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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny and warmer again!

Tonight: Mostly cloudy.
Scattered showers after midnight.

HIGH: 65 LOW: 51



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Fishers to establish city health department

Dr. Indy Lane expected to be appointed Fishers Health Officer

The REPORTER

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness and the city council will conduct an emergency meeting today to take steps to further ensure the health and safety of Fishers residents is the highest priority of the city.

City officials will act on a resolution to establish a Fishers City Health Department.

Indiana statute provides for second-class cities to establish their own full-time health department.

If approved, the health department would be managed by a Fishers Board of Health.

The Board will have the powers and duties prescribed for all health boards in the state, which include taking any action authorized by statute or rule of the state

department to control communicable diseases, make sanitary and health inspections, and investigating the existence of any contagious or infectious disease and adopting measures to arrest the progress of any contagious or infectious disease.

The health board will consist of seven members appointed by Fadness, not more than four members belonging to the same political party. At least three of the members must be licensed physicians. At least one of the members must be a licensed veterinarian. The initial members of the board shall be appointed as follows: One will serve for a period of two



Dr. Lane

years; two will serve for a period of three years; and four will serve for a term of four years.

A Health Officer will also be appointed by the council to serve as the executive officer for the Fishers City Health Department.

It is expected that Indy Lane, MD, FACOG will be appointed as the Fishers Health Officer. If approved, Dr. Lane will serve as Health Officer for the City of Fishers for a four-year term.

By establishing a health department and using \$2,000,000 out of cash reserves, testing will be available for any Fishers resident who needs a COVID-19 test. Fadness indi-

cated the Fishers Fire Department will perform the tests.

It has been reported Fadness has been frustrated with the Hamilton County Health Department's handling of some COVID-19 issues.

With the establishment of a health department, Fishers will partner with a software company to provide real-time data for residents and businesses.

"The ability to have real-time data analytics is critical. That data is information, and information is power," said Fadness.

Other city officials have agreed with Fadness' proactive approach to help the Fishers community with localized data, as it pertains to Fishers residents and businesses.

Fishers plans widespread testing, unveils economic recovery plan

The REPORTER

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness on Thursday announced his plan to lead Fishers and support the health and economic recovery of the city in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic. The \$2.5 million Fishers Recovery Plan will launch COVID-19 testing for Fishers residents alongside a comprehensive tracing program and business recovery support programs.

"For far too long municipalities and mayors have only focused on the infrastructure, public safety, and economic development of their cities," said Fadness. "In today's economy, it is critical we add population health to this list. Fishers has benefited by the leadership of Governor Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Dr. Box in taking this pandemic seriously from the outset. My hope is that our efforts announced today will further support their initiative while ensuring the health and safety of our residents in providing a roadmap toward health and economic recovery."

During the announcement, Fadness unveiled his six-part plan for ensuring the long-term health and safety of residents in response to the eventual lifting of statewide stay-at-home orders.

1. Establish Fishers Health Department
2. Provide free COVID-19 testing for residents
3. Provide testing access for businesses
4. Access real-time data analytics and contact tracing capabilities
5. Deploy Rapid Response Teams to assist businesses in safety and health protocols
6. Provide extensive resources and training to the business community



Fadness

Fishers dips into cash reserves to finance COVID-19 testing

By LARRY LANNAN
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"Today is a conversation about an action-oriented, comprehensive plan that will allow our city to be in a strong position as (Governor Eric Holcomb) and (Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box) make their decisions around recovery and reopening. Our City of Fishers will be ready."

That's how Mayor Scott Fadness opened his Thursday morning news conference announce-

ing a plan to have Fishers set and ready once state officials gradually allow the business community to open up. The mayor says he will dip into the city's cash reserves to finance an aggressive COVID-19 testing program, allowing businesses the opportunity to reopen and remain open by combining public health with the city's economic health.

The testing program, projected to provide 200 to 300 tests per day, will be financed with about \$2.5 million from cash reserves.

Coronavirus and the power of fear

There has been a lot said and written about the protests staged in several states, including Indiana, in the past few days, protesting the stay-at-home orders and business closings due to the spread of coronavirus. The protesters want to start working again in their shut-down industries.

The health experts who specialize in epidemiology are clear that we must practice social distancing or death rates from the novel coronavirus will spike upward. Those involved in the protests say they just need to work and start bringing in money now.

I have seen much heavy criticism of these protests, particularly the Saturday demonstration at the Indiana Governor's residence on the north side of Indianapolis. Those protesting were very close together with few wearing masks.

In politics and public policy, fear can be a key emotion. Fear can dictate how one advocates for or against public policy and can greatly influence how you vote in an election. When you can no longer work and money stops coming into your family, fear becomes a very real thing.

Just talk to people in-



LARRY LANNAN
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volved in food banks. They have never been so overwhelmed. Those groups are helping people that have never needed food assistance and never imagined they ever would need such help.

As human beings, we are all in this together. I have seen one argument that "being in this together" does not mean we are all in the same boat. Some of us are not working, or working fewer hours. Some of us continue to work, either out of our homes or as essential employees.

I understand the fear I am seeing, but we all must do whatever we can to stop the spread of this virus. Because people without symptoms can contract the virus and spread it to others, this is particularly lethal.

Yelling at each other and placing blame doesn't help right now. There will be plenty of time to study how this happened and everything that went wrong, and our media is doing a good job of watching all that.

Our common humanity must prevail. Government and non-governmental organizations must help those without work get through this very terrible period.

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Expansions at Noble Crossing, Hazel Dell schools moving forward

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Monday that it is moving forward with expansions at Noble Crossing and Hazel Dell elementary schools.

These construction plans are in addition to several others the district has already announced previously, including an expansion at North Elementary, a new community center located off of Field Drive, a new multipurpose stadium, soccer shelter enhancements and a new district storage facility.

All projects will be funded through bonds and will not use referendum dollars or raise the tax rate.

Growth on Noblesville's west side has driven up enrollments in recent years at Noble Crossing and Hazel Dell, creating the need for expansions to maintain appropriate class sizes and services.

The Noble Crossing Elementary expansion will include:

- New southwest wing of six classrooms and teacher work room (May 2021)
- Expanded cafeteria dining area (December 2020)



Rendering provided by Noblesville Schools

The new southwest wing for Noble Crossing Elementary School is expected to be complete by May 2021.

The Hazel Dell Elementary expansion will include:

- Two new classrooms and two new teacher work rooms (August 2020)
- Renovations to office areas in media center, nurse

clinic and front office (August 2020)

The district works with a professional demographer on an ongoing basis to analyze future growth predictions and trends. While all Noblesville schools are at or near capacity now, the predicted future needs do not warrant the expense of building additional schools at this time.

The district last re-

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Do not blame those fearful of this situation. I understand that emotion. But let's pull together and help each other to the extent we can.

The wealthiest among us, some of whom are doing very good work, have a special responsibility. Organizing protests with a political motive is not the right choice at this moment.

The Paycheck Protection Program, aimed at keeping small businesses going and keeping their staff intact, is out of money until Congress approves more funding. NBC financial reporter Stephanie Ruhle said recently on MSNBC's *Morning Joe* that lots of businesses, such as law firms, who qualify be-

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With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet



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businesses that do not use this situation to do something better for society:

"Their brand is going to get destroyed. I mean, how you treat your employees today will have more impact on your brand in future years than any amount of advertising, any amount of anything you literally could do. Because, again, we're all suffering from this. Every single person is looking to see how their company is treating them, how their employers are treating family members and friends."

When food banks are overwhelmed with people who never expected to need that help, every business person should pay attention to Mark Cuban's advice.

We may not all be in the same boat, but as human beings who want to live and want our loved ones to live, we are together and should be united.

Listen to the health experts. Stay at home to the extent possible. Wash your hands. No protest will change any of that. You cannot live your life in fear.

PLAN

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Recovery Center to provide virtual assistance to small businesses to navigate federal and local loan opportunities as well as free six-month memberships to Launch Fishers for new members

- Introduce the Launch Fishers Entrepreneurship Program that provides a free six-month membership to Launch Fishers and free mentoring services
- Continued stay in temporary signage restrictions
- Delay in quarterly commercial stormwater payments through July 20.

"These actions are in response to the eventual lifting of the current stay-at-home order so we can be prepared," said Fadness. "It is important that residents and businesses do not interpret this as a lifting of any current stay-at-home orders but instead a proactive plan to be ready for when Governor Holcomb and Indiana State Health Commissioner Dr. Box deem it is safe for us to do so."

To help residents and businesses navigate the programs and support of the Fishers Recovery Plan, the City of Fishers established a website with more information. Residents and businesses may visit Fishers-Recovery.com to learn more.

The City of Fishers recognizes Community Health Network, Qualtrics, and Mid-America Clinical Laboratories in their partnerships and support of the Fishers Recovery Plan.

The City of Fishers will hold an emergency City Council meeting on Friday, April 24 to present the Fishers Recovery Plan and seek approval for the establishment of the Fishers Health Department and funding for the program.

Thanks for reading
The Reporter!



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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)

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INDOT holding virtual job fair

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation will host a virtual career fair to fill over 100 open positions on Thursday, April 30. The event is scheduled for 10 to 11 a.m. on Microsoft Teams, an online video con-

ferencing application for both desktop and mobile devices. Featured jobs include summer seasonal workers, highway technicians, equipment mechanics and construction engineers. Presenters from the Indiana

State Personnel Department and INDOT will share information about each position, in addition to what it is like to work the agency and what INDOT has to offer its employees. While no registration is required, those who wish to

participate may download the Microsoft Teams application in advance [here](#). The live event can be accessed online at [this link](#) on Thursday. A full listing of job opportunities at INDOT can be found at [indotjobs.com](#).

Letter to the Editor

Does Hamilton County care about its veterans?

Dear Editor,
I recently read some articles about the Hamilton County Commissioners and the County Veterans Service Officer failing to do a good job for our county's 14,000 veterans. Most recently, I read statements by County Commissioner candidate Charlie McMillan in the April 22, 2020 edition of *The Times*. McMillan claimed some Hamilton County veterans "...are driving to Tipton County for veterans (sic) services due to current issues at our county's veterans service office." This bothered me tremendously since I am a disabled Special Forces veteran living in Hamilton County.
The CVSO assists veterans who need to file initial compensation and pension claims, or need other services like the Aid and Attendance program, which is an extension of the VA's low-income pension provision for veterans or their surviving spouses. I met with Hamilton County Commissioners Steve Dillinger, Mark Heirbrandt, and with Lisa Charles, the Acting County Veterans Service Officer. I learned that some negative information I

read came from a disgruntled former CVSO who was not reappointed by the county after working there for five years. The former employee claimed that Ms. Charles was not qualified for the job because she did not meet a five-year residency requirement, even though she was otherwise capable and had successfully completed the required accreditation training. As a result, Ms. Charles was renamed "Acting" CVSO while the county interviewed a number of potential candidates. Ultimately, none were found.
Commissioner Heirbrandt learned that many CVSOs in other counties had not been residents for five years either. County leaders across the state were much more concerned about hiring capable CVSOs than meeting an arbitrary residency rule, so Commissioner Heirbrandt and others worked with state lawmakers to remove this unnecessary obstacle. The new law requires the CVSO to become a resident within six months of accepting the position. The law goes into effect in July, when Ms. Charles will once again be

appointed as the Hamilton County VSO.
The county is doing much more for veterans too. In order to meet the increasing demand for veterans' services, this year Hamilton County increased CVSO staffing. A new part-time position was filled by a U.S. Air Force veteran and another part-time position was made full-time. This increases CVSO availability, capacity and response time.
The office space was improved by turning a former conference room into two offices with separate workspaces for each Assistant CVSO. This affords privacy for veterans and their families who often discuss very personal medical and financial information.
To show respect and pride in our veterans, the county recently invested over \$46,000 in renovations to the County Veterans Memorial. Repairs involved replacing sidewalk, repairing the memorial's foundation, re-caulking joints, and completing some repairs to the monument itself.
In addition, much emphasis was placed on the unique needs of veterans returning to civilian

life in the county's State of The Workforce study, published last September. Former service members are highly sought-after by employers due to skills and personal attributes developed during military service. These attributes include personal integrity, discipline and teamwork, so the county initiated a unique recruiting and training program to encourage more veterans from other states to move to Hamilton County. The study also identified other veteran issues, like helping veterans translate military skills and accomplishments into language civilian employers can understand and value.
In short, Hamilton County is very proactive in terms of understanding and responding to the needs of its veterans. I can think of no reason why any veteran would need to go to Tipton County for assistance. My initial concern led me to look into this issue, and it seems to be much ado about nothing. More importantly, it has verified for me that Hamilton County definitely cares about us veterans and our particular needs.
Matt Rowe
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Dina Ferchmin asks you to vote Steve Dillinger for commissioner

Dear Editor,
As the elections roll around, responsible citizens do their best to sift through all the news outlets for unbiased information about each candidate. Fortunately, I have had the opportunity to work with, and observe one of our county's most prominent political figures — Steve Dillinger, the president of our county board of commissioners. As a contribution to the election process, I'll share my experience with you.
I had the opportunity to interact with Mr. Dillinger numerous times while I directed the Trinity Free Clinic for a period of five years. I found him to be honest and transparent. He shares his opinion openly, whether it is popular or not. There is no guessing at what he is thinking, and no unspoken agenda or ulterior motives. This is refreshing in a politician.

In his dealings with county residents, I found Mr. Dillinger to be very respectful. He is even polite to his political opponents and is not a fan of mudslinging, which is all too common.
Mr. Dillinger is a community connector. Because of his vast network, he often makes connections between organizations in the county that are mutually beneficial. For example, he recognized the value of connecting the Trinity Free Clinic, which provides free medical and dental care to uninsured and low-income workers in the county, to Riverview Health, the county hospital. His direct involvement resulted in the appointment of the Chief Nursing Officer to the Board of the Trinity Free Clinic. Both organizations now work together to keep the uninsured and working poor healthy, while avoiding expensive and non-re-

coverable emergency room bills.
Year after year Mr. Dillinger reported the results of the efforts of the county commissioners, including himself, Mark Heirbrandt, and Christine Altman, to the county residents during the annual state-of-the-county address. From these reports it is evident that he has the ability to think strategically about the growth and improvement of the county, while working through many competing needs.
Finally, I believe that Mr. Dillinger does not need any of the benefits of being a county commissioner. He certainly does not need any of the headaches which are part of the job. We are fortunate, however, that he chooses to serve us purely out of a desire to make our community a better place to live.
Dina Ferchmin
Carmel

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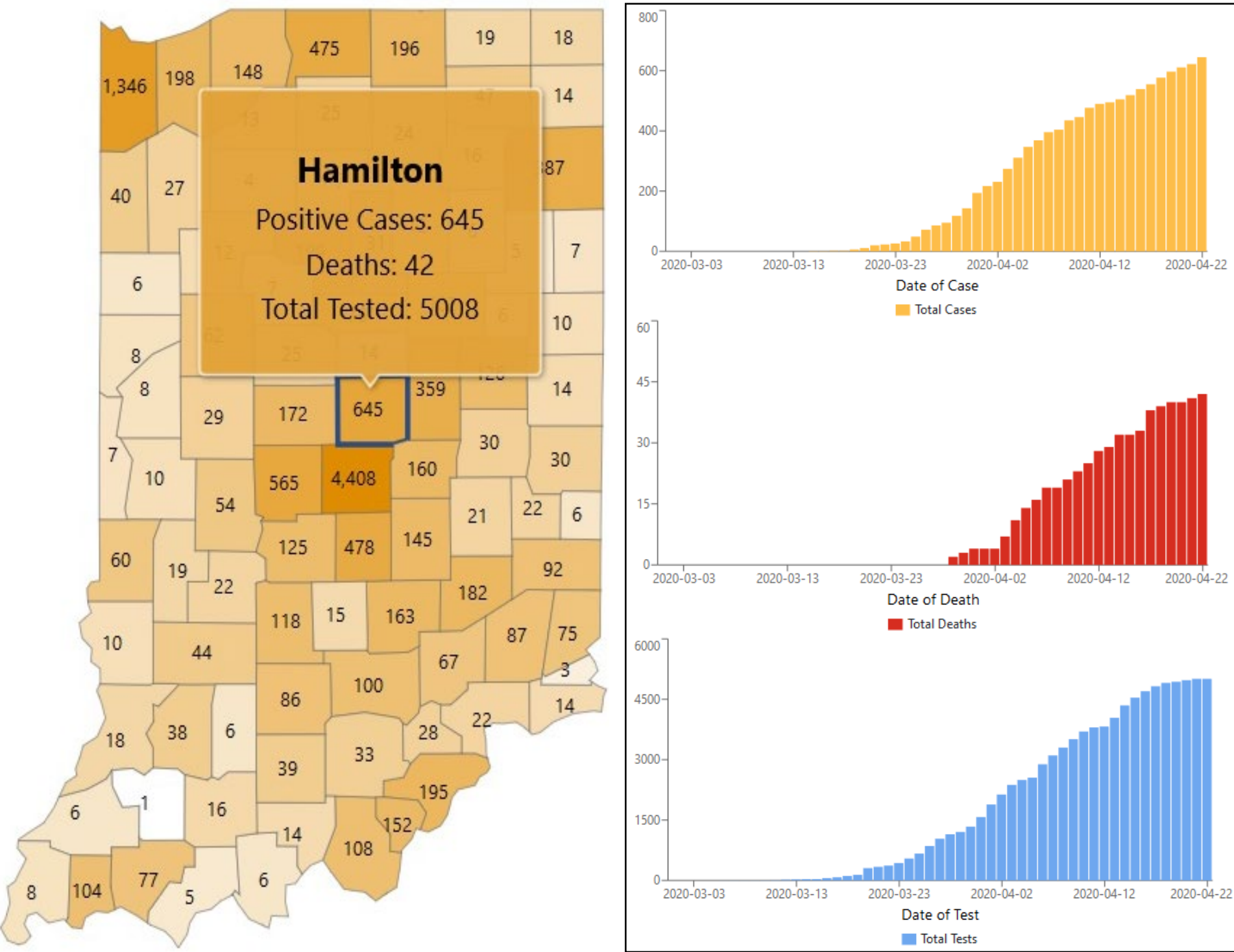
Latest COVID-19 data for Hamilton County

All data sourced from the Indiana State Department of Health. Data are current as of April 23, 2020. You can access updated data daily by visiting coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm.

Data Overview for Hamilton County



Cases, Death & Testing Data for Hamilton County



Trout season opens Saturday

The REPORTER

DNR fisheries staff have been busy in recent days stocking thousands of trout in preparation for the opening of inland stream trout season at 6 a.m. this Saturday.

By opening day, DNR will have stocked over 23,000 rainbow trout in 17 streams in 12 different counties. To find a stocked stream near you, see the 2020 Trout Stocking Plan at wildlife.IN.gov/5457.htm.

The stocked trout come from Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station near Howe in LaGrange County and average roughly 11 inches in length.

Trout will bite on a variety of different artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular.

The bag limit for trout

in inland waters, other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries, is five fish per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. No more than one of these can be a brown trout. Any brown trout kept from the Whitewater River must be at least 18 inches in length.

Anglers 18 years and older need an Indiana fishing license and a Trout/Salmon Stamp Privilege to fish for trout. Per Indiana Executive Order, 2019-20 annual licenses and stamps, including fishing licenses and Trout/Salmon Stamp Privileges, are valid until May 22, 2020.

Hoosiers should follow posted restrictions and practice social distancing while outdoors. For the most up-to-date information regarding DNR and COVID-19, visit on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

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DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Base bid work for which proposals are to be received is for the construction of approximately 2450 tons of full depth patching, 80400 square yards of surface pavement milling, 14000 tons of HMA surface and wedge and level, 125000 linear feet of pavement striping, 4000 tons of compacted #53 stone shoulder, 66 linear feet of culvert replacement, and 200 linear feet of W-beam guardrail installation.

BID DOCUMENTS: Electronic copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained on or after **April 27, 2020** by sending an email to arodewald@noblesville.in.us and scooper@noblesville.in.us requesting instructions to download project documents. In the email request, state project name and company information with primary contact (address, phone, fax, and email).

Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms contained in the Contract Documents. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96 (Revised 2013), and acceptable bid security. Any Bid not accompanied by the aforementioned required items shall be deemed to be a non-responsive Bid.

No Bidder may withdraw the proposal within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The City reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The City further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder all to the advantage of the City of Noblesville or to reject all bids.

BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to the City of Noblesville or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to five percent of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears of the current Treasury Department Circular 570.

BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded.

QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS: Bidder, or Sub-Contractor performing work type, must be on the most current Indiana Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Contractors list at the date of the Bid Opening for the types of work involved with this project, including, but not limited to "Placing Asphalt Pavement", "Asphalt Pavement Milling", "Traffic Control: Pavement Markings", "Small Structures, Culverts, & Drainage Items", and "Guardrail, Cable Barrier, Crash Attenuators, and Fence".

All contractors, suppliers and subcontractors shall demonstrate 5 years of progressive public works experience in work similar in nature to this project. All workers employed on the project shall have documented legal citizenship or immigration status. Any general or subcontractor that has outstanding fees or inspections or has outstanding work-related, performance, or quality issues with the City of Noblesville may be deemed as non-responsive or non-responsible.

Any bid submitted by a firm that is not a plan holder and does not appear on the Official Plan Holders List for this project will be deemed non-responsive and non-responsible.

INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Standard Questionnaire Form 96 – Revised 2013, completely filled out and signed, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me? And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Acts 10:29-33 (KJV)

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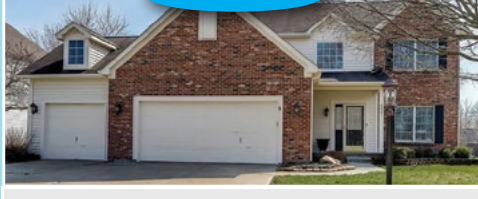
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Prevail staff have continued to provide limited staffing in the office, while meeting most of the needs of our clients by phone. With the Governor's announcement requiring us all to stay home, we will be closing the office and asking all employees 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 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. The Central Indiana Council on Aging (CICOA) will deliver lunches to those in need. PrimeLife Enrichment members are encouraged to contact CICOA for additional information. Visit primelifeenrichment.org for more information.

Fishers

Fishers High School Alumni Banquet canceled

The annual Alumni Banquet of the original Fishers High School has been canceled.

Spark!Fishers 2020 canceled

The 2020 Spark!Fishers event, scheduled for June 27, has been canceled.

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.

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 deposit, and in-person appointments by request (including new account openings, loan appointments, etc.). Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions.

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. 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 deposit, 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.

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; 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:
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• Community Center
• Playground at the park, but not the park itself
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Part of a junior class is the "heart and soul" of the team, says coach . . .

Hamilton County players make big impact for DePauw men's basketball

First in a series
By RICHIE HALL

A group of freshmen college basketball players, including four kids from Hamilton County, came on to the DePauw University men's basketball team in the fall of 2017.

When they joined the Tigers, those freshmen were behind a roster of upperclassmen, waiting their turn to play. It wouldn't be long before their turn came: Two years later, those freshmen have completed their junior season, and have become solid contributors for DePauw, both in basketball and on the campus in general.

"That class is the heart and soul of our team," said Tigers coach Bill Fenlon. "They are pretty talented players, but also unbelievably good teammates. All of them are also really good students."

Fenlon said that the junior class are the poster boys of being DePauw athletes. "We're lucky to have those kids," he said.

There are seven men in that class, and the four Hamilton County players are all familiar names to local basketball fans: Nolan Ginther (Noblesville), Matthew Godfrey (Guerin Catholic), Caymn Lutz (Hamilton Heights) and Aaron Shank (Hamilton Southeastern). The other juniors in the class also came from Indiana schools: Nick Felke (Plymouth), Ken Decker (Crown Point) and Josh Hall (Bloomington South).

Ginther, Lutz and Shank played in all 26 of the Tigers' games this season. Unfortunately, Godfrey tore his ACL and was unable to play for the year; however, he stayed on as a student assistant and expects to be back on the court for DePauw next season.

"I've played against these guys ever since I was little growing up in AAU ball and in high school," said Godfrey. "I was actually on Caymn Lutz and Aaron Shank's travel team, so it was pretty exciting when we all decided to play for DePauw."

That county foursome could have been only a threesome had it not been for a last-minute change by Lutz, who was planning to attend Indiana University.

"Initially, I was just going to go to IU," he said. "Last-minute, my mom suggested I go visit DePauw, so I could have the option to play basketball."

Once Lutz visited, he quickly changed his mind.

"From the moment I stepped on campus, I had an amazing experience for the first time and I was just stoked from that," he said.

Shank and Ginther both had similar feelings once they made their visits to Greencastle.

"I wanted a school that was academically challenging," said Shank. He already had decided to major in kinesiology, which is offered at DePauw, but not at some other schools.

"After visiting DePauw a few times it just seemed like the right fit for me," said Shank.

Ginther was in the same boat: He was looking for a school where he could either play basketball or major in actuarial science – "and DePauw offered both," he said.



Photo provided

The junior class for the past season of the DePauw University men's basketball team is a group that coach Bill Fenlon calls "the heart and soul" of the team. Four Hamilton County players are included in the class.

Pictured: Matthew Godfrey (Guerin Catholic), Nolan Ginther (Noblesville), Ken Decker (Crown Point), Caymn Lutz (Hamilton Heights), Aaron Shank (Hamilton Southeastern), Nick Felke (Plymouth), Josh Hall (Bloomington South).

The class spent its freshman year waiting their turn behind what was then a senior-heavy team. But the players made the most of their opportunities. Ginther played in 18 games, starting in one, and scored in double figures in three of those contests.

"It was a good experience," said Ginther. "We didn't have the best season that year, but it was good experience getting younger guys more playing time."

Meanwhile, they were also watching and learning from the upperclassmen.

"We got experience on the court and leadership that we needed," said Ginther.

Godfrey played in 11 games as a freshman, while Shank played in three and Lutz one. All of them were anxious to take the court, but they were also willing to do the work and wait their turn.

"Aaron and I were in the same position in that we knew we could go out there and compete," said Lutz. He said he "grew a lot" during his freshman year, and also played hard in practice.

"I learned a lot from it, it really expanded my game and knowledge of basketball," said Lutz.

Shank did the same thing, saying he "took that year to really work on my game, learn as much as I can, just try to compete every day and show coach that I was deserving of getting minutes." Meanwhile, the coaches were reminding both men that their opportunities were coming.

"He didn't play a lot, but got some experience on the practice floor," Fenlon said of Shank. The coach said Shank was a good contributor off the bench as a

sophomore, leading him to a solid junior season.

It was the same for Lutz, as he found his way during his sophomore season after having to make the big adjustment from high school to college basketball.

"He ended up the second half of his sophomore year becoming a solid positive contributor on the court for us," said Fenlon.

With the improvement, the opportunities came fairly quickly for the sophomore class. Shank played in all 27 of DePauw's games during his sophomore year, contributing 6.2 points per game, with Ginther becoming a regular starter, in 24 of the 26 games he played. He averaged 13.1 points and 4.8 rebounds, leading the team in both of those categories.

Godfrey played in 25 games, starting most of the second half of the season and averaging 50 percent from the 3-point arc. Lutz played in 21 games, adding 5.5 points per game and making 41.7 percent of his 3-point attempts. They helped the Tigers to a 17-10 record.

"As we became sophomores, we got a little more accustomed to the style of college basketball and we really started to gel a little more," said Godfrey.

"He's unbelievable," said Fenlon. "He's just an amazing kid. He's incredibly involved on campus."

While Godfrey had to sit out with an injury as a junior, the other three county juniors stepped up. Ginther continued as a regular starter, and was the leading scorer (14.7 points) and rebounder (6.5) and second with assists (2.5).

Ginther said he didn't expect to be

the leading scorer, "it just happened to be that way," he said. The Tigers' offense runs through its post players, "so I get a lot of touches. It's something I've been working on."

In addition, Ginther has been named to the Tiger Pride Honor Roll all five semesters; that's given out to student-athletes with a 3.5 grade-point average or above.

"We're offered a lot of study tables," said Ginther. "At DePauw there's a lot of resources you can go to."

Ginther said that the professors are helpful with office hours and email, making it easy to talk with them about homework and tests.

"The campus environment is just very helpful in aiding your academic success," said Ginther.

Shank and Lutz also continued to improve. Shank was third on the team in points, averaging 8.6 per game, and second with rebounds, pulling down 4.7 per game. He also made the Tiger Pride Honor Roll last semester. Lutz added 4.3 points per game, and was fourth on the team in assists (0.9) and fifth in rebounds (2.2).

"I think most of it is just confidence, just getting more minutes out there," said Shank. "I feel like I'm shooting the ball better. It just feels more natural to me."

Ginther was named to the All-North Coast Athletic Conference team this season; Fenlon calls him one of the "top five most competitive guys we've had in this program."

In addition to the Hamilton County players, Felke averages 14.0 points per game and Hall adds 11.2 points per game. With all of this talent back for a senior season, as well as the return of Godfrey, this class will be ready for next year.

"Our class keeps getting tighter and we have a lot of expectations for next year," said Godfrey. "Our goal is to win a conference championship, we haven't done that in a few years. That's definitely our aim for this upcoming season."

COMING UP

While this year's junior class is leading the way for DePauw, the freshman class included a player from Carmel who is working to make an impact on the team. Read about Cole Brady's first year for the Tigers in tomorrow's Reporter.

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Bringing the NFL Draft to Indy

By OLIVIA RAY
WISH-TV

Every April, thousands descend upon one of the NFL's biggest shows — the three-day monster televised party, also known as the NFL Draft. Although this year's virtual draft won't have the glitz and glam like usual, we can still daydream about the red carpet and the stage, or maybe even the NFL Draft here in Indy.

It turns out the idea isn't that crazy. Indianapolis wants it, and has already thrown its hat in the ring.

"They have already accepted official expressions of interest, which we have submitted. Now we're kind of waiting for the formal bid process to kick off," said Ryan Vaughn, president of Indiana Sports Corporation.

Indianapolis is battle tested in hosting major events. The city has tackled the Super Bowl, College Football National Championships, Big Ten Tournaments, Final Fours, NBA All-Star Games and over thirty years of the NFL Combine.

Colts Head Coach Frank Reich agrees the city would be a good fit.

"Indianapolis knows how to do it," he said. "We know how to put together a national event. We know how to do it with class. We've got the right leaders in place to do it and we're undefeated, so bring it on."

The city's pitch is strong when it comes to getting the NFL to Indy.

"I mean Indy is a proven commodity. We've been winners with the Combine," said Reich.

Vaughn added, "A great franchise, but we've also hosted probably the best Super Bowl, in our opinion."

"It's very familiar for the people that are at all tied to the NFL. But there's a familiarity, a history here in Indianapolis," said ESPN NFL Insider, Field Yates.

"I would say that I've spent more time in Indianapolis than any other NFL city," said ESPN's Adam Schefter.

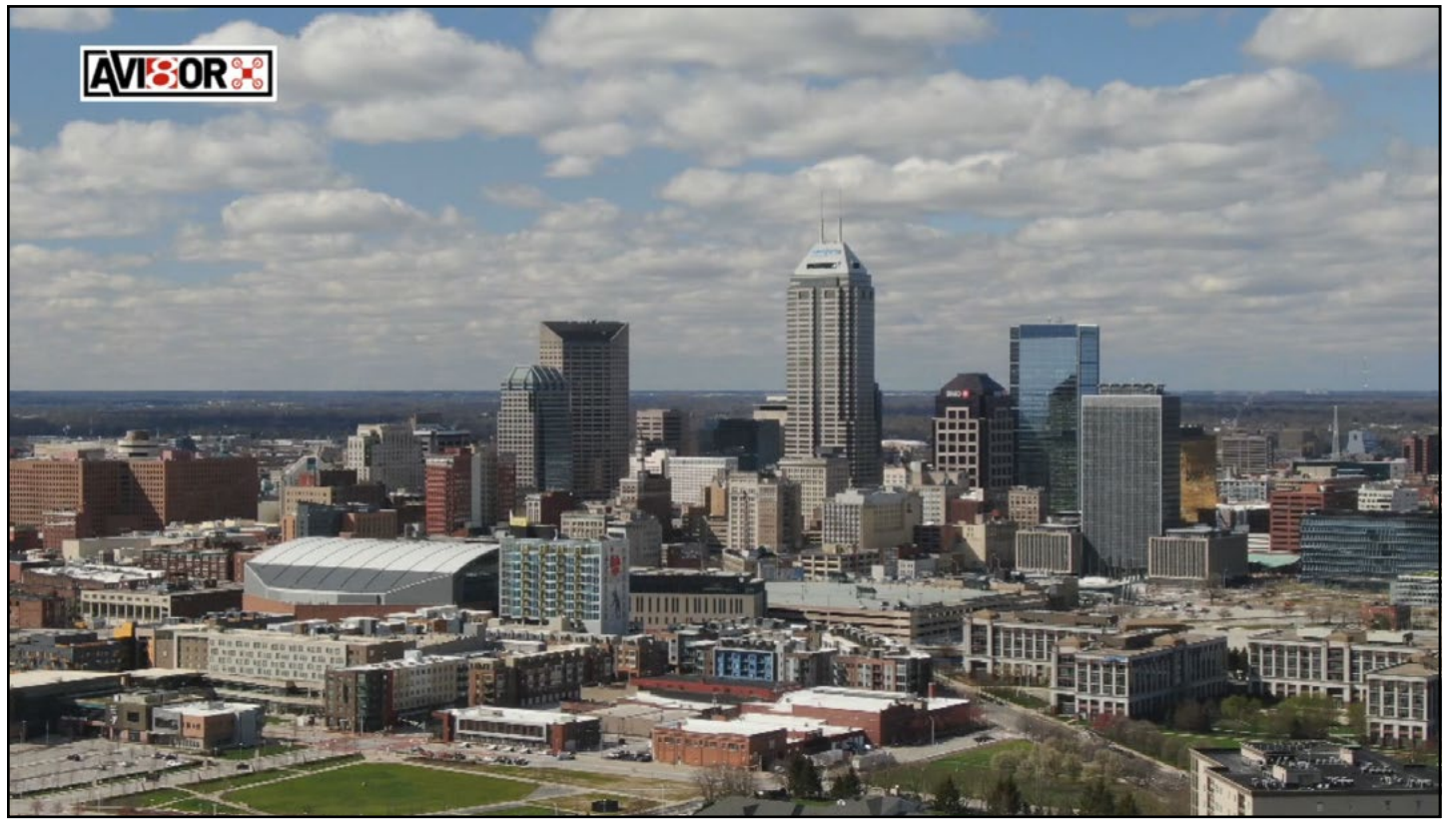


Photo courtesy WISH-TV

The City of Indianapolis has thrown its hat in the ring when it comes to hosting an upcoming NFL Draft. Indianapolis has expressed interest and is now waiting for the formal bid process to begin.

"Everything is compact, great airport, we're right in the middle of the country," Vaughn added, "I really can't think of a reason not to host the NFL draft in Indianapolis."

The only issue would be double-booking. The Circle City has a full calendar in the coming years, so when it comes to scheduling when could the draft make it's way here?

Vaughn said, "Well, I can tell you for sure it's not in the next two years. We're really looking at 2023 to 2026, depending on what the NFL releases, depending on how far they want to go. But that's the time frame for us is opening up."

Indy is ready, it's just waiting for its name to be called as the NFL Draft's next site.

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