have a lot more on their plate than when I started in 1976. I am not saying that is wrong, I am just saying that is the way it is.

As for athletics, Oilar doesn't think

much has changed.

"Kids still want to play and compete," said Oilar. "The only thing that bothers me a little is I think sometimes the goal of getting the scholarship gets in the way of being a great teammate. This certainly is not always the case, but sometimes. Parents haven't changed at all....they still want what is best for their children."

So did Oilar, and he proved it with his 44 years of outstanding service to Noblesville Schools.

"I am glad I stayed at Noblesville my entire career," said Oilar. "It was a great place to raise a family. As I step down, I would just like to say thank you to Miller Nation. You took a kid from Frontier High School and you made him a Miller for life."

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