

Indiana Chinese Medical Assoc. donates to Carmel food banks, masks to local law enforcement

The REPORTER

More cases of COVID-19 continue to be confirmed globally, nationally, and even here in Indiana. Rightfully, there is increasing concern about the wellbeing of families and communities. In these difficult times, we all need to lean on one another more than ever to stay united and to preserve the health and integrity of our communities.

In response to the Carmel Mayor's call for assistance, the Indiana Chinese Medical Association (ICMA) has donated \$500 to Carmel United Methodist Church Food Pantry and another \$500 to Merciful Help Center Food Pantry to help those who are in need.

Furthermore, ICMA is fundraising in order to combat the shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as face masks and protective garments for medical respondents, doctors, nurses, first responders and those who are in need in Indiana. The ICMA team has already been working around the clock to identify reputable suppliers that can provide PPE.

ICMA will serve as the collection point for any donations made by any members of the community. ICMA maintains its commitment to provide periodic updates regarding collection progress and allocation of funds.

If you or someone you know is interest-



On Tuesday morning, Ming Ye and Johnathan Wang presented 2,000 masks to the Carmel Police Department and Carmel Fire Department as a donation from the Indiana Chinese American community.

ed in helping this cause in fighting against COVID-19 and is willing to donate, then please do not hesitate to reach out to ICMA. No amount is too small. Listed below are the methods in which donations

Why not disclose accurate data on COVID-19 spread?

One of the most frequent questions I've been asked over the past couple weeks is, "What areas of the county are being hit the hardest with COVID-19?"

From all indications, county-level officials are taking the lead in monitoring local COVID-19 illnesses. Those officials say they can't release information on the number of people that have tested positive in each of our cities and towns. County leaders cite the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) as their reason.

Communications Director for the City of Noblesville Emily Gaylord recently told the Reporter that county health officials were not reporting to the municipalities when someone in their city tests positive for COVID-19.

Gaylord's statement was a surprise to me. How can our mayors and small-town leaders make decisions to protect their residents without this knowledge?

Currently COVID-19 statistics are reported daily on a national basis. Indiana officials report the number of people testing positive in the state. Indiana also breaks down the numbers by county.



JEFF JELLISON
Publisher's Perspective

No guesswork this year, here's April Fool story

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com



The Hamilton County Reporter's annual April Fool this year is multiple choice. If you like local history and April Fool's Day, you may enjoy this.

All the following statements are true except for one. It may be tougher than you think. **Turn to Page 2 to see if you have chosen the fooler.**

- According to some historical accounts, Noblesville was named by a city founder, Josiah Polk, for a woman named Levina Noble whom Polk hoped to marry.
- Indiana's first electronic stop-and-go signal was invented and located in Hamilton County.
- A new library in the Nickel Plate Historic District features the story of how actress Hedy Lamarr invented and patented the foundation of today's WiFi.
- Hoosier entertainer and race car owner David Letterman recently purchased the Carmel estate of the late Mel Simon in order to have a location to entertain his 500 race friends during May.
- Benjamin Harrison while president of the United States often went quail hunting in Hamilton County.
- During the Civil War, a battle between Southern sympathizers and Union loyalists was fought on the Courthouse Square in Noblesville.

Noblesville creates small business grant program

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen announced the Noblesville Small Business Resilience Grant program to provide up to \$10,000 per grant to small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, based on demonstrated need.

The grant is focused on helping small businesses with unmet immediate needs such as maintaining payroll, paying rent and utilities, and covering other expenses to remain operational and serve customers and clients.

"Noblesville's grant program will be focused on those businesses that may not be eligible for other assistance or that have immediate needs beyond that which can be met by other federal and state assistance programs," Jensen said. "COVID-19 has impacted nearly every segment of our national and local economy. Due to required closures and other restrictions imposed to protect public health, many local businesses have experienced severe reductions in revenues. Small businesses



Jensen

are crucial part of the fabric of our community and we hope this grant will provide assistance and promote economic vitality within the city."

The deadline to submit applications is close of the business day Friday, April 3. A second round of applications may be considered depending on available funds. The Noblesville Small Business Resilience Grant application and eligibility requirements are

Step up, help with this year's election

County Clerk calls on teens, teachers to work June 2 primary

The REPORTER

Many of the volunteers who work the polls on Election Day are unable to do so this year because they fall into the high-risk category for COVID-19. County Clerk Kathy Williams says the paid positions are ideal for teenagers and school-teachers who will be out of school by the June 2 Primary Election.

"If you're out of school



Williams

and would like to help us we'd love to have you," Williams said. "A lot of the seniors who typically fill these roles just can't do it this year, so we're hoping the younger generation will step forward and fulfill their civic duty."

Williams says she needs

at least 100 workers – possibly more if the Indiana Election Commission should decide the election will be conducted entirely through absentee ballots. All Hoosiers now have the option of voting by mail in the primary election. To request an absentee ballot, please [click here](#).

Those who are interested in working the election can download a form on Hamilton County's website. The form requires a signature from a principal if you are under 18 years of age, but that signature is being waived this year.

Adults can [click here](#) to access their form, and students can [click here](#) to access theirs.

Cicero Parks makes additional closures

The REPORTER

The Town of Cicero and Cicero Parks Department has announced that while the parks are open during this time, the Cicero Sports Complex (baseball and softball fields), all basketball courts, and all playgrounds in Community Park and Red Bridge Park are closed to the public until May 1. This date is subject to change with the COVID-19 emergency.

The trails are still open to walk and the parks are still available to enjoy, but residents are asked to follow CDC guidelines to allow six feet of separation.

The Town of Cicero activated new health and safety measures to keep town employees and the community safe by restricting public access to all town owned buildings and suspending all Town of Cicero Parks

Department Programs.

"Public health and safety are our top priorities and measures must be taken to help curb the spread of COVID-19 in our community and beyond," said Cicero Town Council President Dan Strong.

In accordance with recommendations made by the Governor's office and the CDC, Cicero has put the following procedures in place effective immediately. On April 6, the town will re-evaluate risk exposure to determine extending these procedures.

- The Town of Cicero is restricting public access to all town buildings. Each department will remain open and will be able to address questions and concerns.
- Payments to the Town of Cicero for utilities or



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County residents encouraged to increase COVID-19 awareness with Smart911 app

The REPORTER

As Hamilton County responds to the spread of COVID-19, public health and safety officials strongly encourage the community to sign up for the Smart911 national safety profile registry. The free service allows individuals and families to provide critical medical information to 9-1-1 and first responders.



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Hamilton County is launching the "Take Control, Let Us Know" campaign to empower the community to provide valuable and accurate health data that increases the awareness of 9-1-1 and first responders to an individual's risk level for COVID-19.

"Participants can self-identify if they are under quarantine, and whether it is self-imposed or directed by a health professional," said Hamilton County Communications Executive Director Jeff Schemmer.

"The Smart911 App also allows quarantined individuals to receive check-in messages on their health status. Individuals who sign up will receive tailored alerts based on their specific needs and geographic location."

Individuals can create a Smart911 Safety Profile for their household at smart911.com or on the Smart911 App.

Did you choose the wrong answer?

It is true that co-founder of Noblesville, Josiah Polk, courted Lavina Noble and wanted to marry her. She declined and left him. The city was named either for Levina or her brother James Noble, the first U.S. Senator from Indiana. (Polk was co-founder with William Conner.)

Also true is the fact that Leslie Haines, a Carmel electrician, invented the first automated traffic signal in Indiana, and one of the nation's first. It was placed at the intersection of Main and Range Line Road in 1923.

Hard as it is to believe, popular actress Hedy Lamar was also an inventor. She patented a secret communications system which she gave to the U.S. military during World War II. It eventually became

the basis for today's WiFi.

President Harrison, whose home was in Indianapolis, did indeed go bird hunting on a farm near Sheridan. Harrison and the Kercheval family, owners of the farm, were longtime friends.

Amazingly, there was a Civil War battle or skirmish on the Square in Noblesville. In 1864 a group of Southern sympathizers clashed with local citizens loyal to the Union. One man was wounded when shooting erupted. One horse was shot and killed.

That leaves David Letterman, who as far as we know has not purchased the Simon estate, a 50-acre parcel in Clay Township with a 30,000 square-foot mansion and private golf course. But, Dave probably does enjoy a good April Fool story.

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available at cityofnoblesville.org/LoveNoblesville.

"Through prudent planning and conservative fiscal management, Noblesville has maintained a healthy Rainy Day Fund and cash reserve that can be utilized in precisely this type of circumstance – when we need to support some of our most important community partners to ensure restored hope for a brighter future," Jensen said.

Jensen also said he is committed to going above and beyond to keep residents safe while at the same time reinvesting resources so that the local economy ultimately comes out of the COVID-19 crisis in an even stronger position.

DONATIONS

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Methods of Donation

- Check: make check payable to ICMA (indicate COVID-19 Relief for Indiana), and mail it to ICMA, P. O. Box 852, Carmel, IN 46082
 - Chase QuickPay (via CJI): Help.Indiana.2020@gmail.com
 - PayPal: ICMAIN-DY@gmail.com
- Members of the following groups and organizations are assisting in this effort:
- Alumni Association of Tongji Medical University in Indiana
 - Hubei Association of Indiana
 - Indiana Chinese Medical Association, Inc.
 - Indianapolis Chinese Community Center, Inc.
 - Indiana Association of Chinese American
 - HiElites Education Technology Company Multiple Listing Network Ltd.
 - Indy Asian American Times
 - Indiana Fuzhou Friendship Association
 - Chinese American Bridge, Inc.
 - Alumni Association of Xiang-Ya Medical University in Indiana
 - Carmel-Xiangyang Sister City Committee
 - America China Society of Indiana
 - Purdue Chinese Performing Arts Troupe



Photos provided

The Indiana Chinese Medical Association donated \$500 to the Carmel United Methodist Church Food Pantry (top) and \$500 to the Merciful Help Center Food Pantry (bottom) – all while practicing proper social distancing.

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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?

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Wellbeing Coalition invites Westfield residents to take advantage of its resources



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On Monday, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook addressed the Westfield community in his latest video update. Resources are available for those who may need help or who want to help during the COVID-19 crisis at wellbeingcoalitionwestfield.com. Click the photo above to watch the mayor's video update.

Beth Henderson earns endorsement of Madison County Republican Party Chair

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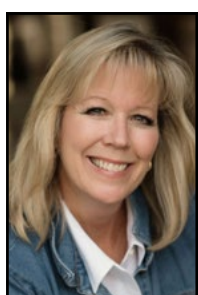
Local Congressional candidate Beth Henderson has received an endorsement from Madison County Republican Party Chairman Russ Willis.

"I recognized she has a broad conservative perspective of the issues facing our country that affect all of us," Willis said. "I have found her agenda is not a selfish personal one, but an agenda to keep America a place that my grandchildren will be able to live in and still have the freedoms I have enjoyed."

Willis says he recognizes

es that Henderson doesn't limit her concerns to just one or two but a cross section of issues. When considering other candidates, Willis says he respects that Henderson has a broad experience set as a registered nurse, successful business owner and a background and business in the agriculture industry.

"I expect my Congressperson to represent the residents of the 5th District with strong conservative,



Henderson

is listening now and will continue to listen to all of us when she is elected and goes to Washington."

Willis has been involved in politics for over 39 years. He is a former Anderson City Councilman, Precinct Committeeman and has

managed several local and state political campaigns. Willis is a GM / UAW retiree and President of the Madison County Lincoln Club.

Henderson has proudly lived and worked in the 5th District since 1990. She is a successful business owner, registered nurse, healthcare advocate, farmer, job creator and lifelong Republican who says she understands the needs of Hoosiers.

For more information, visit bethforindiana.com.

Kentucky man arrested in Hamilton County gets felony drug charge

The REPORTER

A Kentucky man was arrested by the Indiana State Police after a traffic stop led to the discovery of a stolen gun and several drugs.

Zachary Peters, 24, Crestwood, Ky., was allegedly driving 96 miles per hour in a 70 miles per hour zone on Interstate 69 near the Hamilton/Madison county line. Trooper Josh Thayer made the stop. During Thayer's interaction with Peters, marijuana, cocaine, a controlled substance (pills), a stolen gun and drug paraphernalia were located in the vehicle.

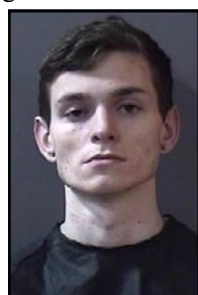
Peters was arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Jail.

Upon review of Trooper

Thayer's probable cause affidavit, the Hamilton County Prosecutor filed formal charges, which include the following:

- Possession of Cocaine - Level 4 Felony
- Carrying a Handgun without a License - Class A Misdemeanor
- Possession of a Controlled Substance - Class A Misdemeanor
- Possession of Marijuana - Class B Misdemeanor
- Possession of Paraphernalia - Class C Misdemeanor
- Disobeying a Declaration of Disaster Emergency - Class B Misdemeanor

All suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.



Peters

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transaction made through the Clerk-Treasurer's office should be made using the drop payment box located at the Town Municipal Building, located at 331 E. Jackson St. Questions can be sent to the Clerk-Treasurer's office at (317) 984-4900.

• No public meetings will be scheduled before April 6. Please feel free to contact any council person with any questions regarding town business or concerns.

• All town parks and shelters will remain open to be used by the public at your discretion.

• The building permit application can be submitted online at ciceroin.org or you can email Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director C.J.

Taylor at ctaylor@townof-cicero.in.gov, or you may call the Plan Commission office directly.

• All Town-provided utilities such as trash, recycling, water and sewer, as well as maintenance of streets and sidewalks, will continue to be provided.

• The Town of Cicero Police Department and the Town of Cicero Fire Department will continue to operate as usual and will continue to provide for the safety needs of the Cicero community.

• If you or your organization scheduled a meeting or an event at any town buildings, those will need to be canceled and rescheduled when the Town Council approves opening these back up to the public.

DISCLOSE

The Indiana State Health Department published a graphic listing the percentage of COVID-19 cases by age and gender. This past weekend the City of New York announced more than 29,000 coronavirus cases, but Hamilton County says they can't break down the

information by city/town.

People want to know the magnitude of coronavirus in their own hometown. They want to know if the safeguards being put in place by their local leaders are working. People want more information at a local level.

To the Hamilton County

Health Department, county commissioners and emergency management agency, I don't buy into your HIPAA reasoning, but I'll offer you the front page of the Reporter to further explain why you can't break down the information — or the reason you choose not to.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans. And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near; and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water; both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8:25-40 (KJV)



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Judith Ann Perryman
January 18, 1941 – March 28, 2020

Judith Ann Perryman, 79, Fishers, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on January 18, 1941 to George and Virginia (Whiteside) Howell in Kilgore, Texas.

Judy worked as a benefits manager for Hamilton Southeastern School for 22 years.

She is survived by her sons, Michael (Amy) Perryman and Mason Perryman; grandchildren, Justin, Kyle, Michael, Kylie Kendra and Kenzi Perryman; extended family, Felicia Weber, Lauren Batman, Cody Batman and Emilia Batman; and her sisters, Patricia McKiel and Jerinelle Wray.

In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her husband, William Perryman; and her son, Patrick Perryman.

No services are planned. The Perryman family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with Judy’s care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Cathy J. Juntgen
March 26, 1951 – March 29, 2020

Cathy J. Juntgen, 69, Monticello, passed away at her residence in the presence of her husband and children on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

She was born on March 26, 1951 in Logansport to the late Thomas Earl and Helen (Quackenbush) Spackman. On July 18, 1970, she married Steven D. Juntgen at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Monticello.

Cathy was a 1969 graduate of Twin Lakes High School and was a member of the National Forensics League. She also played in the band and sang in the choir. She was born with a lifelong passion for animals. Cathy attended Indiana State University. In the summer, Cathy performed at the Indiana Beach Aqua Theater ski show performing the strap and adagio trio acts. Over the span of her career, she worked at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Magnavox, and co-owned a lawn care business in Fort Wayne for 18 years. Cathy was the General Manager of the Indiana Beach campgrounds and the Director of Accommodations for the resort from which she recently retired.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Steve; her children, Michael D. (Megan) Juntgen, Westfield, David W. (Dr. Laura) Juntgen, Westfield, Wendy A. Juntgen, Granger, Ind.; grandchildren, Jake, Zoey, Addison, Elaine, Matthew, Harvey and Duke; her siblings, Tom (Carol) Spackman Jr. of California, Jim (Patty) Spackman, Cornville, Ariz., Joy (Richard) Bailey, Monticello, Ruth (Jim) Davis, Monticello; and many nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and extended family members.

Due to the CDC’s current restrictions of public gatherings, funeral services for Cathy will be held privately for the family. Burial will follow in Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery. A memorial celebration of Cathy’s life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Monticello Christian Church, Happy Tails or ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) at aspcacom.

You are encouraged to leave a message of condolence on Cathy’s online guestbook at springerfuneralhome.com.

James Frank Smith
1937 – March 26, 2020

James Frank Smith, born in 1937 in Frankfort, died March 26, 2020 in Fishers. He was 82 years old.

Jim was born in Frankfort to Louise and Paul Smith. He had four siblings, Fred, Betty Ann, Sarah and Jere. He met Sue, the love of his life, in college, where he was an ATQ at the University of Cincinnati pursuing a degree in architecture. They have been married for 57 years.

Jim started his career with a small firm in Kokomo specializing in church design. In 1975, he partnered with Max Boots to form Boots, Smith and Associates. In 1981, they merged with RQAW, where he worked until retirement in 2011. Jim’s architecture and design impacted a wide array of projects in and outside of Indiana, including military centers, amphitheaters, urban high-rises, universities, toll roads and more. A collaborative effort, the Indiana Bell Telephone Tower in Columbus was featured in Progressive Architecture (PA) and garnered awards from PA and The American Institute of Architects. In 1992, their firm was honored with the Outstanding Achievement Award for design at the Indiana University Center of Excellence in Education.

Jim and Sue raised two wonderful children, Stefanie and Dan. Jim engaged in a variety of activities from President of Cicero Little League to Trustee at his church. Mr. Smith loved his woodshop and sailing, having restored a Snipe sailboat to top condition. Jim and Sue loved to play golf and spent as much time as they could on the links. Jim loved his morning paper and a cup of coffee. A sports fanatic, he was the Pacers and Colts biggest fan.

Jim was a man of few words, but every word he spoke was kind and insightful. He lived with integrity and faith, the calm and reason amid any challenge. He sought to listen and understand first.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Fred and Sarah. What a party they are having in heaven today!

He is survived by his sisters, Jere (Garry) Brown and Betty (Hank) Fisher; his sister-in-law, Helen McEnerney-Smith; his loving wife, Sue; his daughter, Stefanie Smith; his son, Dr. Dan (Kristen) Smith; and his grandchildren, Christopher Khodr, Nick Khodr, Emily Smith and Paul Smith.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Jim’s care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be directed to Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org/donate); or Saint Luke’s United Methodist Church, Indianapolis (pushpay.com/g/stlukesumc)

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| The Cicero Town Council meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020, has been canceled. | The Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020, has been canceled. | The Sheridan Economic Development Commission meeting originally scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020, has been canceled. | |

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If you have any questions or concerns, please call (765) 292-2022 or visit MrMuffinsTrains.com.

Atlanta Town Council closes public places

At the Atlanta Town Council meeting on Friday, March 27, the following closures were announced and will remain in effect until further notice:

- Town Hall
- Community Center
- Playground at the park, but not the park itself

The Easter Egg Hunt has also been postponed until further notice.

Cicero

Cicero Town Council cancels meeting

The Cicero Town Council meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020, has been canceled.

Sheridan

Sheridan Economic Development Commission cancels meeting

The Sheridan Economic Development Commission meeting originally scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020, has been canceled.

Noblesville

NHS Alumni Banquet canceled

The REPORTER

The NHS Alumni Board has made the decision to cancel the 2020 NHS Alumni Banquet.

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.

Community First Bank limits lobby traffic, remains open for business

The REPORTER

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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.).

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Noblesville cancels three upcoming meetings

The City of Noblesville has canceled three upcoming meetings:

- Council Roads Committee, originally scheduled for April 3, 2020
- Tree Board, originally scheduled for April 6, 2020
- Plan Commission, originally scheduled for April 20, 2020

Carmel

Brainard closes playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, golf courses, along with Monon Greenway and Midtown Plaza

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard on Thursday issued a clarification of orders from the Governor's office as it pertains to places of amusement. Under the state's order, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts and other similar areas of outdoor interaction have been closed.

In addition, Brainard has ordered all golf courses closed in Carmel because

golfers are touching flags, using carts, retrieving balls from cups – which poses a problem because the COVID-19 virus can live on these kinds of surfaces for up to three days.

Brainard has also ordered the closure of a section of the Monon Greenway and Midtown Plaza due to overcrowding, which hinders compliance with social distancing restrictions in place during

COVID-19 quarantine. Indiana Code Section 10-14-3-29 allows the mayor to take actions such as this during emergency situations.

The portion of the trail between Gradle Drive to the south and Main Street to the north will be closed until further notice. Seating and equipment are being removed from Midtown Plaza to further deter people from gathering there.

Monon Community Center closes

The REPORTER

The Monon Community Center is closed until further notice.

The closure includes all Monon Community Center amenities: Fitness cen-

ter, 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 recommen-

dations from public health officials.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information.

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 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.

Carmel Community Players reschedules final two shows of this year's season

Dear Patrons:

CCP is closely following all protocols related to containment and prevention of COVID-19, and taking every step necessary to ensure the safety of our audiences, performers and crew. The following is an update on CCP performances, which can change at any time. If so, we will continue to update you, our loyal patrons.

The remaining two shows of our 2019-20 season will be delayed as follows:

The Last Five Years, which had been scheduled to run from April 24 to May 10, will shift forward to July 17-26, assuming rehearsals can start up again by May/June, for performances at The Cat.

We will officially start

our 2020-21 season in December, and will announce the full season at our Annual Membership meeting, which is normally held in May.

[Click here](#) to make a tax-deductible donation to Carmel Community Players. For more information, call (317) 815-9387 or visit carmelplayers.org.

Countywide

Hamilton County Parks closes playgrounds

Parks, public restrooms remain open

The REPORTER

For the health and well-being of the community, playgrounds in all Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Parks are now closed until further notice.

Parks and restrooms will remain open, and increased cleaning and sanitation measures are being taken multiple times every day.

A list of precautions provided by the CDC can be viewed online at [this link](#).

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, remain closed until further notice.

Additionally, as a pre-

cautionary measure, all park programs, events and facility rentals are suspended through April 15.

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.

Prevail providing services despite temporary closure

To Our Community,

Over the past week Prevail staff have continued to provide limited staffing in the office, while meeting most of the needs of our clients by phone. With the Governor's announcement requiring us all to stay home, we will be closing the office and asking all employees to work from

home. If you are in need of Prevail services, please call us! Our community is very important to us and we will continue to serve those who need us.

Our business line, 317-773-6942, will be available for voicemail messages that will be checked throughout the day (with an option to press 1 to be

forwarded to the crisis line) and our crisis line, 317-776-3472, will be answered live during this time.

We look forward to continuing to support those who need our services in new and creative ways!

For more information, visit prevailinc.org.

Riverview Health closes physician offices, limiting orthopedic hours

The REPORTER

Riverview Health has closed all but three primary care offices and limit hours for orthopedics offices.

The three primary care offices that will remain open include Noblesville Family Medicine, Sheridan

Family Medicine and Hazel Dell Family Care. The open orthopedics offices will be Riverview Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine – Carmel and Riverview Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine – Westfield.

Patients needing to schedule an appointment, refill a prescription or otherwise consult with their provider should call their physician's office.

No walk-ins will be allowed at any of the open offices.

PrimeLife 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 immediately.

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 for more information.

Janus postpones fundraising breakfast

The REPORTER

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.

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.

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 prior to July 24.

Corrections Advisory Board cancels meeting

The Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020, has been canceled.

Hamilton North Public Library closes branches

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

Comprehensive Plan Update meeting postponed

The Hamilton County Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Update public hearing scheduled for White River Township on April 16, 2020 has been postponed. A new date will be announced when officials have decided the coronavirus is no longer a threat.

Westfield

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.

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Westfield Chamber cancels April events

The REPORTER

In order to keep Chamber members safe and healthy, all April events

have been canceled:

- Westfield Young Professionals (April 2)
- April Coffee with the

Chamber (April 14)

- Luncheon (April 16)
- Business After Hours (April 23)

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.

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.

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.

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31 years at Hamilton Heights...

JR Moffatt to receive IBCA Assistant Coach of the Year award

Hamilton Heights' JR Moffatt is one of four Indiana high school assistant basketball coaches who will receive special awards from the Indiana Basketball Association in 2020.

Moffatt, a longtime assistant for the Huskies boys basketball team, and North Putnam girls basketball assistant Jim Brothers will receive awards as IBCA Assistant Coaches of the Year. Columbus North girls basketball assistant coach RaNae Isaak and Speedway boys basketball assistant Jim Merlie each will be recognized with a Point Guard College Transformational Coach Award as presented by the IBCA.

This is the third year that the IBCA is recognizing assistant coaches with an award. The awards are going to two coaches who have contributed in a significant way to their respective schools' athletic programs for more than 30 years apiece.

These awards typically are presented during the IBCA's annual clinic during April, but this year's clinic has been postponed from the original April 24-25 dates. The coaches will receive the awards at a date to be determined.

Moffatt said that when he first got the email telling him he had won the award, he thought it was a joke.

"The guys around here joke about me being a forever freshman coach," said Moffatt. "I didn't realize that there was such a recognition. When it registered, my first thought was that there are so many more really, really good varsity and JV assistants that I was shocked that it would go to a freshman coach. I've joked that the only ones who care about freshman basketball are the players and the parents.

"I do feel humbled and honored, though. Hamilton County is a great area for younger level basketball. I feel it's really important to coach skill development and good habits at a young age. I always tell our guys that it's vital to create good habits because when you are under stress and pressure it's human nature to gravitate to your habits. We hammer that pretty hard in everything we do in every practice.

"I have been the beneficiary of being given a great deal of freedom to invest a part of my life in this. My wife Leigh Ann is a great support, I'm fortunate that she caught on to this basketball thing since she hails from the football state of Oklahoma. My son Zac (24) played for me and daughter Shanna (18) was our game announcer this past season."

BEYOND WINS AND LOSSES

Moffatt has been the freshman team coach and a boys basketball program assistant at Hamilton Heights High School for 31 seasons, long teaching the fundamentals of sports and life to help young student-athletes excel on the court, in the classroom and in the world.

"The impact that coach Moffatt has on his players extends way beyond the wins and losses on the court," said Edgewood boys basketball coach Matt Wadsworth, who submitted the nomination for Moffatt for this award. "Anyone who plays for coach Moffatt has a friend and mentor for life. Coach Moffatt is now at a stage



Hamilton Heights assistant boys basketball coach JR Moffatt will receive the IBCA Assistant Coach of the Year award later this year. Moffatt has been with the Huskies for 31 seasons.

in his career where he is coaching former players' sons. It would be very difficult to find a player who didn't enjoy playing for Coach Moffatt. He has used coaching as a way to instill the values needed to help boys grow into young men.

"Although he has the experience and ability to advance past the freshman level as a coach, he never has had a strong desire to move up. One reason for this is the importance he puts on the teaching of fundamentals. He feels it is important that one of the program's best coaches is at the freshman level in order to help develop skills. ... He has always had the ability to challenge and push his players to improve. This is possible because each player knows how much he cares for them."

Moffatt has worked with three varsity

coaches during his time with the Huskies – Kirby Overman for two seasons, Bill Bowen for 16 seasons and Chad Ballenger for 13 seasons. Officially, he has been the freshman team coach while helping with the varsity and JV teams for all these years. Unofficially, he has been a mentor to the coaches, too.

"The ones really that share this and are maybe even more responsible for it are Bill Bowen who I really cut my teeth under for 16 years," said Moffatt. "Chad Ballenger who trusted me enough to allow me to continue when he came 13 years ago. Also, I've had three tremendous assistants over all these years in Eric King, Brian Kuhn and Bret Deckard. Those guys have been great friends and great help. They serve a vital role in

helping me stay grounded when I expect things to be perfect and in 'patching our players back up' after I 'tell them they weren't perfect.' I'm pretty old school in my approach with one twist, I coach 'em hard but I try to love 'em even harder. I try to get them to believe and trust themselves to do some things that maybe they've never believed that they could do. Helping players to realize that they have intrinsic value and helping them to understand how they fit and to cherish their role, no matter what that role is. I've gotten to work with good friends like Matt Wadsworth (former HH JV coach and current Head coach at Edgewood HS) who was a part of me receiving this award."

DRIVEWAY CONVERSATIONS

"J.R.'s relationship with the coaches at Hamilton Heights is also important," Wadsworth said. "J.R. was Bill Bowen's next-door neighbor when Bill was the head coach. After a difficult loss or a bad day at practice, many conversations and words of encouragement were shared in Bill's driveway."

Hamilton Heights athletic director Kurt Ogden also is aware of Moffatt's impact, noting that he also has served the community as a pastor at Arcadia Christian Church since 1987.

"Nobody knows the culture of our school and community better," Ogden told the *Hamilton County Reporter* in 2017.

"That is my full time calling," said Moffatt. "The guys here at ACC felt early that it was important that I involve myself in the community, I played in college and love the game. Heights needed someone, I was available, my first game was at Sheridan, and well, I just finished my 31st season. It's pretty crazy really, seems like it's gone really fast."

For Wadsworth, a North Daviess graduate who previously has coached at Riverton Parke (2007-08), North Posey (2008-12) and Whiteland (2012-19), Moffatt's support has been personal.

"J.R. has served as a mentor and friend to my wife and me," Wadsworth said. "He has been there to support and encourage me throughout my life and each step of my coaching career. One of the most difficult times of my life was when my wife had a miscarriage. The emotional support provided by J.R. was critical for helping my wife and me get through this time. In addition, he has traveled across the state to watch my teams play. Many times, he has shown up to offer encouragement when we were struggling."

Moffatt has helped students and adults in times of need.

"Whenever a player loses a parent, J.R. is there to help counsel the player through the difficult time," Wadsworth said. "Unfortunately, there have been times that it has been the other way around. When a former team manager passed away in a tragic accident, J.R. was there to help the parents overcome the grief they were experiencing. ... I do not think that words can fully describe the impact that he has had on players, coaches and parents at Hamilton Heights."

Moffatt is a 1983 graduate of Columbus East High School, where he played

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HSE SPORTS name changed to Mudsock Youth Athletics

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Changing a name can be a difficult decision. The organization that called itself HSE SPORTS from 1987 through the end of 2019 felt a change in name was in order, which officially went into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. Now the local youth sports organization wants to remind everyone that what was HSE SPORTS is now called Mudsock Youth Athletics.

"Effective branding helps people connect positive experiences to an organization, fostering trust and confidence, said Scott Spillman, Executive Director, Mudsock Youth Athletics. "We collaborated with a local branding company who talked with our board, staff, coaches, parents, and other community members. Through extensive research, it became clear that a rename and new logo was necessary to reflect how our organization has evolved and to more accurately highlight the services and programs we offer."

Where does the term Mudsock originate? Local historians mostly say it goes back to the late 19th century when Fishers consisted mostly of swamp land, and people frequenting the area often had mud on their socks. There was a famous

"Battle of the Mudsock" in the late 1800s that was so violent and rare it made the *New York Times*.

The annual HSE-Fishers football contest is named the Mudsock Game, as are most games between the two high schools located in Fishers.

"Our mission has stayed the same since its inception in 1987; to cultivate an organization that provides all kids in our community a chance to actively participate in the sport they choose, said Beth Lawrence, Assistant Director, Mudsock Youth Athletics. "We are constantly evolving to provide new sport offerings, access to greater education and highlighting our community commitment in all we do."

Mudsock Youth Athletics' new logo reflects the organization's recreational and competitive team sports that promote character development, leadership and physical fitness. The Tigers' red is used to represent Fishers High School and the Royals' blue represents Hamilton Southeastern High School. The athletic sock is featured prominently dipped in mud as a tribute to the history of the community. The sock is slightly slanted to mimic the shape of the state of Indiana.



"We chose a modern feel with a retro look that portrays what we do in the best way possible, said Spillman. It was important that the design of the logo evolve with us over time while nodding to elements of our past."

Unlike other youth sport organizations in Fishers, Mudsock Youth Athletics serves as the umbrella organization to individual member leagues and provides the leagues and families a centralized way of registration, communication, scheduling and field/facility distribution.

"Our volunteers play a critical role in our success and we are fortunate to have members of our community who pour their time, talent and efforts into their league and most importantly into their players, said Lawrence. "Our focus is to create an experience that enriches our kids' lives with a volunteer base made up of neighbors, family, community members, teachers, and more. We have full confidence that our rebrand is reflective of this."

MOFFATT

basketball for coach Roger Reed and baseball for coach Lou Giovanini. His Olympian baseball teams finished 30-4 and 28-5 in his junior and senior seasons. Moffatt went on to Cincinnati Christian University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Christian ministries and also played basketball and baseball. His CCU basketball squads, under coach Tony Wallingford, captured National Christian College Athletic Association national championships in 1985, 1986 and 1987.

"I am humbled, honored and a little bit embarrassed because there are so many really good coaches out there," said Moffatt. "I'm thankful for the HH administration who allows me to invest in this way. I'm thankful that God has granted me the health to continue. I'm so, so thankful for

so many players who are still my friends today, guys who have families that I see in church every Sunday and guys who I see at games when they come back into town to visit family for the holidays."

In addition to coaching basketball, Moffatt has coached baseball at Hamilton Heights. He was the Huskies' varsity baseball coach in 2018 and 2019 after serving the two previous years as an assistant coach in that program.

This is the fourth year for the PGC Transformation Coach Awards, which are presented to coaches who have impacted the lives of their players and fellow coaches at their school and within their community. The recipients are coaches who are respected by their players and fellow coaches for their dedication, posi-

tive approach and integrity on and off the court. Point Guard College is a corporate partner of the IBCA.

Previous PGC Transformational Coach Awards have gone to Gary Cook of North Decatur in 2017; Gary West's Chris Buggs and Switzerland County's

Adam Dennis in 2018; and John Glenn's Travis Hannah in 2019. Previous IBCA Assistant Coach of the Year honors have gone to Union County's Roger Bowling in 2018 as well as Jeffersonville's Clark Miles and Crawfordsville's Danny Pierce in 2019.

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