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Today: Freeze Warning until 9 a.m. Mostly sunny.
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No bull! This calf is fishing for a name



The [Fishers AgriPark](#) will soon have its first animal, a seven-week-old bull calf, and parks department staff needs your help to name it. Share your name suggestion on the [AgriPark Facebook page](#).

Carmel's Meet Me on Main goes virtual today

The REPORTER
The Carmel Arts & Design District goes LIVE at 5 p.m. this evening, Saturday, May 9. Five local artists will “go live” on Carmel’s social media platforms to answer audience questions and to showcase their craftsmanship. Guest appearances include Indiana Artisan, Art on Main Gallery & Gifts, Xchocol’Art and the CCA Gallery & Gifts.

Want to watch? Follow along on the Carmel Arts & Design District [Facebook page](#), City of Carmel [YouTube channel](#) or watch on [Carmel TV](#), which is available on most local cable outlets, but is also easy to access on the City’s website.

The Art Lab invites you to get crafty. Find your markers, white paper and glue stick and join at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 to make handprint superheroes. Display your super hero in a window all week long as part of the Carmel Cares initiative. The Art Lab is now located at The Cat Theater (254 Veterans Way).

Take a selfie and win a \$100 gift card!

- Take a selfie while crafting the super hero craft or while watching our artists virtually.
- Share your photos in the comment section of the video being features.
- Winners will be announced at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 9.

More featured merchants include:

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Katie Biltimier named 2020 Carmel Teacher of the Year

The REPORTER
Katie Biltimier, Special Education Teacher at Carmel Elementary, has been awarded the 2020 Stephen A. Backer Teacher of the Year for Carmel Clay Schools.

This year’s Teacher of the Year presentation took some skill and creativity, with school buildings closed and virtual learning taking place. Biltimier received the surprise announcement at her home, complete with decorative yard signs, flowers, balloons and a car parade led by School Resource Officer Matthew Broadnax. Carmel Elementary Principal Megan Klinginsmith, Assistant Principal Rebecca Nickless, Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford and other school administrators celebrated her achievement from a safe distance.

Biltimier will now represent Carmel Clay Schools at the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition which will be held in the fall.

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Biltimier

Adam Aasen hosts virtual town hall for Carmel CEOs

The REPORTER
Carmel City Councilor Adam Aasen teamed up with Thaddeus Rex, of ITeam, a think tank for CEOs, to host a virtual town hall on May 7. More than a dozen Carmel-based CEOs and business owners participated in the Zoom call to have an honest dialogue about the challenges they face due to the pandemic.

“It’s really important for the business community to stick together and communicate with one another,” Aasen said. “Hopefully this exchange of ideas and honest feedback will help each business when it comes to planning for the future. Personally, I gained a greater understanding of the impact on our local economy.”

Arron Stanton, owner of Synergize, and Dick Aderman, of ITeam, also worked to get the event organized.

Some of the participants included:

- Tony Unfried, Platform 24, Archon Tech Strategies
- Justin Moffett, Old Town Design Group
- Michael Bougerie, Rosie’s Place



Aasen



Photo provided by Adam Aasen

Carmel City Councilor Adam Aasen (top left) was joined Thaddeus Rex of The ITeam (center), Micki Stirsman of Salon 01 (top row, third from left) and Justin Moffett of Old Town Design Group.

- Stan Chen, Telamon
- Jimmy Dulin, RE/MAX Ability Plus
- Tony Lazzara, Anthony’s Chophouse
- Lauren Taylor, Holder Matress
- Micki Stirsman, Salon 01
- Gary Sexton, SportClips
- Steve Greenberg, Current Publications
- Arron Stanton, Synergize
- Leah York, Talbott Talent
- Bill Culpepper, SePro Corporation
- Laura Campbell, president of the Carmel City Council
- Thaddeus Rex, The ITeam

Topics included how each business plans to adapt after the

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Juan Jaramillo joins Aspire psychiatry team

The REPORTER
Dr. Juan Jaramillo, an experienced psychiatrist, has joined the behavioral health team at Aspire Indiana Health.

Dr. Jaramillo will be seeing adult patients in Aspire’s Indianapolis and Lebanon clinics once pandemic restrictions lift, providing psychiatric medication management and evaluation via telehealth video appointment for now. He is also available for patients who prefer to receive services in Spanish.

A native of Colombia, Jaramillo completed his medical degree at the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana and emigrated to the United States in 1992. He completed his psychiatric residency training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. In addition, Dr. Jaramillo completed a Fellowship in Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry and has done additional training

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Jaramillo

Local optometrist earns Meritorious Service Award

The REPORTER
Dr. Scott Miller was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Award, which is given to a member of the Indiana Optometric Association in recognition for service to the profession of optometry in a specific category or categories.

Dr. Miller was recognized for his insight and grassroots efforts during the 2020 Indiana General Assembly. A 2003 graduate of Indiana University School of Optometry, Dr. Miller practices at Norman Miller Eye Care, primarily out of the Sheridan, Frankfort and Westfield offices.

An awards celebration is planned during the IOA Fall Seminar on Oct. 15-16 at the Indiana Memorial Union in Bloomington.



Miller

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TOWN HALL

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pandemic, plans for the future, suggestions for government guidance and making sure employees are healthy and safe.

Many said that communication will be a key factor, both from the government to businesses and from businesses to employees and customers.

“We’re going overboard when it comes to communicating with our employees about our concern for their health,” Moffett said. “With consumers, we are sending out information to make sure they know that they know we care about their health and the health of our employees. We are proceeding with caution but letting people know we are open for business.”

Some businesses were able to work from home easily but will still develop plans to get back into the office in the near future.

"It was easy for us to be a remote team," Unfried said. "As far as getting back to the office, we're not in a hurry in terms of a need perspective but when it comes to a human interaction perspective, we're planning on bringing people back soon. We are ready to get out and see people soon."

Taylor, who owns a re-

tail mattress company, said she has the double responsibility of ensuring safety at both her factory and her showrooms. She said she's put countless hours into planning her safe reopening on May 4.

“We have put together a really extensive plan with guidance from the state,” Taylor said.

Barbershops and salons are eager to give their clients haircuts soon. Stirman said Salon 01 has a long list of new procedures and feels her customers will be very safe.

“We’ve expanded each appointment by 15 minutes so we have extra time to sanitize,” Stirsman. “We have emailed every guest. We will do temperature checks. We will follow every guideline.”

Chen, CEO of Telamon, said the key for many is to realize things won't go back to normal overnight.

"I think the biggest thing is we're trying to emphasize this is a medium to long term thing," Chen said. "We won't be doing this forever but at least six to 18 months. We need to adjust because it'll be a part of life and we need to get comfortable and develop new habits."

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BILTMIER

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An educator of 24 years, Biltmire began her career at Carmel Clay Schools in 2012 as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Prairie Trace Elementary. In 2013, she joined Carmel Elementary as a Special Education Teacher. In her time at CE, she has served as a Lead Teacher and on numerous school and district committees. Biltmire earned her Bachelor's Degree in Speech Communication & Theatre with a minor in Special Education from Indiana University. She earned her Masters of Education from Olivet Nazarene University.

One nomination described Biltmeyer as a dedicated educator who is patient, kind and an advocate for all students.

“Katie models patience, engagement and supportive strategies to help all kids,” read one nomination. “She easily forms relationships

with students and families making them feel safe and loved. She fiercely advocates for students while still holding them to a high standard, consistently looking at the big picture, helping set them up for success now and for the future. Katie sees the best in everyone; sees the potential in everyone and is highly respected by her peers because of her initiative, excitement, ingenuity and hard work."

Carmel Elementary Principal Megan Klingensmith was honored to recognize Biltmeyer.

"I'm thrilled for Katie to receive this award and be able to celebrate her work as a special educator," Klingensmith said. "It is a privilege to work alongside Katie each day. She inspires educators around her with her devotion to students, eagerness to collaborate, and incredible work ethic. Katie always puts children first,

and we all love working with her.”

Dr. Michael Beresford, Superintendent of Schools, extended his congratulations to Biltmire on earning the achievement.

"I am so happy for Katie and offer my congratulations and gratitude for her service to our students," Beresford said. "She has committed her life's work to helping students who learn differently and need a creative and caring teacher to help them tap into their strengths and to engage in all that school has to offer. We are thankful for her work and proud to have Katie represent Carmel Clay Schools!"

*About Stephen A. Backer
Teacher of the Year*

Stephen A. Backer
Teacher of the Year nominations are made by students, parents and colleagues each spring. A selection committee consisting of teachers

and administrators thoroughly reviews the nominations, conducts interviews with both the candidate's principal and nominator, and then selects a recipient in April. The CCS Teacher of the Year is endowed by the Stephen A. Backer Teacher of the Year Award through the Carmel Education Foundation. This award was created in memory of Mr. Backer, who served on the CCS Board of Trustees from 1994 to 1998 and from 2006 until his passing in March of 2009. Mr. Backer held the position of school board president for five of those years and is remembered as an advocate and supporter of Carmel Clay Schools. Donations in support of the award can be made through the Carmel Education Foundation at cacs.k12.in.us/foundation/home.

To read about previous CCS Teacher of the Year winners, please [click here](#).

JARAMILLO

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in the field of Child Psychiatry.

Previously, Jaramillo held the title of Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, which included coverage at Regional One Hospital and consultation services to St.

Jude Children's Research Hospital. He also served as Assistant Medical Director at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Ky., where he covered both inpatient and outpatient services, and provided consultation services to the general hospital.

About Aspire Indiana Health

Aspire Indiana Health is a state-certified mental health provider in Boone, Hamilton, Madison and Marion counties, as well as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). The fully integrated health-

care provider has set state and national benchmarks for its swift transition to virtual appointments during the pandemic, growing from seven telehealth engagements per day to more than 700 per day by the end of March. Learn more at [AspireIndiana.org](https://www.aspireindiana.org).

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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

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

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

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

All **Atlas Cross Sport** models come with a touchscreen infotainment display with both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration. Navigation is optional, as is a reconfigurable digital gauge display and SiriusXM satellite radio. The Volkswagen Car-Net connectivity app allows for remote starting and analytics while a 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot allows occupants to remain connected to the internet with their smart devices while on the go.

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May is a month to celebrate mothers all over the world. One of the best gifts you can give your mom is a healthier you. That is why I'd like to advocate for the health of the youth regarding tobacco use.



GABE ANDERSON

There has been a growth in the number of teens using e-cigarettes. It's no surprise that using e-cigarettes has become accustomed to many teens. As a result, many teens do not realize that they are slowly accepting tobacco products. Tobacco companies tried to convince my peers and me that e-cigs are safe. The truth is that e-cigarettes are another way to keep teens chained to their merchandise.

Now, more than ever, the focus should be on helping young people break the addiction to nicotine. Did you

know 1 in 4 youth who use e-cigarettes will eventually be a lifelong smoker of regular cigarettes? Now is the time to give up Juuling. Throw away that Puff or Cali Bar. Don't buy that juice anymore! The candy flavors, Blue Slushie, Unicorn Frappe, and Gummy Bear, are addictive and make the physical destruction of your lungs and alteration of your mind taste good.

We have the power to take action against the tobacco companies that attempt to take advantage of our generation by getting our developing brains addicted to tobacco products. They want to replace the customers that are dying from using their products. We should work towards changing our peers' perception of tobacco, so they can recognize that tobacco

products are addictive.

I joined the *VOICE Indiana Core Team of Hamilton County* because I saw what e-cigarettes/Juul has done to my closest friends and I don't want anyone else to experience what I have gone through. I care about the teens in my community. I want to make a difference, and I want to help my generation live a tobacco-free life.

As I have said before, you should give your mom the present she wants, a healthier you!

Now is the time to quit. For FREE help, text INDIANA to 88709.

If you want to help educate and empower your friends and peers, visit breatheasyhamilton-county.com to sign up for VOICE.

Gabe Anderson is a sophomore at Westfield High School and is a Core Team member of the VOICE Indiana representing Hamilton County.

MEET

CCA Gallery & Gifts features its talented print artist, David O'Dell. On Saturday, May 9, O'Dell will showcase his Indy 500 Limited Edition Silk Screen prints. (111 W. Main St. #135)

Indiana Artisan has four artists showcased during today's virtual event. Artist Gabriel Lehman and potter, Rebecca Lowery will be live at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 9. Tune in

during the weekday at 5 p.m. for special premiers from Dave Lee (glass artist), Pam Newell (oil painter) and Director of Indiana Artisan, Rosalyn Demaree. (22 N. Range Line Road)

Carmel Art on Main Gallery will feature oil painter, Debbie Slack. Debbie will go live on Saturday, May 9 and will show off her one-of-a-kind art. (111 W. Main St. #140)

The **Indiana Design Center** provides a virtual tour inside the Rusted Window, Jack Laurie Home Floor Designs and Drapery Street. Follow the City's social media platforms to watch the premiere. (200 S. Range Line Road).

Other fun features include Music from Artist Development Co., Indie Coffee Roasters and Xchocol'Art.

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— Tom Petty, 1981

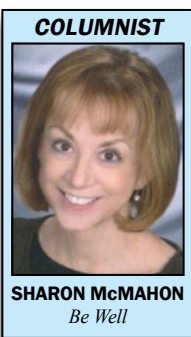
Well, this is my second article of late using a rock ‘n’ roll quote! Not sure what that is about other than maybe in this isolation I am reverting to my “hippie youth.” Frankly, anything is possible at this strange time in our society.

I have recorded so many movies from TCM that I don’t know if I will ever have a chance to watch them all – movies I have heard of but never seen, movies I have seen and really liked enough to watch again, and movies that are completely weird and I question why in the world I ever recorded them. All that movie-watching requires ... a lot of sitting. Well, you can watch a movie while

moving constantly, but somehow that just doesn’t seem right! Lifting weights and watching a movie – doable!

Reading – yes, I have done more of that as well – which is actually my favorite pastime since I learned to read about 65 years ago, and I have still barely scratched the surface of my bookshelf. But there again, a passive activity – and no I will not walk a treadmill while reading but if you do then go for it!

So ... guess I better get moving huh? I am actually taking my daily walks, stretching, lifting weights, and dancing in the kitchen! All which are very important and necessary not only



for our physical health but our mental and emotional health as well. I have heard it said by us “commoners” and celebs alike that they are spending more time cooking and eating the past several weeks. Both of those of course are worthy past-times and do require some restraint and common sense about what we are cooking and eating! The large grocery stores still seem to have quite a bit of nutritional items on the shelves as well as the highly-processed and “junk” items. Item: If you roast brussels sprouts in the oven after basting with a little olive oil and balsamic vinegar, the results are very tasty and sweet!

It is so easy, and I know first-hand, to focus on the “can’t” word instead of “can.” The waiting is difficult, of course, but there are many things we CAN do in the meantime. Be creative, eat well, move and exercise, brush the dog (and the cat if he will allow you...) play Frisbee, plant flowers, and how about this one ... actually TALK to people! The waiting is hard, the months ahead will test us to be sure, but we can do this. Be Well.

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

Letter to the Editor

Chuck Goodrich endorses Jeff Hern for County Council

Dear Editor,

We are blessed in Indiana to have some extraordinary public servants. The job is not easy, but is worth it. Jeff Hern is one of these people, and I am proud to support him for re-election to the Hamilton County Council.

Jeff dedicates himself to everything he does, and is a tireless worker for the public. In addition, he has always made the safety of Hamilton County residents a top priority as a councilman. In addition to Jeff’s work on the Hamilton County Council, he serves on the Hamilton County Sheriff Committee, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Committee, and the County Fire Chief Committee. He believes that through personally working with these individuals that have dedicated their lives to public safety, their collective collaboration will continue to ensure successful outcomes.

I believe that Hamilton County is better due to the fiscal responsibility that Jeff Hern has clung to, and I am excited to see what the future of this county holds with Jeff’s continued leadership. Because of his continued commitment to the community and passion for service, Jeff Hern will be receiving my vote for Hamilton County Council on June 2. I urge you to consider him for your vote as well.

Chuck Goodrich
State Representative

Letter to the Editor

State Sen. Mike Gaskill endorses Victoria Spartz for Congress

Dear Editor:

As a constitutional conservative, I believe in liberty, low taxes and smaller government. Many times I have been disappointed by Republicans who have campaigned on these issues and then didn’t have the courage to make the tough votes to defend them.

As an Indiana State Senator, I have had a front row seat to observe how Victoria Spartz behaves when those tough votes arise. In fact, she sits right beside me in the Senate chamber. Not only have I watched her make courageous votes every single time conservative values were on the line, I have also watched her

persuade other senators to stand tall when the pressure was on.

I remember a particular speech she made on the Senate floor where she talked about her experiences growing up under the communistic regime of the Soviet Union. She was making a point about how precious our liberty is, how fortunate we are to be Americans, and how steadfastly we must defend our liberty.

At 21 years old, Victoria moved halfway around the world to escape the evils of socialism. She’s not about to let it creep into America. Most of us are Americans by birth, but Victoria had to earn the right to be an American. Today, she is a wife

and mother of two daughters, a farmer, a business owner and a CPA.

We are about to choose a new candidate to represent us in Congress. We are fortunate to have 16 Republican candidates from which to choose in the upcoming primary. There are several good candidates in that field of 16, but there is only one Victoria Spartz.

If you place a high value on liberty, low taxes, and a smaller federal government, then please choose Victoria Spartz. She is every bit as courageous as she is conservative.

Mike Gaskill
Indiana State Senator, District 26 Pendleton

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville voter asks you to vote Dillinger for County Commissioner

Dear Editor:

I am asking for your support in electing Steve Dillinger for County Commissioner. I am honored to call this man my friend for many years.

I work for the Commissioners so I can say with complete knowledge and certainty that if an inexperienced Commissioner were to be in office right now in these trying times, it could be a disaster for the county. I, for one, am proud of the fact that Hamilton County has been fortunate enough to have the longest-sitting Commissioner in the state’s history.

Steve Dillinger has an extensive amount of governmental knowledge that only many years of experience can give a person. The county has received numerous prestigious awards (energy-saving solar project, local government cooperation awards, engineering in excellence to name just a few) over the past 30 years and that did not happen by accident; it happened by very modern and innovative thinking from Commissioner Dillinger and the other Commissioners.

Hamilton County is the fastest growing county in the state because our current Commissioners have made this county a destination county where people want to live. Hamilton County couldn’t ask for a better Commissioner who cares about the people, the employees and the future.

This county needs proven experienced leadership during these difficult times. Join me in voting for Steve Dillinger as your County Commissioner.

Dianna Lynch
Noblesville

Meeting Notice

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Virtual Meeting

The Noblesville Common Council will hold a virtual meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. The public can participate by calling (812) 250-2251 and entering 915768714# when prompted.

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Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the June 2 Primary Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of business on Friday, May 22 and will be published on Saturday, May 23.

Letters in response to new topics published in our May 23 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, May 26 and will be published in our May 27 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

Please send your letters to **News@ReadTheReporter.com**.

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Paul Poteet... Your Hometown Weatherman!



DNR properties resume entrance fees, reopen riding trails, restrooms

The REPORTER

Turkey Run, Shades and Indiana Dunes state parks, and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow state recreation areas have resumed collecting entrance fees. All other DNR properties will resume charging entrance fees no later than May 15.

A full breakdown of entrance and other fees is at stateparks.IN.gov/5062.htm.

Regarding other imminent changes:

- Equestrian and mountain bike trails will open,

for day use only, on Monday, May 11.

- Day-use restrooms and vault toilets will open at DNR properties by May 15. Until then, guests should come prepared for restroom use to be restricted.

- Nature Centers and historic facilities in state parks properties will open the week of May 11; however, hours may be reduced, and social distancing may limit the number of guests allowed in the respective facility at one time.

- Marinas will open the week of May 11, with limited

operations.

- The Fort Golf Course is open, and the golf pro shop at Fort Harrison State Park reopens the week of May 11, with self-service cart rental available with a limit of one person per cart.

A complete status list for facilities and services at DNR properties is at on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

Guests at DNR properties should remember the following when visiting:

- Practice social distancing at all times, particularly, as you hike, picnic or use boat ramps. Keep a

minimum of six feet from other individuals you encounter, for your safety and theirs.

- Keep your group size small – fewer than 25 individuals is ideal.

- Bring your own drinking water and hand sanitizer.

- If you picnic, bring and use a covering for your picnic table and take it with you when you leave.

- If a parking lot is full, move to another location.

- If you feel sick or are running a temperature, plan a visit for a different day for the safety of other guests.

Letter to the Editor

Carmel Interfaith Alliance Executive Board: Keep the faith during these challenging times

Dear members of our faith communities and citizens of the state of Indiana:

In light of Governor Holcomb's recently announced plan on May 1 to start reopening the state, and in affirmation of statements issued by other faith communities, we offer the following Pastoral Response:

As people of faith, we believe in the common good, strive to serve, and pray for one another. We are leaders of various religious communities, living in extraordinary times, acknowledging our responsibility to be faithful, forward-thinking, and safety-conscious.

We believe in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, that it is an act of faith is to remain physically apart. Large in-person gatherings pose too great a risk to the common good, and our faith traditions can, and should, withstand this disruption to our practices.

Therefore, out of these convictions, and in response to our govern-

nor's reopening plan:

We encourage all congregations, their leaders, and their members to make safety and well-being of each other, those at particular risk, and those in their broader community, their greatest priority.

We urge congregations to refrain from in-person religious gatherings, including worship. Decisions to return to in-person gatherings should be based on science, the best practices recommended by public health officials, and in consultation with the leaders of our faith communities.

We affirm the Governor's statement that, "We need you to keep your congregations safe," and his preference that religious communities "continue to hold virtual ... services."

We encourage continued creativity in religious expression, and we join together to lament, to grieve, and to honor the ways in which we are all changed by this crisis.

We affirm the ways in which

faith communities are supporting essential workers, those most at risk, and their constituents.

We are inspired by the many ways faith communities have expressed hope, shared resources, and cared for the vulnerable and those facing financial hardships.

We trust that persons of faith will hold fast to the common good, keep up the work, and prayerfully walk alongside one another during times of trial and times of joy.

We make these statements as an act of faith, trusting that we need not gather to be together, believing we will be together again, and fully convicted in keeping one another safe from harm.

Until we meet again...

May it be so.

Carmel Interfaith Alliance Executive Board

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Acts 11:25-27 (KJV)

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Solid second season at Michigan . . .

With more of a 'ready' mentality, Emily Kiser enjoys sophomore year

By RICHIE HALL

When college basketball players become sophomores, the responsibility level can increase.

That was the case for Emily Kiser, who just completed her sophomore season for the University of Michigan women's basketball team. After a freshman season where she appeared in just over half of the Wolverines' games, Kiser played in 29 of Michigan's 32 contests during her sophomore year.

"Freshman year was kind of spotty minutes here and there," said Kiser, a 2018 Noblesville graduate. She would usually get into the game when the Wolverines were up by so many points. But things became different in the 2019-20 season - "This year I definitely had to have more of a ready mentality," she said.

"Even though I didn't get a ton of minutes all the time this year, I think they're definitely pretty important minutes," said Kiser. She knew that she had to play a different role, and do the little things like getting rebounds, taking charges and defending the post.

Kiser came off the bench in each of her games, but always added something when she got on the court. She reached double-digit scoring for the first time on Dec. 14, when the Wolverines hosted Appalachian State, scoring 10 points and also collecting seven rebounds.

Kiser also scored nine points in three early-season games, and handed out four assists when the Wolverines played Kent State. Kiser also said she is developing an outside game and has been stepping up from the 3-point line a little more. She took 11 3-point shots last season and made four of them.

All of this comes from the inevitable differences between high school and college.

"In high school, you're one of the biggest people," said Kiser, who stands 6-foot-3. She's still one of the tallest at Michigan, but the Wolverines have quite a bit of total size: Eight of the 11 players on the Michigan roster stand 6 feet or taller.

The Wolverines finished the season 21-11 and were 10-8 in Big Ten play. But Michigan made noise at the Big Ten Tournament when it upset No. 11-ranked Northwestern in the quarter-finals. The Wildcats had swept the Wolverines in the regular season, but Michigan turned the tables on them in Bankers Life Fieldhouse with a 67-59 win. The Wolverines won their first Big Ten Tournament game

81-75 over Nebraska before beating Northwestern, then fell to Ohio State 66-60 in the semi-finals.

"The whole Big Ten Tournament this year was a ton of fun," said Kiser. While she didn't play in the Northwestern game and got in briefly in the other two contests, she was happy to see the team get success after working all year long.

"Northwestern was really, really good," said Kiser. "It was fun to see our team accomplish that."

Academically, Kiser declared that she was majoring in communications, with a minor in business. She said that she was exploring her different options before deciding on communications. Kiser said that her academics are going well.

"The professors at Michigan are out of this world, especially with how helpful they are," said Kiser. That's especially true with all the traveling that student-athletes do during the course of the season.

The travel part is also fun. While the Wolverines usually stay in the Midwest during the season, they did get to play in Mohegan Sun Arena, the home of the WNBA's Connecticut Sun, located in Uncasville, Conn. Michigan took on No. 8 Florida State in the Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Showcase on Dec. 22, and gave the Seminoles a battle before falling 79-69.

"That's been super fun," said Kiser. "With the budget we have at Michigan, we fly everywhere."

Unfortunately, the Wolverines didn't get to travel to what would've been a first-round NCAA game, as the tournament was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was disappointing not to go to the NCAA Tournament," said Kiser.

Since no gyms are open, players have had to get creative with their training, and Kiser is among those doing that. She's been using the good old-fashioned basketball hoop in her driveway, and also said that she "created my own little weight room in my garage, trying to maintain some muscle mass."

Kiser is also looking forward to next season. The Wolverines graduate one senior, with another returning for her fifth year. Michigan also has four freshmen coming into the program, as well as a transfer from Nebraska, Leigha Brown, who was the "Sixth Player of the Year" in the Big Ten last season.

"We're just going to continue to build that chemistry and add some new faces to the team," said Kiser.



Photo provided
Emily Kiser had more of a 'ready' mentality as her minutes increased during her sophomore year at Michigan. The Noblesville graduate embraced her role for the team, doing the little things like getting rebounds, taking charges and defending the post.



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With condensed schedule at Texas Motor Speedway . . .

INDYCAR season starts June 6

The 2020 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season will begin Saturday, June 6 with the Genesys 300 at Texas Motor Speedway. INDYCAR's stars will take the green flag at 8:45 p.m., with broadcast coverage provided by NBC Sports via NBCSN.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, INDYCAR will run a condensed schedule with practice, qualifying and the race taking place on the same day. The event also will be conducted without fans in attendance. This will be the 24th consecutive year in which INDYCAR has raced at the 1.5-mile oval in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We're excited and ready to kick off the NTT INDYCAR SERIES season at Texas Motor Speedway," INDYCAR President Jay Frye said. "We've worked closely with Eddie Gossage, the entire TMS team and public health officials on a plan of action that will ensure the safety of our event participants alongside an exciting

return to competition for our drivers, teams and viewers tuning in from around the world."

"America needs live sports and they are not going to believe what they see when the Genesys 300 storms into their living rooms on TV from Texas," said Eddie Gossage, president and general manager of Texas Motor Speedway. "One of the world's greatest sporting events, the Indy 500, has been postponed until August by coronavirus, so all of that pent-up energy, anticipation, frustrations and anxiety will be pounding through the drivers' nervous systems. Typically, the Genesys 300 results in a 220-mph photo finish."

Other steps to protect the wellbeing of participants have been identified through close consultation with TMS and public health officials. These include:

- Strict access guidelines limiting the number of personnel on site

- A health screening system administered to all participants
- PPE equipment provided to everyone entering the facility, along with guidelines on usage
- Social distancing protocols in place and carefully maintained
- Revised competition layout to increase distancing

To accommodate the one-day schedule, the length for the race at Texas Motor Speedway has been adjusted to 200 laps rather than the previously announced 248 laps. The full on-track schedule for the Genesys 300:

- NTT INDYCAR SERIES Practice: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- NTT INDYCAR SERIES Qualifications: 5 p.m.
- Genesys 300 at Texas Motor Speedway: 8:45 p.m.

The remainder of the updated, 15-race INDYCAR calendar for 2020, announced April 6, remains on schedule for competition.

IndyCar's Chip Ganassi Racing, Arrow McLaren SP continue to aid COVID-19 heroes

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD
WISH-TV

Across the biggest names in American racing is a secret weapon.

Its future is endless with opportunities, but during these times, the main mission is a miracle.

Kenny Krajnik is Arrow McLaren Schmidt Peterson's Research and Design Engineer. His expertise includes working with a 3D printing machine that normally produces sleek race car parts, but now that machine is saving lives.

"The larger machine is over \$100,000," Krajnik said during a recent tour of the Arrow McLaren SP shop via FaceTime. "The biggest thing we use them for are test kit parts that we want to try on the race car. So, typically very low volume work."

Teams across IndyCar are helping Stratasys, the world's 3D printing leader. Their goal is to manufacture 350,000 face shields at no cost for medical personnel

across the country.

"I actually had someone out at IU Health come and pick some up at my house," said Chris Simmons, Chip Ganassi Racing's Head Engineer. "We are taking any route we can get to get this stuff out as quickly as possible. We are just so thankful for everything the people in the medical community and first responders are doing to keep our communities safe. We just trying to do what little we can to help."

Chip Ganassi Racing and Arrow McLaren SP alone have combined to produce over 800 face shields for heroes across the country since the pandemic began to reach crisis levels in March.

IndyCar is set to begin its season the first weekend in June at Texas.

Regardless of who picks up the first victory of 2020, IndyCar already picked up its biggest win of the season — a win that no trophy can contend with.

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