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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Scattered snow, and then rain showers. Less than an inch of snow accumulation.

Tonight: Clouds decrease.

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Health officials release COVID-19 death data

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Hamilton County health officials released additional data on COVID-19 deaths.

Health officials first explained six of the 11 COVID-19 related deaths reported at county long-term care facilities did occur at the same facility. County officials would not identify the facility.

The health department has now released the number of COVID-19 deaths that have occurred in the county by zip code.

The most deaths, 13, have occurred

in the Clay Township area (zip codes of 46032 and 46033). Eleven of those deaths were in the 46032 zip code, which primarily encompasses areas of Carmel west of Keystone Avenue.

The Fishers area, 46037 and 46038, has recorded a total of eight deaths.

Noblesville zip codes of 46060 and 46062 each have one death.

Washington Township, primarily the Westfield area, has two recorded deaths.

In northern Hamilton County, Jackson Township has seen one death in the 46031 zip code area.

No COVID-19 deaths were reported in the Adams Township zip code of 46069.

County officials declined the Reporter's request for total number of COVID-19 cases by zip code. Health Department officials said, "We are not providing the number of cases by city/town or by township or by zip code as per the policy adopted by the Hamilton County Board of Health pertaining to HIPAA."

The Health Department also announced its will be releasing additional demographics today, including COVID-19 cases by gender and age.

Carmel's police chief sidelined with COVID-19

The REPORTER

In an effort to protect Carmel's first responders and the public they interact with, Mayor Jim Brainard issued a proactive response requiring all police and firefighters to be tested for COVID-19. Unknowningly to Brainard at the time, the testing would eventually sideline the city's top cop.

"I was tested on April 7 and the positive result returned on April 9. I had no idea that I had contracted the virus," said Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow.

"I had no symptoms. I never expected I could feel as good as I do and test positive."

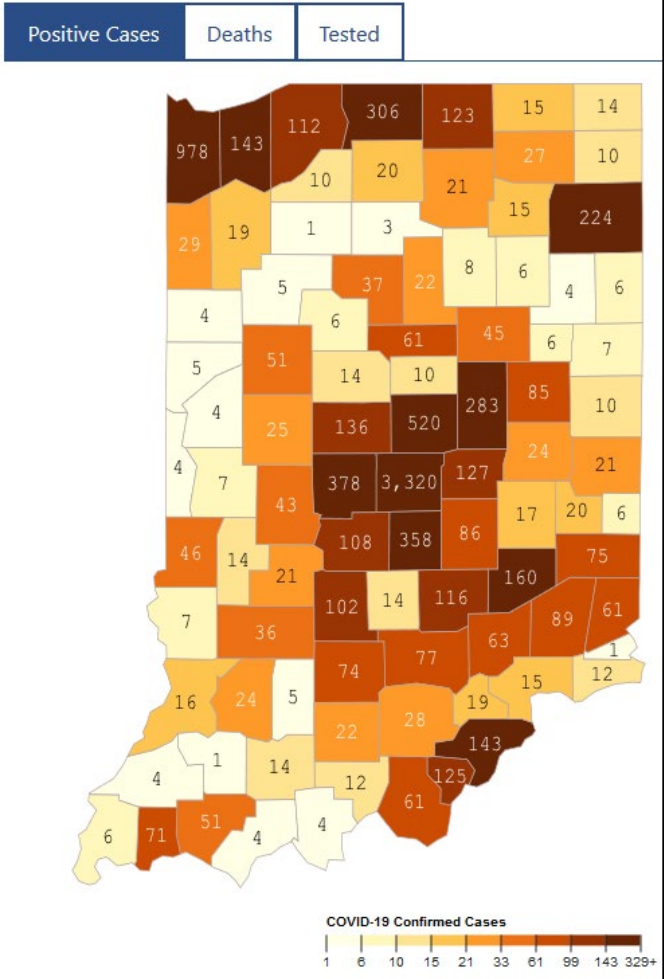
Barlow is not the only Carmel officer to



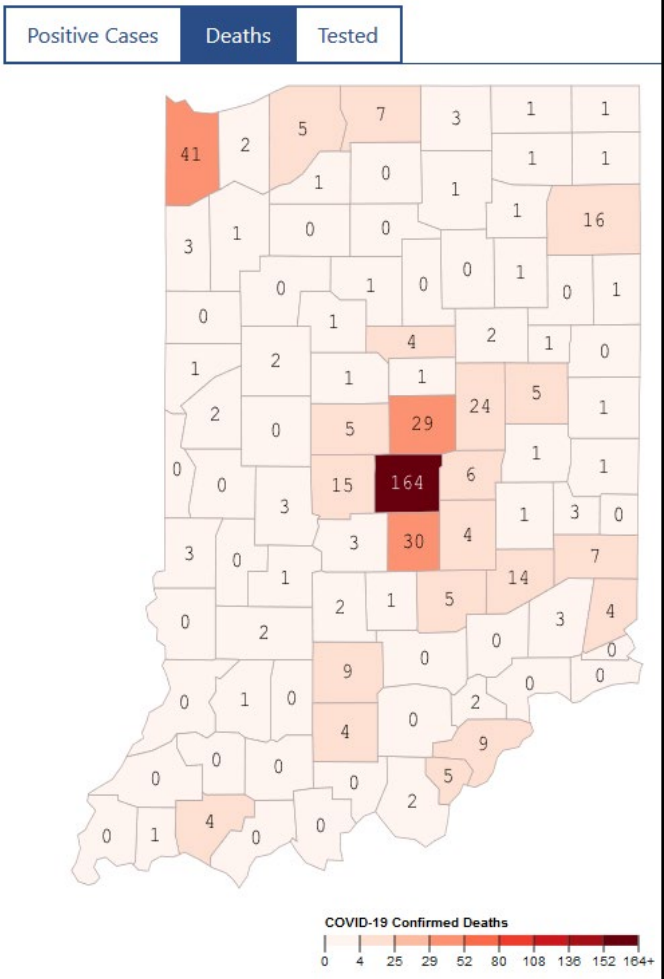
Barlow

Hamilton County exceeds 500 cases

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As of Thursday, Hamilton County has at least 520 cases, and there have been 29 deaths related to COVID-19.

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Please allow me to introduce myself

"What do we know about this guy that is just all over the health department . . . this Jeff Jellison? Or whatever? Do we have any idea where this is coming from? Is this guy just somebody to stir things up or what?"



JEFF JELLISON
Publisher's Perspective

Those questions were asked by Laurie Pylitt, a member of the Board of Directors for the Hamilton County Health Department on Thursday's during the board's quarterly meeting. The questions were in regards to a few columns I've published challenging the health department's interpretation of HIPAA and its transparency in releasing local COVID-19 data.

As the publisher and owner of the only locally-owned newspaper in Hamilton County, my goal has been to publish accurate news, sports, obituaries and the opinions of a great stable of columnists.

Never have I made the newspaper about me.

Today, I'm going to divert from my goal for a moment and introduce myself and my newspaper to Pylitt.

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Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis and his wife, Nikki, had these signs made for seniors to make sure they know Sheridan is proud of them.

Sheridan High School seniors get nice surprise

By VALERIE ROBERTS
For The Reporter

On a cold and blustery Tuesday morning, Mr. Rick Davis, Principal of Sheridan High School, and his wife, Nikki, set out on an adventure. Mr. Davis had special ordered senior signs to help heal some wounds left on hearts by COVID-19. After loading up his car and having all senior addresses in hand, they headed out for the day

to place signs into yards and help bring smiles to many parents' and students' faces.

Jakob Leonard, a senior at Sheridan High School, said, "I am very appreciative of the Class of 2020 yard sign that was given to me by Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis and his wife Nikki. We are all experiencing some raw emotions that we have never felt before in face of this pandemic. Even though

our senior year has been cut short of long-awaited memories, it is awesome to have our administration, teachers and staff lifting us up with hope and love. These are the moments that I will remember when this is all over. Thank you very much for honoring me and my SHS senior class."

Jake's parents, Steve and Anita Leonard, also said, "Words cannot

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Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County sees increase in need

Please donate, help vulnerable citizens

The REPORTER

Requests for meal delivery to area homebound residents has increased by 34 percent in the last 30 days, according to Beth Gehlhausen, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County.

Now in its 45th year, the organization is able to fulfill those requests with hot meals, sack lunches and even frozen meals thanks to the generosity of donors and dedication of staff and volunteers. They are maintaining the health and safety of staff, volunteers and clients by following guidelines from the CDC as well as minimizing exposure with no face-to-face contact. At this time, all meals are delivered to coolers on clients' front porches.

Food insecurity isn't a new concept in Hamilton County. Last year, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County served more than 302 individuals 43,000 meals.

Since March 1, 70 new clients have come on board, nearly doubling monthly costs. An emergency grant has been received from the Hamilton County Foundation, but the need for donations is still great in order to meet the increased sustained need for nutritious meals for the homebound.

"We all have a responsibility to share in the solution, especially given these uncertain circumstances," said Gehlhausen. While donations of any size are appreciated (as \$50 pro-



Gehlhausen

vides meals for one week for a Meals on Wheels client while \$210 provides a month of meals), a 2020 campaign goal of \$50,000 was set at the beginning of the year. To donate or for more information, visit mealsonwheelshc.org/donate. For more information contact Meals on Wheels at (317) 776-7159.

"I want the community to know we're available, and we have capacity to help," said Gehlhausen. "We're taking new clients daily. Individuals just need to call us or go on the website and fill out the online application."

About Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County

Established in 1975, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County enhances the quality of life of homebound individuals and seniors in Hamilton County by providing nutritious meals, personal interactions and independence. Meals are prepared in state-approved healthcare facilities and designed by a certified registered dietitian under a physician's prescribed supervision according to the client's specific dietary needs. Nearly 200 meals are delivered daily by volunteers to enable our clients remain independently living within the community in their own homes for as long as possible. For more information on receiving services or to volunteer, contact Meals on Wheels at (317) 776-7159.



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express our appreciation; we thank you very much!" Many expressions of thanks flooded social media as well. Parents and students alike were waking up to such a nice surprise.

Sheridan Community Schools have often been known as the best-kept secret in Hamilton County due to the outstanding educators that can still offer that small-town feeling.

Each student at Sheridan has multiple opportunities to get involved and be known by their first name.

"I was so surprised to see the sign at the end of our drive and wondered who had put it there, but living in a small community, word travels fast. Words cannot express how truly grateful we are to have a principal who cares enough to personally deliv-

er each sign for the class of 2020," said Jenny Roberts, proud mom of senior Jake Roberts.

While seniors are hopeful that the new graduation date of July 25 can take place, the signs in their yards help share the message that, no matter what, Sheridan is truly proud of their accomplishments and will continue to find creative ways to honor them.

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BARLOW

test positive.

On Thursday, Barlow said, "As of today, we've had a total of five officers test positive, including myself." According to Barlow, four of those officers were members of his administrative staff.

"Of those five, two had no symptoms and three had only mild symptoms."

Barlow said he's in quarantine working from home and he stays in contact with his department and city leaders by video conferencing.

After contracting the virus, Barlow wants to send a strong message to the public. "Even if you feel healthy, social distancing is very important. Also, please wear

a mask. Because I was asymptomatic, had I not been tested, I'm sure I would have infected other people."

Currently all Carmel first responders are being tested once per week. According to Barlow, officers testing positive must have two negative tests before being allowed to return to work.

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Hello, Hamilton County

With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet



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The Reporter is the county's largest distribution newspaper.

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I am a person that until nearly eight years ago had no experience in the newspaper business; however, I did mentor under a great newspaper man, Don Jellison.

I have lived in Hamilton County my entire life.

I own a beautiful piece of property in another part of the state, but choose to reside in Hamilton County.

I'm a person that was fortunate enough to be impacted by some tremendous coaches through participation in athletics. People like Jim Belden, Dave Nich-

olson, Steve Dillinger and Don Dunker. Those people taught me the importance of never giving up. They taught me to be competitive. They taught me each touch of the ball, each play and each at-bat was equally important. I've carried their teachings into my personal and professional life.

I am the husband to a wonderful wife; an expanded duties dental assistant with 24 years of experience. She works for a dental practice that is closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

I am the father of two children. My son is an amazing young man. My daughter serves residents of this county as a police officer. She was on the frontline of COVID-19 daily. Now she is COVID-19 positive and quarantined.

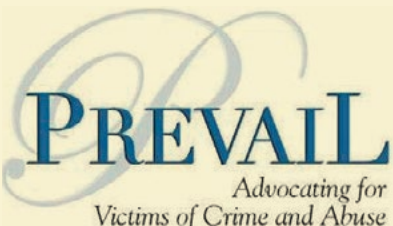
I am the owner of a business that has been financially burdened by COVID-19. A business that has been

tasked as a community watchdog by several thousand Hamilton County residents, my newspaper readers.

I am a person that has been given a constitutional right to question government and the decisions made by government officials. That includes the Hamilton County Health Department and its board of directors.

Ms. Pylitt, now that we have been properly introduced, I'll say this: My reporting was never meant to "stir things up." If my writings had agreed with your position, I doubt my name would have been mentioned in Thursday's meeting.

But, because many of my newspaper's readers and I disagree with you and your board, I'll also say, if you don't like it ... get out of the kitchen while I'm standing next to the stove "stirring" the pot of Hamilton County news for my readers.



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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– **Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**


To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.




What's new for 2020? The Atlas Cross Sport.




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Noblesville Schools receives fifth consecutive music education honor

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday that it has been named a 2020 Best Community for Music Education winner by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. This is the fifth consecutive year Noblesville Schools has earned the honor.

The national recognition highlights school districts for their outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders in embracing music education as a part of the core school curriculum.

Noblesville Schools is one of approximately a



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dozen districts in Indiana to receive the designation this year and one of the exclusive group of even fewer districts

to have received the honor for five consecutive years.

Districts were selected based on music funding,

staffing of highly qualified music teachers, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction.

Attention homeowners, renters: Resources are available to help

The REPORTER

Social service agencies say there are two curves that impact communities in crisis: The immediate impact from the event and the second wave of impact on residents in the weeks and months following. Housing and shelter-related expenses are especially at risk.

The current COVID-19 pandemic is no exception, said Nancy Chance, Hamilton County's coordinator for service organizations active in disaster relief and executive director for the Good Samaritan Network. Just weeks into the crisis, her agency saw an 82 percent increase in requests for support last week as rents and mortgages came due.

The National Multi-Family Housing Council reported that 13 percent more Americans failed to pay their rent in April than in the previous year, putting as much as one-third of all renters at risk for housing insecurity. That number is expected to increase as the country continues to combat the pan-

demic and look toward recovery.

A group of housing-related service agencies wants residents to be aware of their rights and responsibilities.

Studies show more than 60 percent of Hamilton County residents already spend more of their budget than is recommended on housing-related costs, said Andrea Davis, interim executive director of Hamilton County Neighborhood Development Inc. The community development organization's website is serving as the clearinghouse for local housing resources during the crisis.

"We want residents who may be out of work or on reduced pay during the pandemic to know that while all evictions and foreclosures have been temporarily 'paused' by Gov. Eric Holcomb, everyone ultimately will be responsible for that rent or mortgage," said Danielle Carey Tolan,



Chance

Westfield Washington Township Trustee.

Agencies such as the Noblesville Housing Authority want to urge residents whose income has been affected by COVID-19 to contact their landlord or mortgage holder as soon as possible to discuss payment options. And when households receive their checks from the CARES Act, they should prioritize its use.

For those simply unable to continue to pay their rent and/or utilities despite the government programs, there is a small pool of emergency funds available locally, depending on eligibility.

If denied assistance by your township trustee or other source, residents can reach out to the Good Samaritan Network at [GSN-Live.org](https://www.gsn-live.org) and apply for support there. Generally, support is limited to one month, however.

\$5K grants available through Save Small Business Fund

The REPORTER

To extend a helping hand to small businesses suffering from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation – in partnership with Vistaprint and a coalition of supporting companies, foundations and philanthropic donors – is working to provide finan-

cial relief through the [Save Small Business Fund](https://www.savesmallbusiness.com). This fund is a key pillar of the U.S. Chamber's [Save Small Business Initiative](https://www.savesmallbusiness.com).

The Fund is providing \$5,000 in short-term relief to employers across the United States, including chambers of commerce. These one-time supplemental cash grants are for businesses

that have between three and 20 employees and operate in an economically vulnerable community (you can search eligibility by zip code [here](https://www.savesmallbusiness.com)).

The grant application will go live at 3 p.m. on Monday, April 20. To learn more about the Save Small Business Fund and to apply for a grant, visit [savesmall-business.com](https://www.savesmallbusiness.com).

Homeowners need to be on lookout for foreclosure scams

StatePoint

Unfortunately, during times of hardship, families are often targeted by fraud artists attempting to take advantage of those needing assistance. The COVID-19 crisis is no exception, with many scammers pretending to extend a critical lifeline to struggling homeowners through so-called "foreclosure rescue fraud."

According to Freddie Mac, this scheme involves bad actors offering false promises of being able to save your home from foreclosure. Common elements of this fraud include the following:

- Requiring you to sign over the title to your home.
- Asking you to sign unfamiliar documents and/or share your personal information.
- Charging you rent to stay in your home and/or potentially promising that you can purchase your home back when your financial situation improves.

Another common fraud

involves a third party guaranteeing you a loan modification with a reduced mortgage payment. Such scams may operate similarly as foreclosure rescue fraud, as fraudsters collect an upfront fee and promise to work with your loan servicer on your behalf.

So what can you do to protect yourself?

- Don't disclose. Never provide your information via phone or internet until after you have verified the caller or company's identity.
- Be suspicious. If someone has contacted you asking for personal or sensitive information, do your homework to verify the validity of the request before providing any information. Contact your servicer (the company listed on your mortgage statement) and confirm that they called you asking for information.
- Spot imposters. Scammers across the globe can make any name or number appear on your caller ID or email. Protect yourself from

spoofing by letting calls go to voicemail first. If a call is important, the caller will leave a message. If you do answer and it is a robocall, don't press any numbers. Just hang up.

- Report fraud. Freddie Mac will never reach out to offer a refinancing opportunity or new loan over the phone. If you have been contacted by someone claiming to represent Freddie Mac, you can report it by visiting [sf.freddiemac.com/working-with-us/fraud-prevention/feedback](https://www.sf.freddiemac.com/working-with-us/fraud-prevention/feedback).

While there are fraudsters out there offering false promises, know that there is real assistance on offer during this crisis, too. Contact your loan servicer to discuss your options. If Freddie Mac owns your mortgage and you are a homeowner unable to make your mortgage payments due to a decline in income resulting from COVID-19, you can learn more about available mortgage relief options by visiting [MyHome.FredDieMac.com](https://www.MyHome.FredDieMac.com).

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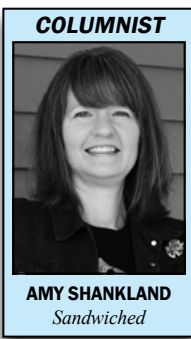
Turning down the heat

As I mentioned weeks ago, the average caregiver is a 49-year-old woman who works and takes care of at least one elderly parent. That's me precisely. Since there are so many women around this age in the sandwich generation, I've decided to occasionally tackle subjects surrounding the "M" word in this column – menopause. Why? The average age for menopause is 51.

Please understand I will only be sharing my experiences and research, and that anything health related should always be discussed with your doctor.

I think the number one thing you hear about with the "M" word is hot flashes. No one knows what causes them for women in this stage of life (ugh). Up until last summer, I hadn't experienced many unless I visited my mother in her 83-degree room. I felt them maybe once or twice a week and was managing just fine.

Then in July I started having hot flashes more frequently, to the point where it was affecting my work and



sleep. I began to take a well-known herbal remedy, black cohosh, to help. The hot flashes went away within a couple of days. But I also saw that the herb sometimes loses its effectiveness after several months.

Fast forward to the end of February 2020 ... yep, right when the whole COVID-19 madness began to strike the United States. My black cohosh stopped working – not the best of timing. I mentioned my struggles to my doctor in early March who said she would prescribe a low-dose antidepressant to help if needed.

I resisted this option for several weeks, trying other herbal remedies to no avail. A week ago Monday I caved in and called Dr. H. for the prescription. After reviewing the potential side effects, which included either drowsiness or insomnia, I made certain my work schedule was fairly light the Thursday of that week and took the first pill that morning.

I then lost two days of my life.

Within an hour I could

barely walk, think, or function. I somehow managed to keep up on emails between lying back in the recliner where I sat in a stupor, not really sleeping but not really existing. I figured I'd at least sleep well that night, but I didn't catch a wink.

I still felt out of it last Friday and struggled through a conference call after lunch before finally crashing for a nap. I couldn't even watch Good Friday services online. By last Saturday I felt normal.

The moral of the story? Get to know yourself and your health in this stage or any stage of life. I had forgotten that I'm a highly-sensitive person, which includes being sensitive to many medications. If I had mentioned that to my doctor I could have avoided this pain.

I'll be taking these pills to a safe disposal facility once things in the world settle down. I'm also researching other ways to help with hot flashes and will keep you posted if anything new helps me. As I've said before, it's important as sandwich generation members to stay healthy and feel our best in order to care for those we love others.

Letter to the Editor

Morris questions coverage of donation of coronavirus test kits to New York City

Dear Editor: We learned this week from Facebook posts by Zak Khan and Carmel City Councilor Bruce Kimball that Khan's firm donated the 50,000 kits to New York City, not Mayor Brainard personally or even the City of Carmel government, which contradicts this headline from the City of Carmel's press release: "Mayor & Apex send Test-Kits to NYC".

I also discovered that the newly-formed entity, Apex Medical, has the same address south of 96th Street as Aria, squarely putting it in Indianapolis. Yet, Mayor Brainard keeps soaking up the positive news from this charitable act of a private individual, who happens to have both contributed to the Mayor's campaign and has not been so diligent or timely in paying his City of Carmel property taxes.

Then the City of Carmel Facebook posted the linked story with this caption: "Good story here ...". sideeffectspublicmedia.org/post/why-city-gives-covid-tests-all-workers-dealing-public It again claims that Jim or the City was the charitable actor. My biggest concern reading this article, though, is Brainard justifying the tests of city employees because many city employees are canceling elective surgeries, allowing the city to handle the costs. Does Mayor Brainard really believe the costs of these elective surgeries will never be incurred? Is the shoulder injury or bad knee going to magically heal itself? It's not as if the elective surgeries covered under the insurance plan are facelifts or breast augmentations. Sincerely, Eric Morris Carmel

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 19th - 25th is National Crime Victims' Rights Week.



Join Prevail and other local businesses in recognizing the voices of survivors of violence in Hamilton County by offering space to display the Clothesline Project at

The Clothesline Project Art Installation is a display of shirts with graphic messages and illustrations created by survivors of violence or family members of victims who have been murdered. The purpose of the Clothesline Project is to increase awareness of the impact of violence and to give survivors an avenue for breaking the silence that often surrounds crimes like sexual assault and domestic violence.

The Project is a healing tool for survivors and an educational tool for the community.

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Tammara Sue Battles

July 25, 1960 – April 14, 2020

Tammara Sue Battles, 59, Noblesville and Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at her home surrounded by family and friends. She was born on July 25, 1960 to James and Kathryn (Willis) Battles at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

Tammara enjoyed family and friends. Willie Nelson, The Beatles, Janis Joplin and Cher were among her favorite musicians. She was an old-fashioned hippy at heart. Tammara enjoyed the simple things in life and she loved collecting vintage items.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet White; grandson, Coleman Lee White; brother, Thomas Battles; and companion, Robert Stevens, all of Noblesville. Several cousins and special friends along with children she cared for over the years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandparents and many friends she considered family.

No services are scheduled presently. The Battles family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with Tammara's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Randall and Roberts Funeral Home to help the family cover the costs of Tammara's arrangements.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Roy Steve Murray

December 1, 1953 – April 12, 2020

Roy Steve Murray, 66, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on December 1, 1953 to Elmer and Martha (Warriner) Murray in Noblesville.

Roy worked for Sodexo and Cicero Christian Church and was getting to retire in the weeks to come. He was a very artistic individual with an amazing ability to draw. Roy was also talented with painting vehicles. He loved watching zombie movies and also loved "oldies" music with some favorites including the Beatles, Janis Joplin and CCR. Roy enjoyed playing the lottery every week and loved some good ole Southern cooked food that his family in and from Kentucky prepared and that he grew up with. He loved and thought of his nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews often and enjoyed getting photos of them. Roy never missed an opportunity to send them cards and gifts.

He is survived by his sisters, Phyllis Williamson, Fishers, and Deborah (Dennis) Bond, Noblesville; brother, Jeff Murray, Noblesville; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, Roy was preceded in death by his grandparents; sister, Patricia Malone; brother, Bobby Murray; and his nephew, Joshua Murray.

No services will be held at this time. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Roy's care.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Acts 10:1-3 (KJV)


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Virtual Meetings

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission and Redevelopment Authority will hold a virtual joint meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2020, using Microsoft Teams. Public comment will not be permitted, but anyone wishing to listen to the meeting may do so by calling (812) 250-2251 and entering 313809146# when prompted.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will hold a virtual meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

Public Notice

Notice

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on Monday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W Main St Arcadia. The discussion will be 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.

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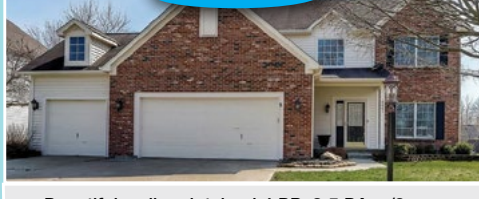
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Riverview Health closes physician offices, limiting orthopedic hours

The REPORTER Riverview Health has closed all but three primary care offices and has limited 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 closed its Center, located at 1078 Third Ave. SW in Carmel, until further notice. Visit primelifeenrichment.org for more information. (CICOA) will deliver lunches to those in need. PrimeLife Enrichment members are encouraged to contact CICOA for additional information.

County Parks & Rec announces closures

Hamilton County Parks & Recreation has closed all county playgrounds. All county parks and public restrooms in the parks will remain open.

Atlanta

Mr. Muffin's closes train layout display to public

Submitted For the health and safety of our customers and friends, the layout at Mr. Muffin's Trains in Atlanta will be closed for now. The shop will remain open for shipping and pickups. We are taking additional safety precautions, including curbside pickup. We strongly recommend placing credit card orders via the [website](http://www.mrmuffinstrains.com); you can still pick up the order by clicking the "Pickup in Store" button in the shopping cart. We'll pull the product and notify you when it's ready to pick up. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (765) 292-2022 or visit MrMuffinsTrains.com.

Atlanta Town Council closes public places

The Atlanta Town Council has closed the following public places:

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

The Easter Egg Hunt has also been postponed until further notice. These closures will remain in effect until further notice.

Fishers

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.

Cicero

Cicero Board of Zoning Appeals meeting canceled

The Cicero Board of Zoning Appeals meeting originally scheduled for April 23, 2020, has been canceled..

Westfield

Westfield Lions Club postpones Poker for Sight tournament

The REPORTER The Westfield Lions Club 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. 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.

Community First Bank limits lobby traffic, remains open for business

The REPORTER All CFB branches have temporarily closed the lobbies to walk-in traffic. The Oak Ridge branch in Westfield will remain fully staffed and able to assist customers. Banking will still be carried out via four drive-up locations, six 24/7 ATMs, online banking, mobile app, night depository, and in-person appointments by request (including new account openings, loan appointments, etc.). Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions.

Carmel

Palladium concerts rescheduled

The REPORTER The Center for the Performing Arts has rescheduled four Center Presents concerts that had been postponed in response to public health guidelines for COVID-19. Ticket holders with questions can contact Patron Services at Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org. The rescheduled performances will be part of the 2020-21 Center Presents 10th Anniversary Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

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

Dear Patrons: The remaining two shows of the 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. [Click here](http://carmelplayers.org) to make a tax-deductible donation to Carmel Community Players. For more information, call (317) 815-9387 or visit carmelplayers.org.

Carmel closes Monon Community Center

The Monon Community Center is closed until further notice. For the most up-to-date information, please visit carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information.

Sheridan

Sheridan Historical Society's Heritage Celebration Dinner postponed until fall

The REPORTER The Sheridan Historical Society has canceled its annual Heritage Celebration Dinner, which was scheduled for Thursday, April 16. The dinner will be rescheduled for some time in the fall of 2020. The Sheridan Historical Society thanks everyone for their support during these troubling times and reminds everyone to STAY HOME and STAY SAFE.

Sheridan school board meeting canceled

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020, has been canceled.

Noblesville

Community First Bank limits lobby traffic, remains open for business

The REPORTER All CFB branches have temporarily closed the lobbies to walk-in traffic. The Pebble Village branch in Noblesville will remain fully staffed and able to assist customers. Banking will still be carried out via four drive-up locations, six 24/7 ATMs, online banking, mobile app, night depository, and in-person appointments by request (including new account openings, loan appointments, etc.). Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions.

Noblesville Plan Commission meeting canceled

The City of Noblesville has canceled the Plan Commission meeting originally scheduled for April 20, 2020.

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Column

Job well done: Bob Godby hangs up his whistle after 40 years as a referee

By CHUCK GODBY

During the past 40 basketball seasons, he's been a referee in every gymnasium in Hamilton County, and many others in surrounding counties.

He's one of the most respected officials around, but he's never done a state finals game, or even a sectional game. In fact, he has refereed very few varsity games.

If there was a Hall of Fame for junior high, freshmen and junior varsity referees, though, then Bob Godby would go in on the first ballot.

Bob is my brother. He's a 63-year-old husband and loving father of three children and three grandkids. This is my tribute to him. He's one of the finest, hardest-working people I've ever known. During my years involved with sports in Hamilton County, I've met many people who know my brother as a referee. No one who has spoken to me about him has ever said anything close to negative.

It seems only natural that he would have been an outstanding referee. At Sheridan High School, he won 11 varsity letters, including four in football and baseball, and three in basketball.

He was such a respected football player that a player from a rival school once told me that when they were preparing to play Sheridan, a player on their offense had to wear a jersey with Bob's number on it all week long so the defense could focus on stopping him.

I didn't really like him all that much growing up. He and my little brother Joe teamed up to beat me up a lot. I was kind of nerdy and annoying, though, so I probably deserved it. And there was that time after Bob got his driver's license and wanted to drive to town. I wanted to go so bad and Mom said he could go if he took me.

We were halfway to town when Bob stopped the car and told me to get in the back seat. About the time we reached Curryville, I was told to lie on the floor and don't move. So I did. We drove up and down Main Street a few times before heading home. I didn't dare raise from that floor. You can bet I was back in the front seat, though, when we pulled into the home driveway.

By the time Bob was a senior and I was a sophomore, I was starting to realize just how special my big brother was. Not only was he a great athlete, I couldn't help but notice how opposing players, coaches and game officials respected him.

He carried that right into an officiating career that has also included football, baseball, softball and volleyball.

Before he became the IHSAA Commissioner, Bobby Cox was an athletic director at Carmel and he hired my brother to work many games there.

"During my days as an athletic administrator, I hired Bob many times to call our basketball games," Cox said. "I was assured he would call his best game and was always professional with everyone associated with the contest. For an athletic director, that is all you can ask for and Bob delivered every time."

Cox, who recently announced his retirement as IHSAA Commissioner, concluded: "Just wanted to pass along my



Photo provided

Bob Godby retired from refereeing this season after 40 years. Godby, a fine athlete at Sheridan High School, officiated many games across all sports in Hamilton County and surrounding counties.

congratulations and sincere thanks to Bob Godby for his 40 years of service to thousands of Hoosier students while serving as a contest official. Congratulations to my friend for a journey well-traveled."

I knew Dave Platt as the baseball coach at Carmel High. My brother Bob knew him as a junior high athletic director at Carmel Middle School from 1994 to 2010.

"One of Bob's most noticeable traits was his love of sports and kids," Platt told me. "He was so dependable. Never worried about him not showing up, but if for some reason he needed to cancel, he provided as much notice as possible, and sometimes found his own replacement, which was much appreciated."

"Bob was always prepared for whatever sport he was officiating," Platt continued. "He knew the rules. He understood the sport. No one ever questioned

his integrity and he was consistent. He also communicated with the kids and coaches, and he always hustled."

"The game was never about him, which isn't the case with some officials. He was among the very best I had the pleasure to work with," Platt concluded.

My brother would shy away from being interviewed for this story, but a few years ago I asked him about any funny moments he recalled.

"I was doing a game at Hamilton Heights and I was standing along the sideline waiting to hand the ball off to start the half," he said. "This lady, she was probably in her seventies, walked by me carrying popcorn and a drink and I said hello. She stopped and said 'Get in the game,' then walked off."

Ruth McKinney was once an athletic director at Heights, and worked with my brother.

"He was always on time with a smile on his face," she recalled. "He was very professional and always fair. If I needed help at the last minute, he'd be there if he was available."

Ruth's husband, Scott, was once a varsity basketball coach and later joined the officiating ranks.

"Scott looks up to Bob because he had been officiating so long and was easy to work with," she said. "I think Bob enjoyed working at Hamilton Heights most because of our hospitality room."

And she's probably right. I knew that's where I'd always find him when I was doing the public address announcing there.

When the 2019-20 basketball season ended, Bobby Godby hung up his whistle a final time. No rocking chair or pre-game tributes, just a job well done, big brother.



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For the 2019-20 season...

Hamilton County boys basketball stats

Stats courtesy MaxPreps and Carmel High School

SCORING

Name	School	Total	GP	Avg.
Gus Etchison	HH	694	25	24.9
Bernie McGuinness	GC	476	23	20.7
Braden Smith	WHS	443	24	18.5
Jeffrey Simmons	FHS	418	25	16.7
Alex Szilagyi	FHS	234	14	16.7
Joe Martin	UHS	349	24	14.5
Max Greenamoyer	UHS	354	26	13.6
Camron Knott	HH	269	21	12.8
Nic DePasquale	WHS	280	24	11.7
Vinny Buccilla	HSE	248	22	11.6
Joseph Bobilya	GC	265	23	11.5
Mabor Majak	HSE	264	23	11.4
Peter Suder	CHS	281	25	11.2
Ethan Moistner	SHS	258	23	11.2
Kole Hornbuckle	HSE	263	23	11.1
Alex Hunt	NHS	262	24	10.9
Brian Waddell	CHS	209	20	10.4
Cam Haffner	WHS	247	24	10.3
Kaleb Edwards	GC	236	23	10.3

3-POINTERS MADE: Max Greenamoyer, UHS, 77; Braden Smith, WHS, 61; Gus Etchison, HH, 60; Jackson Jannsen, CHS, 52; Camron Knott, HH, 49; Alex Szilagyi, FHS, 45; Ethan Moistner, SHS, 41; Cam Haffner, WHS, 40; Joseph Bobilya, GC, 38; Vinny Buccilla, HSE, 36; Nolan Buckner, SHS, 34; E.J. Smith, NHS, 34; Evan Wilson, NHS, 34; Bernie McGuinness, GC, 32.

REBOUNDS

Mabor Majak	HSE	230	23	10.0
Bernie McGuinness	GC	163	23	7.1
Jeffrey Simmons	FHS	168	25	6.7
Peter Suder	CHS	164	25	6.6
Braden Smith	WHS	130	24	5.4
Camden Brown	UHS	138	26	5.3
Matthew Gillis	GC	112	21	5.3
Gus Etchison	HH	124	25	5.0
Kole Hornbuckle	HSE	107	23	4.7
Brian Waddell	CHS	91	20	4.6
Nick Roberts	SHS	103	23	4.5
Ethan Moistner	SHS	100	23	4.3
Charlie Williams	CHS	79	25	4.2
Kaleb Edwards	GC	97	23	4.2
Camron Knott	HH	86	21	4.1
DeAndre Rhodes	HSE	90	23	4.0
Nolan Buckner	SHS	83	21	4.0
Jordan Gadis	NHS	94	24	3.9
Cameron Weitzel	GC	89	23	3.9

ASSISTS

Sam Mervis	UHS	153	26	5.9
Vinny Buccilla	HSE	111	22	5.1
Braden Smith	WHS	113	24	4.7
Connor Gioia	CHS	97	25	3.9
Gus Etchison	HH	93	25	3.7
Hudson Hochstedler	HH	84	25	3.4
Charlie Smith	FHS	79	25	3.2
Dominic Castellani	FHS	76	24	3.2
Justin Long	FHS	61	20	3.1
Joe Martin	UHS	70	24	2.9

Kole Hornbuckle	HSE	61	23	2.8
Joseph Bobilya	GC	61	23	2.7
DeAndre Rhodes	HSE	62	23	2.7
Nolan Buckner	SHS	55	21	2.6
Kyle Eden	SHS	54	21	2.6
Brendon Fisher	NHS	57	24	2.4
Bernie McGuinness	GC	51	23	2.2
Silas DeVaney	SHS	49	23	2.1
Jordan Gadis	NHS	47	24	2.0

STEALS

Sam Mervis	UHS	59	26	2.3
Peter Suder	CHS	52	25	2.1
Kaleb Edwards	GC	42	23	1.8
Nolan Buckner	SHS	37	21	1.8
Max Greenamoyer	UHS	46	26	1.7
Gus Etchison	HH	41	25	1.6
Charlie Smith	FHS	40	25	1.6
Braden Smith	WHS	35	24	1.5
Connor Gioia	CHS	35	25	1.4
Joe Martin	UHS	34	24	1.4
Bernie McGuinness	GC	33	23	1.4
Kole Hornbuckle	HSE	32	23	1.4

BLOCKED SHOTS

Mabor Majak	HSE	59	23	2.6
DeAndre Rhodes	HSE	20	23	0.9
Jeffrey Simmons	FHS	21	25	0.8
Camden Brown	UHS	20	26	0.8
Peter Suder	CHS	25	18	0.7
Alex Hunt	NHS	24	16	0.7



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