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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a few passing showers in the morning. Clouds decrease in the afternoon.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.
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County War Memorial will soon get a facelift

Get involved, have a voice ... Vote!

The REPORTER

The War Memorial for Hamilton County Fallen Heroes in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville will soon get a facelift. Built in 1952 and originally funded by the Hamilton County Commissioners, the memorial has seen better days.

“Over time, normal weathering and concrete deterioration have really taken a toll on the monument,” says Bill Doss with the Hamilton County Veterans Corporation.

Doss and fellow veterans Ron Wilson, Lynn Epperson and Wayne Long led the effort to have the memorial restored, bringing it to the attention of County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt.

“The memorial has been an honorable place for veterans and their families to remember and pay their respects to those who served,” Heirbrandt said. “Funding its restoration seemed like a no-brainer to the county commissioners.”

Hamilton County Building & Grounds

Heirbrandt



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The County Council approved a bid for \$46,000 to restore the War Memorial. Director Steve Wood bid the project. The County Council unanimously approved a measure to restore the memorial at a cost of \$46,000. The project will take about six weeks to complete. Restoration could start as early as next week.

The Hamilton County Veterans Corporation would also like to add two new memorial stones to honor fallen heroes from World War I and the Persian Gulf War. It is still working on funds to cover the additional cost. If you would like to contribute, please you can contact them at webmaster@hamiltoncountyveterans.com.

Editor's note:
Darren Peterson currently serves as an At Large member of the Noblesville Common Council.

The current situation of COVID-19 has forced us out of professional and personal patterns – those daily, weekly rituals that make life normal and comfortable. The way we drive to work, attend church, visit relatives, and put on pants are all patterns that have changed. We are now trying to find new patterns to become comfortable with unfamiliar circumstances.

Voting, another ritual, is no different. There is something very satisfying about physically going to a polling place and voting. Carving out a few minutes, rain or shine, to have a voice in the future leadership of the country, state and community is very empowering. So, the thought of voting by mail may seem, like so many other things, frustrating. Downloading another online meeting platform, wearing a mask, and now voting by mail? While it's

DARREN PETERSON
Noblesville Common Council

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County Health Department relinquishes duties to Fishers

Carmel to serve as test site for COVID-19 wastewater samples

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department no longer has jurisdiction in the City of Fishers per Indiana Code 16-20-4-4. The Fishers City Council established a health department on April 24, which precludes the County Health Board and the board's officers from providing services to the citizens of Fishers.

“We are aware of the confusion and disruption this change may cause to many citizens and businesses and we will make every attempt to minimize those problems,”

McNulty

said Barry McNulty, administrator at the County Health Department. “The health and well-being of everyone in Hamilton County has been and always will be the focus of the Hamilton County Health Department.”

Many of the public health activities that will be affected by this change include:

- COVID-19 positive case investigation
- Communicable disease investigation of 70 other diseases

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The REPORTER

As the State of Indiana begins to slowly emerge from the COVID-19 quarantine, it will be very important to continue to monitor the presence of the virus in local communities. Fortunately, as testing of individuals becomes more available, a lot more will be able to be determined than a month ago.

There is another way to detect an outbreak of the virus, and the City of Carmel

Brainard

el is about to become one of the nation's test sites for this emerging technology. It measures the presence of COVID-19 in the wastewater that travels from residential homes and businesses to the city's wastewater treatment facilities.

The City of Carmel plans to work with Biobot, a Boston-based wastewater analytics company comprised of biologists,

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County Sheriff's Department searches for Arcadia shooter

The REPORTER

At approximately 2:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 2, Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a shooting in the east 14400 block of 256th Street, Arcadia.

Investigators believe a physical altercation occurred between two adult male neighbors. Subsequently, one of the men discharged a small-caliber handgun which struck the other man multiple times. Both subjects have been identified.

The victim was transported via ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital. The injuries do not appear to be life-threatening and his condition is stable.

Anyone with information about the altercation should contact the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at (317) 773-1282.

Covey

Man stabbed in downtown Noblesville

The REPORTER

At approximately 11:27 a.m. on Sunday, Noblesville police officers responded to the 1700 block of Conner Street on a report of a subject lying on the ground and possibly injured.

Officers arrived on the scene a short time later and located an individual, later identified as David R. Bradfield, 25, Noblesville, suffering from what appeared to be knife wounds to the arm, chest and abdomen. Officers immediately began treating Bradfield until medics from the Noblesville Fire Department arrived on the scene. Bradfield was transported by ground ambulance to Eskenazi Health (Indianapolis) for treatment. His

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NPD officer attacked, suspect dies in chase

The REPORTER

A man has died following an incident that involved an attack on a Noblesville police officer, a stolen police car and a 50-mile police pursuit that ended in Montgomery County.

Tuesday's incident started when Noblesville police were involved in a battery investigation in a parking lot in the 14100 block of Blanket Flower Lane, near 146th Street and River Road.

Reports indicate off-duty Noblesville police officer Haley Lutz was flagged down to assist with a possible domestic battery when she was confronted by the male suspect, who attacked the officer and fled the scene in the officer's marked patrol vehicle. The suspect then stole another vehicle and continued to lead police on a chase that ended east of Crawfordsville in

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230 chosen as new sites. "It is very important that we stay diligent in tracking this virus, which is not going to simply go away. This kind of wastewater testing raises an intriguing possibility that we can detect the presence of the virus even among a population where not everybody has been tested," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brinard. "The use of wastewater testing is not new. It's

injuries were reported to be non-life-threatening.

Based on evidence at the scene, investigators were quickly able to determine the identity of a suspect involved in the incident. Investigators later located the alleged suspect and he was taken into custody without incident. He was transported and booked at the Hamilton County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

Dakota L. Covey, 21, Noblesville, was charged with Aggravated Battery, I.C. 35-42-2-1.5 (Level 3 Felony); Battery w/ a Deadly Weapon, I.C. 35-42-2-1 (Level 5 Felony); and Criminal Recklessness, I.C. 35-42-2-2 (Level 6 Felony).

A charge is merely an accusation and the defendant(s) is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

been used across the globe to look for the reemergence of polio viruses, where polio has been eradicated.”

Carmel's plant currently treats on average 10.9 million gallons per day. Of the 10.9 million gallons, 1.45 million gallons per day on average comes from Westfield, which is served by the Citizens Westfield Utility.

Carmel Utilities Director John Duffy said re-

search indicates the novel coronavirus can be detected in feces within three days of infection, even in cases where individuals are not yet showing symptoms.

“The hope of this study is that we may find that wastewater monitoring could provide an early warning of outbreaks of the virus in a community, which would be an important tool to avoid a second-wave of the pandemic.”

ic," said Duffy. "Even as we see individuals tested more frequently, monitoring sewers could alert public health officials of a coming wave of infections."

Carmel will pay \$120 per test during May, sending a sample once a week to Biobot for testing. If the process continues in June, the price would increase to \$1,200 per sample. The City would receive a report that

would include the estimated number of persons that are infected. Although it would not show where in the city system the infections were detected, it would provide information showing how the city's infection rate changed from the beginning of May to the end of May.

For more on how the process works, visit the [Biobot COVID-19 information page](#).

- Tuberculosis control
- HIV and pregnancy testing
- Childhood immunizations
- Childhood blood-lead levels
- Health education activities
- Birth and death records and certifications
- Mosquito monitoring and control
- Rodent complaint investigation and mitigation
- Septic permitting and inspection
- Well permitting and water testing
- Housing complaints
- Environmental complaint
- Public and semi-public swimming pool inspections and water quality
- Recreational water sampling in rivers and lakes

- Restaurant and other food service inspections
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness planning

"It has been a true honor to work with and for the citizens of Fishers all these years," McNulty said. "We are committed to our mission during this time of transition and fully expect that all citizens of Hamilton County will be afforded a wide spectrum of public health services whether being served by the Hamilton County Health Department or the City of Fishers Health Department."

Fishers residents with health-related questions should now contact the Fishers Health Department (317) 525-3200 or health-dept@fishers.in.us.

no less important, no less empowering, just simply, a way most of us have never done it.

Well, I did the voting by mail anyway. It went like this...

I pounded on the keyboard, five minutes before I needed to go to the grocery, and logged onto the Hamilton County website. I filled the application out online, printed it, signed it and put it in the mailbox. Soon, the elections office would mail me back a ballot. It was much easier than I had anticipated. I thought, "That was easy, but it is definitely going to get harder. It has to, it's government."

The ballot showed up in the mail a couple days later. From the packaging, signatures and security sleeve, quite frankly, seems even more confidential than worrying about someone peeking over your shoulder at the polling place. The part I

did not anticipate was leaving it on the table for three days to really think about it. So many times, standing in front of the machine, I feel pressure to vote quickly, focusing on one or two races near the top of the ticket. If my kids were still at home, we would have set up debates, each kid researching a candidate and then presenting. My dog and cat refused to debate, so I did my own research and I filled it out, eventually, and mailed it back.

No parking issue, no mask to put on, no lines, no rain. To be perfectly honest, it was so much more rewarding and empowering than I expected. I will consider voting this way going forward.

Regardless of how you choose to vote or what options are available for voting in your community, get involved and have a voice. **VOTE!**

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.

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Noblesville Schools 2020 Teachers of the Year

Submitted

Noblesville Schools has named four educators as 2020 Teachers of the Year. The teachers were nominated by their principals and were selected for the honor by a committee of administrators.

The winners are as follows:

Jill Maynard

**Resource Teacher
Noble Crossing Elementary
(Elementary winner and
overall district winner)**

Jill is exceptional at balancing relationships and education strategies to best support the most challenging and vulnerable learners. She is a leader in meeting the social emotional needs of her students and is known for thinking outside the box to enhance student growth. Jill's ongoing passion for her own learning and her openness in asking great questions make her a role model among her peers. She frequently collaborates with therapists, doctors and families to best serve students, and is thoughtful, reflective, knowledgeable and dedicated.

Penny Patterson

**Library Media Specialist
Hinkle Creek Elementary
(Elementary winner)**

Penny is a highly respected veteran educator and STEM leader. Students love her and the programming she develops, including do-it-yourself makerspace, robotics club and family game night. She works side-by-side with classroom teachers providing them with support, leadership and inspiration. She can often be found representing her school on district collaboration teams, at community events and through her work with Relay for Life. Funny, driven and creative, Penny is always looking for new and better ways for students to learn.

David Geiselhart

**Business Information Technology Teacher
Noblesville West Middle School
(Middle school winner)**

David is one of the most well-liked and



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(Top row, from left) David Geiselhart, Penny Patterson and Valerie Phillips. (Bottom row) Jill Maynard.

respected teachers in his building. His colleagues have voted him "Staff Member of the Month" numerous times thanks to the fact that he consistently goes above and beyond in all he does. His tireless work to meet the needs of students and his commitment to real-world college and career readiness have made him a go-to person for students and peers alike. A leader in the classroom, on professional committees, and in wellness and athletics, David is always focused on growing, improving and serving others.

Valerie Phillips

**German Teacher
Noblesville High School
(High school winner)**

Valerie is gifted at assessing the progress of her students and providing them the supports necessary to help them be most successful. She connects with her students on a personal level, challenging them in

the classroom and creating an environment where they're immersed in German culture. Co-Chair of the school improvement team and an integral member of the high school's professional development committee, Valerie is constantly looking for ways to improve her teaching. She is a high-quality, energetic and well-respected teacher.

The four educators were selected to represent different academic levels. One of this year's elementary winners, Jill Maynard, was further distinguished as the overall district winner. Two teachers were chosen at the elementary level to reflect the fact that approximately 50 percent of Noblesville Schools teachers are at the elementary level.

Selection focused on master teachers who excel at putting Noblesville Schools' mission and vision into action and whose accomplishments align well with the Indiana Department of Education's state Teacher of the Year criteria. The winners regularly demonstrate the highest levels of quality instruction for their students and leadership among their peers.

The winners will be honored at a Noblesville Schools Education Foundation recognition dinner this fall.

As the overall district honoree, Maynard will also participate in the state Teacher of the Year competition.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 700 teachers.

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Hamilton County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner postponed

The REPORTER

Due to the governor's continued restrictions on social gatherings, the Hamilton County Republican Party will not hold the annual Lincoln Day Dinner before the June 2 primary.

The Lincoln Day Dinner is a major fundraiser for the party, which funds a large portion of the fall campaign expenses. The organization reports it is committed to scheduling another event when it is safe to gather in larger groups.

According to organizers of the event, nearly 500

people registered for the Lincoln Day Dinner.

If you have paid for reserved table sponsorships or individual reservations the group is offering the following:

- 100 percent credit for a future event;
- Donation to the party; or
- Refund of the registration fee (minus transaction fees for payments by credit card).

In order to choose from one of the above options, please send an email to reservations@hamilton-countygop.org.

Noblesville man seriously injured in crash on I-69

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

A Noblesville man was exchanging information in a minor accident on Interstate 69's northbound lanes near 116th Street Monday morning when he was reportedly hit by a vehicle. Fishers Police say Steven Hahn, 18, was transported to a nearby hospital in serious condition.

Here is what happened, bases on the police department news release:

"The Fishers Police Department Crash Team was called to the scene. Based on witness statements and evidence gathered by In-

vestigators it appears the pedestrian was standing next to a GMC pickup truck exchanging information due to a previous minor crash. During this exchange a semi tractor-trailer, traveling northbound, collided with the GMC and the pedestrian. Both drivers are cooperating with the investigation. Neither drugs nor alcohol appear to be a factor."

The drivers of the vehicles involved were identified by police as Stanley Ridley, 69, Ontario, Canada, and Lou Ann Ridenour, 54, Pendleton.

Fishers Police continue to investigate the accident.

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Carmel COVID-19 task force meets

The REPORTER

A special Reconnecting Carmel Task Force consisting of business leaders and health care professionals met Tuesday with Mayor Jim Brainard and other city officials to begin the process of preparing the city for the phases of recovery and reconnecting after the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders go away, as outlined by Governor Eric Holcomb last week. The Carmel task force will be chaired by Deborah Wood, CEO of DWA Healthcare Communications Group.

"There is a great deal of information that has been shared by federal and state authorities, along with information from health care professionals, medical experts and the retail industry. We will rely on this group of talented and experienced professionals to help guide us as we begin to reconnect as a community," Brainard said.

The mission of the task force is to advise the mayor on the implementation of Governor Holcomb's five-stage plan. It is our hope that this group will also instill

confidence in citizens and businesses to re-engage with one another in a responsible way while protecting the most vulnerable and to serve as a resource for questions and refinement as the city moves through the phases of opening up America.

The plan is for future meetings to take place prior to each successive phase outlined by Governor Holcomb and then periodically to review ongoing issues as best practices are implemented. The Task Force may also be asked to meet if COVID 19 cases spike or there is a major new scientific discovery that impacts the reconnecting process.

COVID-19 City of Carmel Re-entry Task Force Members

Corporate/Office

Scott Law, President/CEO, Zotec Partners
Rob Bush, President (Retired), Orchard Software
Staci Kroon, President/CEO, BraunAbility

Entertainment Venues

Jeff McDermott, President/CEO,
Center for the Performing Arts

General

Terry Anker, Chairman, The Anker Consulting Group
Trishna Batra, Volunteer, MPH,
Corporate Wellness Specialist

Hotel/Hospitality

Jamie Hopwood, General Manager, Hotel Carmichael

Medical

Dr. Michael Kaufmann, Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services Division, State of Indiana;
and Medical Advisor for Carmel Fire Department
Deborah Wood, CEO,
DWA Healthcare Communications Group
Christian Walker, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Hamilton County Health Department

Personal Services

Micki Stirsman, Owner, Salon 01

Real Estate

Carrie Holle, Broker/Owner, Highgarden Realty

Religious

Pastor Steve Poe, Northview Church
Pastor Luther Brunette, Cornerstone Lutheran Church
Father Ted Rothrock, Pastor,
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church

Restaurant

Amy Long, Owner, Fork + Ale

Kevin Paul, Owner, Danny Boy Beer Works,
Brockway Pub

Paul Arechiga, Owner, Verde Flavors of Mexico

Retail

Carla Mackie, Owner, Uplift
Lauren Taylor, President/Owner, Holder Mattress

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Dr. Tim Hannon

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Miles Nelson

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Jim Crider, Director of Administration
Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations and Economic Development
Barb Lamb, Director of Human Resources
Jim Barlow, Carmel Police Chief
Dave Haboush, Carmel Fire Chief

Indiana American Water increases rates a second time

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water has announced it has implemented the second step of a two-step rate increase approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission in June 2019 for the company's water customers across the state. The new rates are

effective for all water service provided to Indiana American Water customers after May 1.

Indiana American Water's ongoing infrastructure investments are the primary driver behind the increase. The company included more than \$542 mil-

lion of water infrastructure investments in a request filed in September 2018 to increase its water rates. Of that amount, approximately \$79 million was invested at three Indiana American Water treatment facilities to, among other things, add ultraviolet disinfection to the existing treatment process, adding an extra layer of protection against chlorine-resistant microbes, viruses and pathogens that may be present in surface water sources.

"Indiana American Water has made significant investments in aging infrastructure and its treatment and distribution facilities to ensure service reliability, water quality and fire protection for the more than 1.3 million people who depend on us every day," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "We are proud of our record of success in providing affordable water while making investments that are critical to the public's health and safety and the economic vitality of the communities we serve."

The investments, which have all been placed in service, help maintain and enhance service, water quality, system reliability and capacity, and fire protection capabilities for customers while keeping the cost of water service for most households their most af-

fordable utility bill at about a penny per gallon.

"We have also worked hard to hold our operating and maintenance expenses relatively flat by implementing efficiencies and leveraging technology and innovation throughout the workplace," said Prine. "During the period covered in our rate request, our O&M expenses increased at a rate below the inflation rate over the last decade. Our successes represent more than \$10 million of savings for our customers over what our expenses would have been if allowed to grow with inflation."

Major projects that have been completed and were included in current rates include:

- Significant system upgrades at three water treatment facilities located in Kokomo, Richmond and Muncie to meet more stringent water quality regulations associated with the Environmental Protection Agency's Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. These projects include replacing and upgrading aging and obsolete treatment facilities and equipment and adding ultraviolet disinfection to the existing treatment process.

- **Building a new water treatment facility in Noblesville, one of the company's fastest growing**

service areas.

- Converting nine facilities from chlorine gas to liquid sodium hypochlorite disinfection systems to improve safety.

- Replacing or upgrading more than a dozen wells, several pumping stations, water filters, large diameter water mains, and other critical facilities serving customers in service areas throughout the state.

- Replacing and/or retiring from service more than 13,000 lead service lines.

- Building a solar energy project in Newburgh that generates enough electricity to power the company's water treatment facilities there.

In addition to these major projects, Indiana American Water replaced nearly 120 miles of aging water mains.

Indiana American Water's rates are based on the true costs of providing water service as reviewed by the IURC. The impact for most of the company's residential customers using 4,000 gallons of water each month was approximately 34 cents per month (0.96 percent) after Step 1 went into effect in July 2019, and an additional \$2.22 per month (6.3 percent) with the Step 2 increase now in effect. Details on specific rate impacts by district, rate group and customer class have been posted on the company's web-

site at [this link](#).

The phased approach to implementing new rates results in a 7.9 percent overall increase in operating water revenues for the company. The increases approved by the IURC were implemented in two steps, with the first increase of 1.99 percent effective July 1, 2019, and a second increase that became effective on May 1, 2020 of 5.79 percent.

Prior to this request, the company last filed for new rates through a general rate filing in January 2014 and received an order from the IURC in January 2015.

The rate change also includes a one-time adjustment to customers reflecting the amount collected in revenues after the Tax Cuts and Job Acts (TCJA) of 2017. The adjustment will be spread out over a 12-month period as a detailed credit to any amounts due each month. The credit for the typical residential customer will total \$19.26, or approximately \$1.60 per month for one year. The actual amount of the credit depends on number of factors, including meter size, whether the customer was paying a fire protection surcharge during the time the tax was collected, and current usage. The TCJA also resulted in a previous rate decrease of 4.4 percent effective on Aug. 1, 2018.



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Noblesville police officers arrest two on drug charges

The REPORTER

At approximately 4:46 p.m. on April 30, Noblesville police officers responded to the area of 17177 Mercantile Blvd. on a report of an illegal drug transaction.

Based on information provided by the caller, it was reported that the alleged transaction took place in the Meijer parking lot and involved a silver/green 2003 Honda Element. Noblesville police officers arrived on the scene shortly after the dispatched call and located the vehicle in question along with two adult occupants.

Based on initial observation and conversation with the occupants, officers placed a male and female in custody without incident. Members of the Noblesville Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing (POP) unit were called to assist

with the investigation. Officers conducted a subsequent search of a residence located at 15944 Tenor Way, Noblesville, where additional alleged drug-related items were located and seized.

Based on the information collected as a result of this investigation, preliminary charges have been filed. The male and female subjects in the case were booked at the Hamilton County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

Levi R. Brown, 19, Noblesville, was charged with Dealing in Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Schedule Controlled Substances & Marijuana, Level 3-6 Felonies; Possession of Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Controlled



Brown



Booker

Substances, Marijuana, Syringe, & Paraphernalia, Level 3-6 Felonies, Class B/C Misdemeanor; and Possession of a Handgun w/o License, I.C. 35-47-2-1 Class A Misdemeanor.

Hailey E. Booker, 19, Noblesville, was charged with Dealing in Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Controlled Substances & Marijuana Level 3-6 Felonies; and Possession of Marijuana & Paraphernalia, Class B/C Misdemeanor.

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Acts 11:15-18 (KJV)

Philip Warren McDowell

January 19, 1947 – May 1, 2020

Philip Warren McDowell, 73, Sheridan, passed away on May 1, 2020, while visiting family in Florida. Philip was originally from Lake County, Ind.

After marrying Lorretta Harger, they moved to Noblesville and later retired outside of Sheridan. Philip was born on January 19, 1947 to Arthur and Joan McDowell in Gary, Ind. Philip was a 1965 graduate of Hobart High School.

Soon after graduation, while in the Army, Philip served a tour of duty in Vietnam. After his service in the military, Philip went to work at Western Electric which later became known as Lucent Technologies. Philip retired after 30 years of installing AT&T equipment for Indiana and Illinois Bell.

Philip attended Cicero Indiana United Methodist Church. He was a life member of the Good Sam RV Club and he also volunteered for the Relay for Life Cancer Walks in Noblesville.

In addition to his parents, Philip was preceded in death by his wife of 25 years, Loretta (Harger) McDowell. He is also preceded by his brothers, John, Bradley and Bruce McDowell.

He is survived by his son, Scott McDowell of Central Florida; daughter, Melissa (Woody) Brazill and granddaughter, Kaitlyn Nelson, both of Leesburg, Fla., sister, Kathy (Byron) Buhr, Jefferson City, Mo.; sisters-in-law, Rose Mary (Bruce) McDowell, Goshen Ind., Ans (Bradley) McDowell, St. Charles, Ill., and Juanita (John) McDowell, Highland, Ind.; and brothers-in-law, Ritch Harger and Mike Blackburn, both of Indiana. Philip is also survived by ex-wife, Linda Spencer Snell of Florida, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

The date for his memorial and gravesite services is still to be determined because of current social gathering restrictions.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice of Lake County, Florida, or to a hospice facility of your choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations, 226 E. Burleigh Blvd., Tavares, FL 32778. Online condolences may be left at steversonhamlinhilbish.com.

Jeremy "Todd" Gibson

June 16, 1971 – May 1, 2020

Jeremy "Todd" Gibson, 48, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020 at his home. He was born on June 16, 1971 to Joe and Dorothy (Gibson) Cox in Pennington Gap, Va.

Todd proudly served his country in the Army National Guard. For 14 years, he worked in dispatch for USIC, an underground locating company. Todd was a member of White River Christian Church, was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed following Notre Dame Football. He loved old vintage cars and grew up drag racing cars.

Todd is survived by his wife of almost 20 years, Nikki Jo Gibson; father, Joe (Loretta) Cox; children, Bryce Gibson and Tanner Gibson; grandson, Bentley Gibson; sister, Candace (Phillip) Eddinger; brothers, Joey (Bobbie) Cox and AJ (Danielle) Cox; brother and sister, Brock and Julie Allen; and his best friend, Ed Couch.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Cox. Private family services will be held at Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with burial at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to White River Food Pantry, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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Joseph Logan Burrow

October 28, 1995 – May 1, 2020

Joseph Logan Burrow, 24, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020 at his home. He was born on October 28, 1995, in Noblesville.

Joe was a skilled tradesman and had worked for Burco Molding. He was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church and the Overcomers. Joe enjoyed racing, video games, growing his sneaker collection, and living life to the fullest.

He is survived by his father, Randy (Loidi) Burrow; mother, Amanda (Scott) Reed; sisters, Ashley Burrow Goslee, Emlie Burrow Dawson and Marley Burrow (Cody) Roth; grandparents, Clovis and Joyce Burrow, and Linda Bright; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Goose.

Joe was preceded in death by his grandmother, Patricia Jones; great-aunt, Jane Beaver; and aunts, Terry Ake and Brenda Jones.

Private family services will be held with burial at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Joe's care.

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet for a special session at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at the Cool Creek Park Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel.

The Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2020, has been canceled.

John Andrew Bracken

October 9, 1963 – May 2, 2020

John Andrew Bracken, 56, Carmel, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2020. He was born October 9, 1963, and was a 1981 graduate of Carmel High School.

John worked in construction most of his life, and many homes in Carmel and the surrounding areas have his personal and extremely professional touch. He loved football, especially the Indianapolis Colts, and was a history buff, particularly when it came to World War I and II. John also enjoyed Fourth of July fireworks and cooking Thanksgiving dinner. He spent Thanksgiving in the kitchen with his kids because his wife wasn't much of a cook at the time and was delegated to cleanup duty. He was, quite simply, one of the nicest individuals anyone could ever meet.

John is survived by children, Justin (Faith) Bracken, Beech Grove, and Danielle Bracken, Indianapolis; former wife, Louise Bracken, Carmel, with whom he maintained a friendship; mother, Mary Bracken, Carmel; father, John Bracken, Indianapolis; sister, Carol (Leonard) Addison of New Jersey; and brother, David, Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by a younger brother, Jimmy, in 1983.

The family is making private arrangements. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes of Noblesville has been entrusted with John's care.

In words that only people who knew John well will understand, "This is Johnny B. Out!"

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Virtual Meetings

The City of Noblesville Common Council Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020, will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Public comment will not be permitted, but anyone wishing to listen to the meeting may call (812) 250-2251 and enter 606105739# when prompted.

The Noblesville Parks Board meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams and will be shown on Hamilton County TV. The public may also observe or comment by calling (812) 250-2251 and entering 913428878# when prompted.



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All-Big 12 swimmer and student-advisory president . . .

Lauryn Parrish showing leadership in and out of the Jayhawks' pool

By **RICHIE HALL**

There are two things that can instantly be associated with Lauryn Parrish: Swimming and leadership.

Those two qualities often go together quite nicely. Parrish was known as a leader before she jumped into the pool at the University of Kansas in 2017, having been a solid swimmer for Fishers High School and the IHSAA Mental Attitude Award winner.

After moving to Lawrence, Kan., Parrish didn't skip a beat in the pool, becoming a part of a steadily improving team. She also has proved her leadership abilities again by being named one of the three senior captains for next season's Jayhawks women's swimming team.

Parrish joins two other midwestern swimmers, Dannie Dilsaver of Lincoln, Neb. and Ellie Flanagan of Columbia, Mo. as Kansas captains.

"It was pretty exciting," said Parrish, who is finishing up her junior year at Kansas. "We have a pretty special team full of leaders, to be quite honest. To be even nominated was really cool."

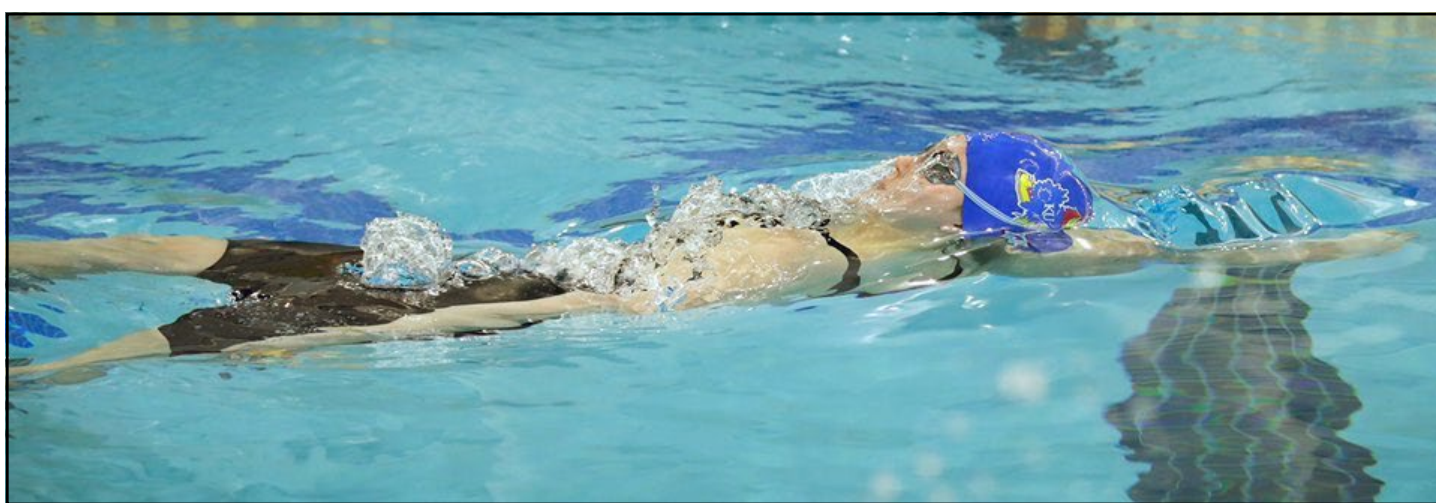
Parrish said being named a captain is "a real honor," but also is "a real responsibility that I acknowledge." She noted that leadership starts with the senior class, and even extends down to the freshmen.

Leading as a freshman is something that Parrish knows about. She earned All-Big 12 honors for her performance at that conference's championships as a first-year swimmer, where she participated in three relays and was a three-time finalist in individual events. Parrish again received all-conference honors as a sophomore when she was named to the All-Big 12 First Team.

Parrish had to battle illness during her junior year. "I got really sick with a form of pneumonia in early January," she said. But she still came back to have what she called a "solid" season. She was part of the runner-up 800 freestyle relay squad and had eighth-place finishes in the 200 free and 200 backstroke, and was again named to the All-Big 12 team.

"It's still quite an honor that I'm very thankful for," said Parrish. "I've used this time off to get really healthy and add a little fuel to the fire heading into my senior year."

At the Big 12 championships, Kansas scored 831 points, a school record for the Jayhawks. The University of Texas won the meet with 1,012 points, a difference of 181 points, but Parrish noted that Kansas has been significantly closing the gap over the years, saying that her freshman year, the Jayhawks were about 500 to 600



Photos provided

Lauryn Parrish has been a leader in (above) and out of the pool as a swimmer for the University of Kansas. Parrish is a multiple all-Big 12 athlete (right) and serves as the Jayhawks' student-advisory committee president.

points behind the Longhorns.

"My coach has really worked hard recruiting really good people and going from there. Our culture speaks wonders," said Parrish, crediting that for Kansas' improvement in competition.

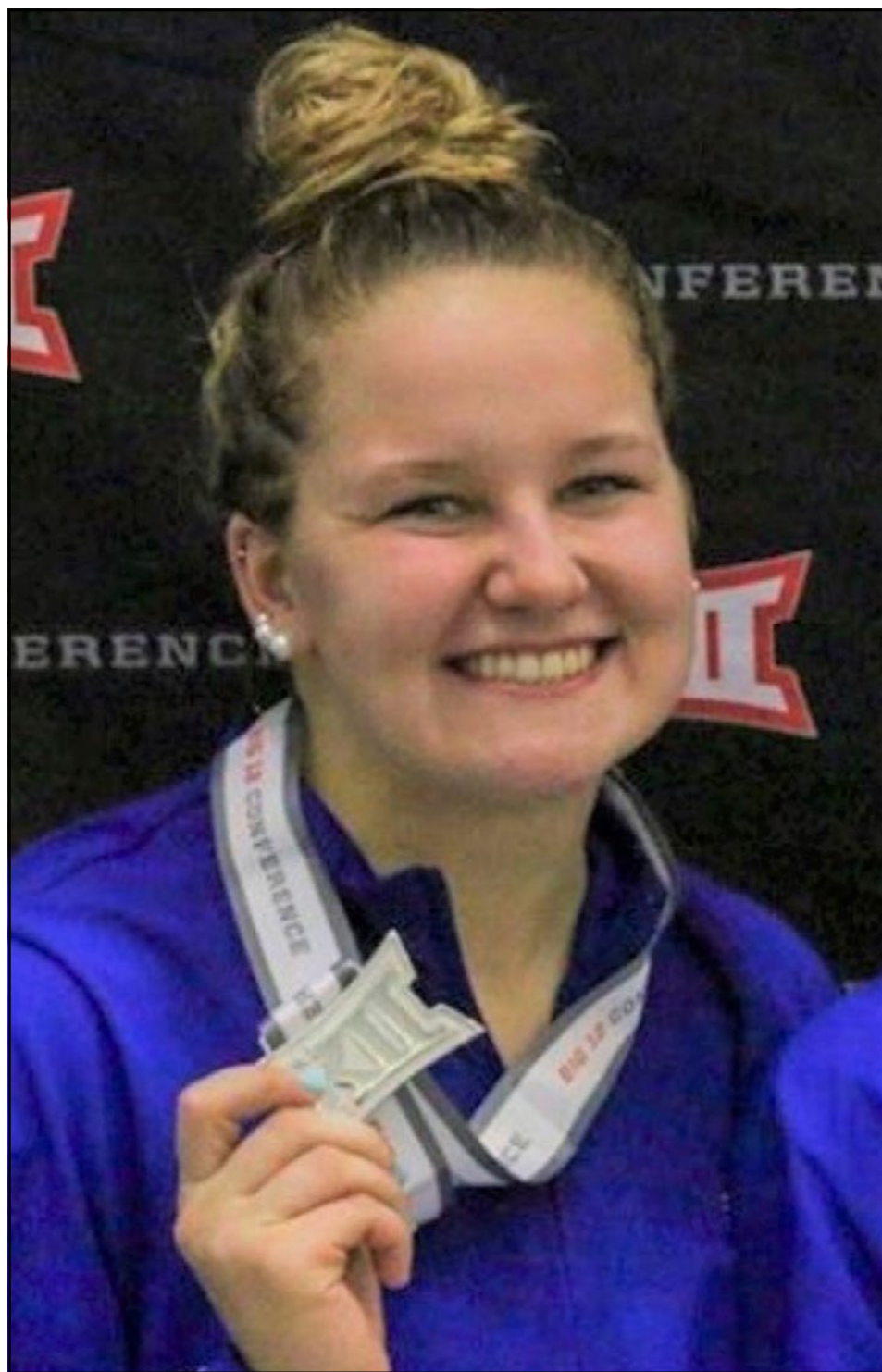
"This season was actually our most successful season ever as a program," said Parrish. In addition to the record amount of points at the Big 12, the Jayhawks had a swimmer qualify for the NCAA championship in the backstroke events, then had a diver qualify as well.

"We're really proud of them," said Parrish. "I would say we had at least five or six school records go down this year. We had a really special senior class that we're really going to miss, but we have a great group of incoming freshmen. I like the good energy coming in."

Out of the pool, Parrish is serving as the president of the University of Kansas' student-advisory committee. Parrish said the committee is the voice between the Jayhawks' student-athletes and the administration, as well as to the Big 12 and NCAA.

"We also have different committees, so we focus on mental health, diversity and inclusion, student-athlete development, different events for our student-athletes and different ways of communication," said Parrish.

Recently, Parrish joined with other student-advisory presidents from across the Power 5 conferences to draft a letter that would be sent to the NCAA ask-



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Dream begun in Fishers fuels PARRISH

NFL underdog Jeremy Chinn

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD
WISH-TV

Someone finally picked up the phone to call Jeremy Chinn.

On the other end of Chinn's phone line during the second round of the 2020 NFL Draft on April 24, the Carolina Panthers were busy congratulating their new draft pick.

"It is a dream come true," Chinn said. "I have always loved this game since I was a little kid, and I have always wanted to compete at the highest level possible. Now, I have that opportunity to perform in front of thousands of fans in those big stadiums."

Before Chinn could even dig up his old Fishers High School look for a "throwback" post via Panthers' social media, a blessing from NFL royalty came down.

"Charles Woodson tweeted, 'Jeremy Chinn is looking like a steal' ... Tyrann (Mathieu) said, 'I like this kid Chinn he has some dog, and Ryan Clark, he made a few tweets earlier in the process,' Chinn remarked glowingly.

At Fishers High School, the only thing certain for Jeremy Chinn was the lack of

attention around his playing career.

A tiny NCAA Division I program, Southern Illinois (FCS), helped make him a star at safety.

Chinn's work ethic helped create an identity at strong safety that was confirmed at the 2020 NFL Combine in February. One of the NFL's top safety prospects in 2020 was a Saluki.

"How big of a long shot" coming out of high school? Chinn said. "I was begging for one star, one half of a star, if I could get one. Any type of interest, from anyone. Looking back, it is something I was really kind of stressed about as a high schooler."

"Hard work has definitely paid off since then."

The scouts didn't whiff the second time around.

If only they listened to the man who these days, is just trying to fight back tears.

"You (Jeremy Chinn) deserve this opportunity and it is not just because of your athletic skill, but because of your character and your ability to focus on what is important," Chinn's former Fishers High School football coach Rick Wimmer said. "Those things are going to serve you well."

Chinn and Carolina — a call — we can all cheer about.

ing that senior spring sports athletes be granted an extra year of eligibility due to the cancellation of spring sports this season after the COVID-19 pandemic. The NCAA agreed to grant athletes that extra year.

"That was pretty cool and a big honor to be a part of," said Parrish.

Due to the pandemic, there have been some adjustments for student-athletes, even those who are not currently competing in-season. Swimming is no exception, with athletes currently out of the water. Parrish said that the team's coach has invested in dryland training, and is checking in on his athletes, "making sure we're doing okay, physically and mentally."

"I started swimming when I was 5, that was 16 years ago," said Parrish. "I've been out of the water for seven and a half weeks, and that's the longest I've been out of the water. That's the only option. I have a roommate who lives in the Nether-

lands and every pool over there is closed. Everybody is on the same playing field."

The pandemic has also caused an adjustment to Parrish's upcoming internship. She will be interning at the AT&T corporate headquarters; she was supposed to go to Dallas but as of now will be doing the internship online.

Parrish is a marketing major and is enrolled in Kansas' business school. "I'm getting a certificate in professional sales," she said. She's excited to get started in sales, as she enjoys the competitiveness and the face-to-face interaction.

But before that, Parrish has one more year in Lawrence, Kansas, a place she speaks very highly of, from the athletic department to academics. While she's sad she only has one more year left as a Jayhawk, Parrish said the pandemic is making her realize how fortunate she is to be at the University of Kansas — "It's my home away from home," she said.

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