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Janus Guild member making masks for HCE bus drivers

The REPORTER

Janus Guild member Terri Gast has been busy making masks for the Hamilton County Express (HCE) bus drivers to use while transporting county residents to various destinations.

The Janus Guild is a group of individuals who do fund raising for Janus, volunteer at the facility and provide 8 to 10 special events for the clients each year.

With increased sanitary measures being taken on HCE and Janus Transportation Buses, Terri volunteered her time and talents and provided masks for drivers to use. Transportation Manager Elaine McGuire recently installed clear plastic sheets to further protect drivers and riders from

potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Money boxes have been placed in a secure location with hands-free payment available. Passenger seats, handrails, etc. continue to be sanitized immediately as each individual leaves the bus.

If you would like to schedule a ride on HCE, please call (317) 773-2688. The program is available to meet the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities as well as the general public. The hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

If you would like more information about the Janus Guild, contact Cathy Lundeen at clundeen68@gmail.com.



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Terri Gast's work providing free masks has helped those like Brian Atkins, a bus driver for Hamilton County Express.



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Who's the man behind the mask?

Carmel's 'Wearing is Caring' contest aims to promote using face coverings to fight COVID

The REPORTER

Who was that guy who spoke to me in the canned goods aisle? Was that my neighbor picking out asparagus?

It happens every day in grocery stores and other places across the City of Carmel as many residents have heeded the advice of the Centers for Disease

Control and medical professionals by wearing face coverings to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. But not everyone is following suit, and the City of Carmel would like to urge all residents and visitors to stay safe and protect others by wearing a mask.

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Carmel artist now offering free portraits of coronavirus victims

By **DAN KLEIN**
WISH-TV | wistv.com

A professional artist from Carmel is offering her services to help grieving families. She's doing portraits of their loved ones who have passed due to the coronavirus.

This time isn't easy for Sabrina Zhou and her husband, who are both artists. They rely on art shows and private lessons to survive; both have been unavailable during the pandemic.

Still, she wants to use her talents to help others. For Zhou, the job of bringing someone to life, someone you've never met, starts with the eyes.

"I want to see the eyes, the eyes are very expres-



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For artist Sabrina Zhou, her pledge to do 50 free portraits is about helping heal the hearts of relatives.

sive," she said. "I really like that smile on his face," pointing to a picture of Jim Baker on her computer she's work-

died recently, a victim of the coronavirus.

"For me, I didn't know them, but it is very heart-breaking," she said.

But Zhou is doing what she can to help hearts heal. Some make face masks. Some donate money. Zhou is using her talents as an artist to help a grieving family.

"Hopefully help the families feel a little better going through a hard time."

She's a mom of two kids. In fact, her basement studio shares the space with a gated play area for her two-year-old. She's pledged to do 50 portraits to those who reach out. A color pastel such as Baker's takes about four hours and would normally

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Looking at economic impact of the Fishers COVID loan program

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

Megan Baumgartner had a very pleasant job to complete during the afternoon of Friday, May 8 – she had the duty to inform 73 local business owners that they are approved for the city's COVID-19 small business loan program. However, she had another responsibility – notify the 20 businesses that were not approved for the loan.

A total of 93 local small businesses in Fishers ap-



Baumgartner

plied and 73 were approved. A five-member panel made the decisions on which businesses were approved and how much they will receive in loans, and also which businesses will not receive the loan. The committee consisted of members from the Fishers Redevelopment Commission, representatives of the OneZone Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the City Council Finance Committee. The loan application deadline was last

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She is a woman of strength

She walks into a room and her presence is made known, not by what she is wearing, but by how her heart captures the attention of the people in the room.

She carries the weight of many heartaches, yet has a smile that lightens the load of those who know her.

Her wisdom comes from the knowledge of her heart, not her head.

She puts others first, at the expense of herself, but you will never convince her to do things differently.

Her faith holds her together when her dreams are shattered.

She will be too busy picking up the



COLUMNIST

JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

pieces of the broken hearts of others to worry about her own broken heart.

Integrity and honesty are just natural instincts of how she lives her life on a daily basis.

She wipes her tears, puts on her big girl panties and tackles the impossible because she has been through the unimaginable.

She is a light in the dark tunnel of those who know her.

She lives with her heart wide open, not worrying that it might get broken ... again.

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Carmel Parks shares reopening plan

The REPORTER

With the release of the Governor's **Back on Track Indiana** plan, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) looks forward to providing opportunities for the public to once again explore, engage and connect with our award-winning park system. CCPR has proactively identified and established safety protocols for the phased reopening of our parks, programs, and facilities. Visitors and participants will notice a variety of significant changes to CCPR's operations, especially during the initial phases of implementation, to best ensure everyone's wellbeing.

"In preparing our resumption of operations plan, CCPR relied on best practices from the Back on Track Indiana plan, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, National Recreation and Park Association,

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Rain barrel pre-order deadline is May 21

The REPORTER

Rain barrel water is great for watering plants and gardens or even washing the car. In peak summer months, a rain barrel can save around 1,300 gallons of free, naturally soft water for your use. 55-gallon rain barrels are available for pre-order through the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. The deadline to pre-order online is May 21.

These re-purposed,

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go for \$260, so that the total value of her offering could be \$13,000. But she’s doing each one for free.

“I hope the portrait gives them a very nice memory of the past,” she said.

The project is even more personal because she grew up in the province next to Wuhan, China, just about a five-hour drive. Her extended family is safe over there, but friends have suffered.

As for when she’s done with a portrait, she just knows. It’s not that Baker looks like his photograph – it’s that he’s better than his picture.

“I hope it’s better than the photograph. I know it’s done when I’m satisfied,” she said.

Sabrina’s first subject was Paul Loggan, the former North Central athletics director. Baker is her seventh. So far, she’s done four people from Indiana, two from Connecticut and one from Michigan, so word of mouth is spreading.

“I can’t imagine how much hard times they’re going through so I want to help a little,” she said.

Judging by the cards and emails she’s received, she’s doing a lot more than that, even though as a mom she only gets about two hours each morning for her art.

You can reach out to her through [her website](#).

CONTEST

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In that spirit, the City is launching a Wearing is Caring “Who is Behind the Mask” contest on Facebook and Instagram now through Friday, May 15. Each day the City will share a cleverly-cropped photo and challenge you to guess who is behind the mask. Here is how to play along:

- Comment on the Facebook or Instagram post with your guess.
- One winner will be randomly selected from the comments.
- The winner will receive a \$50 gift card from one of our local merchants.

This contest will feature well-known faces and local celebrities – people you would easily recognize without the mask – and will reveal the identity of the masked person the next day.

It’s important to remember to wear a mask when out in public in order to help keep the most vulnerable safe. Many who carry the COVID-19 virus never show symptoms. This will become more important as communities continue to emerge from the Governor’s stay-at-home restrictions and local businesses begin to open.

BARREL

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food-grade barrels capture rainwater from your downspout and roof and hold it for use later. Pre-pay for your barrel and choose between green, terra cotta, black and green barrels. Diverters systems for easily installation are also available for \$25.

Rain barrel pre-orders can be placed online at hamiltonswcd.org. No or low contact order pick up will be May 29 in Noblesville. All proceeds support conservation projects and education in Hamilton County.

Carmel residents are eligible for a \$50 to \$75 rebate from the City Stormwater Program after installing a rain barrel. The SWCD can provide an application for this program at the barrel pick up event.



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STRENGTH

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When hurt, she forgives just as soon as she has her come apart.

Her confidence doesn't come from what she knows she can do but from what she has been through ... and survived.

She knows that life is short so she lives it to the fullest.

She loves with Grace and Mercy.

She never sees the glass as half-full or half-empty, but overflowing.

She knows Joy, not because she has no pain but because she knows the God who heals.

Her faith tells her that there is purpose to her pain.

She knows that God's ways are not her ways and that she doesn't have to understand everything to know that everything will be alright ... eventually.

Her smile tells the world, "I'm OK," when she is anything but OK.

She understands that doing something she fears does not make her brave ... but determined.

Her walk says, "I can do this," even though her heart says, "Please don't make me have to do this."

Simply put ... she makes a difference in the lives of those who know her.

I want to be that woman ... it's the woman my mother raised me to be.

Janet Hart Leonard, a.k.a. Audrey's daughter.



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

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

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

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





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Broadway star Laura Osnes and Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein offer advice to Bobby Barksdale of Buffalo, N.Y., during the Public Masterclass at the 2019 Songbook Academy in Carmel.

Masterclass Moments series allows young performers to learn pro tips anywhere

The REPORTER

Each year, the nation's top high school singers experience a week of mentoring from Broadway stars and other arts and entertainment professionals at the Great American Songbook Foundation's Songbook Academy® summer intensive.

Now, through the new archival video series *Masterclass Moments*, other young performers – and any fan of timeless popular music – can benefit from the wisdom and wit of such artists as Songbook Foundation founder and five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein; actress and singer Laura Osnes, star of Broadway's *Bonnie & Clyde*, *Cinderella* and *Bandstand*; and TV writer-producer Marc Cherry, creator of *Desperate Housewives* and *Why Women Kill*.

Each year, 40 teens from coast to coast are selected through audition videos to attend the Songbook Academy, which takes place at the Foundation's headquarters, the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. A highlight of each year's Songbook Academy is the Public Masterclass, in which Feinstein and other professional mentors ana-

lyze the student-finalists' chosen songs and critique their performances before a live audience in the stately Palladium concert hall. Video clips from past masterclasses and other Songbook Academy workshops form the basis of the new series.

Executive Director Chris Lewis said stay-at-home orders around the nation are accelerating the Songbook Foundation's efforts to provide more year-round programming related to the Songbook Academy, which presented its 10th summer intensive last year. Alumni of the summer sessions remain connected through the Songbook Academy Alumni Network to stay informed about college programs, auditions and performance opportunities.

"Education is at the very heart of our mission," Lewis said. "This series will highlight special moments from the past decade that have never been seen outside of the original on-site event. We hope these virtual masterclasses will continue to inspire young performers who are still exploring and honing their craft amid the current challenges."

Beginning May 11, *Masterclass Moments* will

premiere a new episode at 7:30 p.m. each Monday on the Songbook Academy [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram TV](#). Each 15- to 20-minute segment will include a range of pro tips – typically shared with warmth and humor – on storytelling, body language, comedic timing and other skills central to the performance of jazz and pop standards and classic tunes from Broadway and Hollywood.

The first segment, taken from the 2018 Songbook Academy, features Feinstein and Cherry coaching Top 10 finalist Reed Gnepper through Irving Berlin's "Let's Face the Music and Dance," stressing the importance of historical context in interpreting the song. Gnepper, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, is now a sophomore studying Vocal Arts at The Juilliard School in New York City.

More information on upcoming segments is available at [TheSongbook.org/Masterclass-Moments](https://thesongbook.org/masterclass-moments).

Educational workshops and masterclasses at the Songbook Academy are made possible with generous support from the Efroymson Family Fund and Ruth's Chris Steak House.

LOANS

weekend and the committee reviewed all the applications in a matter of days.

Baumgartner, Director of Economic Development for the City of Fishers, says only a few business owners received the maximum \$15,000 loan, with most in the \$7,500 range. The city funded the loan program with \$500,000 received from a previous Economic Development deal. Had the loan program not been developed, the \$500,000 would have been used in the city's economic development efforts.

Of the businesses with loan approvals, about 30 percent were personal service operations, such as salons and spas. Another 30

percent consisted of restaurants and retail operations. The remaining 40 percent were gyms and providers of other personal services.

Baumgartner says those approved for the city's small business loan program should begin to receive the money in the next two to three days.

The approved small business loans have very favorable terms, but they must be paid back. The 1 percent interest does not begin running, and payments are not due, until six months after the payout, then payments are due for the following three years.

City officials plan to announce the names of those

businesses approved for loans, but will not disclose the loan amount. A \$5,000 grant from Duke Energy allowed the city to add the 73rd business loan approval.

On another issue, Baumgartner says the ongoing construction for current economic development projects in Fishers have not been slowed by the novel coronavirus. However, she added that some new economic development announcements have been put on hold for now due to the economic slowdown due to COVID-19.

You can listen to the entire podcast interview with Megan Baumgartner at [this link](#).

PARKS

among other sources," explained Michael Klitzing, CCPR Director. "We also want to thank the Hamilton County Health Department and a panel of respected doctors for reviewing and providing valuable feedback on our plan." The panel was comprised of Dr. Michael Kaufmann, Dr. Tracey Ikerd, and Dr. Timothy Hannon.

The most current updates on CCPR's reopening plan are available at carmelclayparks.com.

Monon Community Center

The Monon Community Center will reopen on May 24 or when Hamilton County enters Stage 3 of the state's reopening plan, whichever is later. Initially, the facility will only be open by reservation for existing paid members age 15 and above. No new memberships or day passes will be sold until after July 4. Fitness equipment has been spread throughout the west building, including on the indoor track, and a limited schedule of group fitness classes will be offered in the gymnasium, all to promote physical distancing between visitors.

With the Governor encouraging seniors to stay safely at home, Silver-Sneakers® fitness classes will continue to be available online for members and the general public to enjoy.

"As always, the safety of our members and staff is our number one priority. We know there will be a lot of adjustments for everyone as we get back up and running," said Eric Mehl, CCPR Director of Recreation and Facilities. "We appreciate everyone's patience as we open our doors. We're all in this together and we are glad to be a resource for our community."

Parks, Playgrounds, Splash Pads & Restrooms

Playgrounds, splash pads, and restrooms will open on May 24 in all CCPR parks and along the Monon Greenway, consistent with the state's guidelines. The skate park and membership-based dog park, both located in Central Park, will also reopen on this date. CCPR will work closely with the City of Carmel to determine the appropriate time to reopen Midtown Plaza and the Monon Greenway between Main

Street and Gradle Drive, although this is not anticipated to occur before Memorial Day.

Summer Camps

CCPR remains hopeful that summer camps will begin on June 1, pending guidance from the CDC as required by the Back on Track Indiana plan. With many CCPR camps housed in school buildings, which the state has mandated remain closed until at least June 30, it is likely that camp capacity will be significantly reduced. CDC guidance for camps will ultimately determine when and how many children and families we will be able to serve this summer.

The Waterpark

The Waterpark is expected to open on June 14 at no greater than 50 percent capacity, as required under the state's reopening plan. Lounge chairs will not be provided by CCPR this summer, but visitors are welcome to bring their own folding chairs. Visitors are encouraged to bring credit cards to minimize the use of cash.

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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.

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Letter to the Editor

Hoosiers must now take personal responsibility to defeat the virus

Dear Editor:

Getting through the virus outbreak is much more than just a healthcare issue. It is also a social, economic, political and personal issue.

Given the exaggerated and frightening information published when the pandemic began, governments decided to fight the virus by various types of “shutdown” and isolation protocols. They wanted to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed by flattening the infection curve and reduce the number of COVID-19 patients going into hospitals at any one time.

However, this consequently extends the length of time that the virus spreads. In doing so, the states took the responsibility away from us as individuals, but now it is time for us to take that personal responsibility back.

According to Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger, the controlling the outbreak “...has been a very difficult task, given the varying opinions of the different experts.”

For example, Governor Holcomb recently reduced the restrictions on Hoosiers. In his May 1 speech on getting Indiana “back on track,” the governor stated that the number of people being admitted to hospitals due to COVID-19 is one indicator of the level of danger. He also stated that this number has dropped over the previous week. This is a good metric, but I fear that it sends an incomplete message when considered by itself. The fact remains that both the number of COVID cases and deaths are still increasing in the state as of May 4, even with the restrictions in place (Figure 1).

In contrast, the day-over-day death rate is actually decreasing. The death rate is not the probability of dying from COVID, which was originally estimated at a terrifying 5 percent and even higher. The death rate is the change in the number of deaths day-over-day. The good news is that in our state and others, the death rate is actually getting lower (Figure 2).

Think of a car going uphill. It can do so at a constant speed, while getting faster as it goes, or getting slower as it climbs. In our case, we have more people getting sick and dying, but not at the rate we did. The car is slowing down, but it has not yet crested the hill. By April 11, the death rate in Indiana became much less variable and continued to trend downward. There are all sorts of reasons as to why. It could be that the most vulnerable Hoosiers have already been exposed and passed away. It could be that we’ve figured out better treatments. It could be that the shutdown worked and our most vulnerable people are not being as exposed as easily as before. It is likely a combination of things.

The fact that the number of hospital admissions for COVID-19 has gone down over a few days is potentially a good sign, but it is not yet enough data to be statistically sound. This is why Governor Holcomb made it very clear that we may be starting to see an improvement. He did not declare the virus defeated. He correctly indicated that we need over two weeks of data before we can look for a trend. Just as importantly, this trend could easily change as the underlying situation changes, e.g., relaxed restrictions, so this and other metrics require close monitoring going forward.

Now more than ever, we must remain personally vigilant about protecting our more vulnerable Hoosiers. As more people begin to work and play again, we are also potentially passing the virus to one another. People are tired of being cooped up, and they’re frustrated at lost income and the threat to their businesses.

We all want to get back to normal. Nonetheless, we will likely see an increased rate of infections and deaths as we relax our collective guard. If we relax too much, we could see a huge increase and inspire more restrictive measures once again.

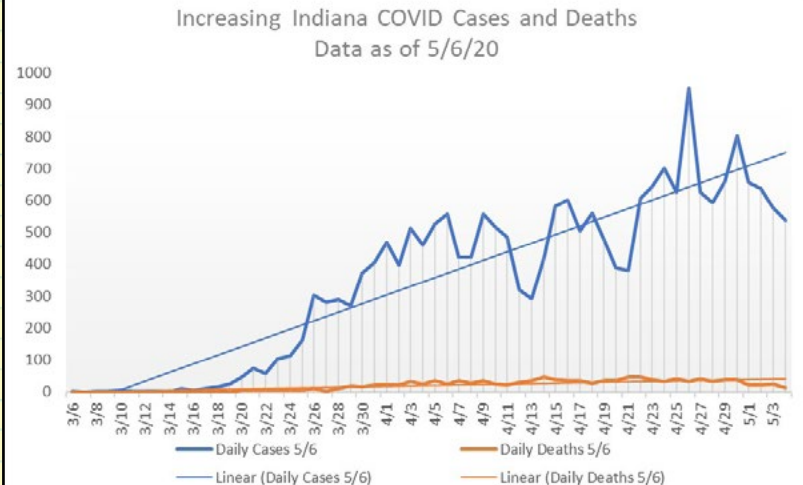
Commissioner Dillinger points out that “...it will require each of us ... not government ... to take responsibility for our own actions to keep ourselves and the people around us safe.”

If we don’t take this seriously enough, we could end up enduring tougher state-imposed restrictions, and suffer even greater economic consequences down the line.

Matthew Rowe
Carmel

Increasing Indiana COVID Cases and Deaths

Data as of 5/6/20

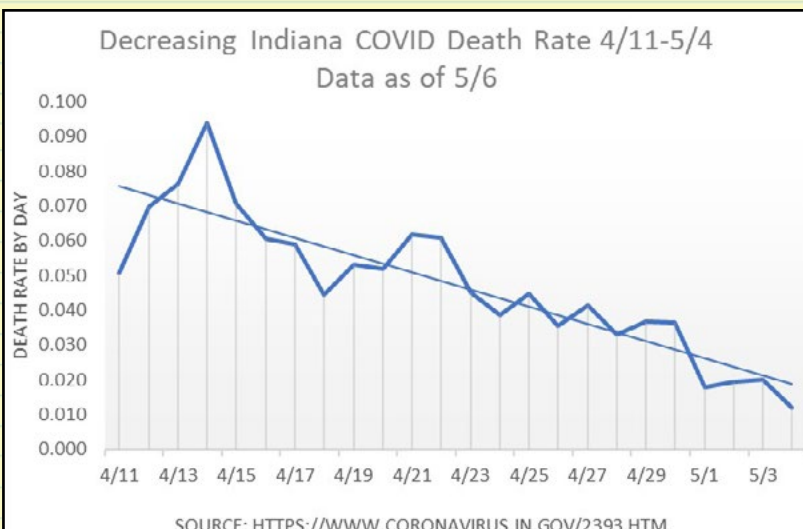


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Figure 1. The number of cases of COVID infection and deaths continue increasing as of May 4. The last few data points appear to be dropping, but the data is typically refined upward over time as cases and deaths are reported, so this should not be interpreted as a downward shift. *Data source: [coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm).*

Decreasing Indiana COVID Death Rate 4/11-5/4

Data as of 5/6



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Figure 2. The Hoosier Death Rate day-over-day is consistently decreasing as of May 4. The last few data points are typically refined upward over time as deaths are reported, and should not be interpreted as a more significant drop.

SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.CORONAVIRUS.IN.GOV/2393.HTM](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2393.htm)

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Sens. Young, Braun join bipartisan resolution to honor nation's teachers


The REPORTER

To honor the nation's teachers and commemorate National Teacher Appreciation Week, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) joined a bipartisan resolution to recognize the important work of teachers across the nation and thank them for their efforts to prepare students for success.


"Despite the challenging situation we are currently facing, teachers in Indiana and across the country remain dedicated to their students and staying connected during the coronavirus pandemic," said Young. "This resolution honors the efforts of our teachers and their devotion to our young people."

"Hoosier teachers have stepped up in a big way to ensure that regardless of how classes change during this time, the quality of instruction Indiana students receive remains high," said Braun.

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Why should you see a financial advisor?

The social distancing and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the coronavirus have led many of us to feel isolated. Still, we've fought back through social media, "virtual" gatherings and walks in the neighborhood, where we could greet friends and neighbors (from six feet away). But when you're dealing with the financial effects of the virus and you're investing alone, you could encounter some problems that may prove costly.

Of course, with so much investment-related information available online, on television and in any number of periodicals, it's not surprising that some people feel they can invest without any assistance. But the volatility of the financial markets over the past few months has also pointed to the dangers of going solo in the investment world. And you might find that a professional financial advisor can help you in several ways, including the following:

Taking emotions out of investing

During this period of market turbulence, many self-guided investors are letting their emotions drive their investment decisions. As a result, they sell invest-



COREY SYLVESTER
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ments when their price is down, "locking in" their losses. Furthermore, if they then stay out of the financial markets, they will miss out on the eventual recovery – and some of the biggest gains in market rallies usually occur right at the beginning.

But if you work with a financial advisor who has helped you develop a personalized investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you will be far less likely to react to extreme market conditions by making ill-advised decisions.

Maintaining perspective

When you're putting away money for the future and you suddenly have a lot less of it, you might start to wonder if that future is somehow in jeopardy. But if you've been working with a financial advisor and following your investment strategy, you'll know that you don't have to immediately cash out those investments that have lost value, and you may not need to liquidate them for decades if they were designed for a long-term goal, such as retirement.

By the time you do need to sell them, their value may well have appreciated sig-

nificantly. And if you've got a well-constructed portfolio, you'll also own shorter-term, less volatile investments to help meet your current cash flow needs.

Understanding the history of investing

The recent market instability is unique in the sense that its cause – a worldwide pandemic – is so highly unusual, and it hopefully will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Typically, prolonged market downturns are triggered by explainable financial or economic factors, such as the bursting of the "dot-com" bubble in 2000.

However, market drops of 20 percent or more – generally referred to as bear markets – are not at all unusual and have happened every few years over the past several decades. Financial advisors are well aware of this history and share it with their clients. And for many people, the knowledge that "we've been here before" is reassuring and makes it easier for them to continue following their investment strategies.

The road to your financial goals is a long one, with many twists and turns. So, you might like to have some experienced company along the way.

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What early-20th Century Hoosier company made an electric car?

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1825 – The Marquis de Lafayette visited Jeffersonville on a tour of the country. He was escorted to a mansion overlooking the Ohio River where a reception and dinner were held in his honor. He was greeted by Indiana Governor James Brown Ray and veterans of the American Revolution. In a toast to Indiana, he said, "May the rapid progress of this young state, a wonder among wonders, more and more evince the blessings of freedom." The following year, the county seat of Tippecanoe County was named in honor of the famous guest.

1902 – Dedication ceremonies were held for the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the Circle in Indianapolis. General Lew Wallace was Master of Ceremonies. The program included the reading of a poem by James Whitcomb Riley and music written and performed for the occasion by John Philip Sousa. Standing at a height of 284 feet, 6 inches, the monument is made of gray oolitic limestone from quarries in Owen County. The cost of construction was \$598,318.

1911 – The Studebaker Company introduced the latest model of their electric car. "It gives time to think from streetcar



crowds and street annoyances," the ad said, "and goes anywhere, anytime, to the theater, about town, or into the country." The company, based in South Bend, had become famous for its wagons and carriages. Studebaker electric cars were manufactured from 1902 until 1912, when production turned to gasoline engines. The electric model advertised had four speeds and could go up to 18 mph.

1937 – The Presidential Train carrying Franklin D. Roosevelt stopped at Union Station in Indianapolis. Postmaster General James A. Farley came aboard as the Chief Executive waved to a small crowd from the window of his car. *The Indianapolis Star* reported that spectators "caught a fleeting glimpse of that famous smile." The train had already stopped in Terre Haute to pick up Indiana Governor Clifford Townsend and would stop again in Richmond before moving on to Washington.

FDR was returning from a Texas fishing trip.

1951 – The first "Little 500" bicycle race was held at Indiana University. Started by I.U. Foundation Director Howard Wilcox, the purpose was to help generate scholarship funds. Wilcox, the son of 1919 500-Mile Race winner Howdy Wilcox, patterned the bicycle contest after the Speedway event, with 33 teams cycling 200 laps on an oval track. The first year's race was a big success, and the event has become a yearly tradition. It is the central theme of the popular 1979 movie "Breaking Away."

1968 – Bunker Hill Air Force Base near Kokomo was renamed in honor of astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom. His wife, two children, and parents were among the 35,000 who attended ceremonies marking the name change. Grissom, from Mitchell, Ind., was killed along with two fellow astronauts in a pre-launch explosion of Apollo I in 1967.

Fishers road construction updates, week of May 11

The REPORTER

State Road 37

126th Street west of SR 37 is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in July. During this time, cross access and all left turns will be restricted, with only right in and right out until this phase ends. Traffic on southbound SR 37 will shift to the northbound lanes and two lanes will remain in each direction. Local access to businesses will remain open via Lantern Road. The official detour route will direct drivers to use 116th Street or 131st Street to Allisonville Road. Detour route markers and advance warning signs will be in place prior to the closure.

For a map of the detours, [click here](#). Please drive with caution through this area. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

Paw Patrol Parade

PAW Patrol is on the loose in Fishers! A special PAW Patrol parade will be traveling throughout Fishers neighborhoods from May 11 to 15. The parade will be held daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. There will not be any road closures for this parade, however the parade will travel slowly through neighborhoods and there may be traffic delays. Residents are encouraged to use alternative routes as needed. Sirens and horns will be used occasionally. For more information on which areas of the city will be visited each day, visit [playfishers.com/PAWPatrol](#).

96th Street

96th Street between Sargent Road and Cumberland Road is currently closed. During this time, the Sargent Road roundabout will be constructed, the bridge over Mud Creek will be replaced with a widened structure and additional travel lanes will be added. Local access will remain open from Lantern Road to the River Life Church. The Sargent Road roundabout is anticipated to reopen in mid-June. 96th Street east of Sargent Road to Cumberland Road will remain closed and is anticipated to reopen in early November. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Lantern Road or Cumberland Road to 106th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

Allisonville Road

Beginning on Sunday, May 10 all southbound lanes on Allisonville Road from 116th Street to 106th will be closed until Thursday, May 14 while the Department of Public Works performs road repairs. Local access will remain open south of Easy Street. The official detour route will direct drivers to use 116th Street to Hague Road to 106th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

116th Street

On Monday, May 11, lane restrictions on 116th Street will be in place from Municipal Drive to Fishers Center Drive for utility relocation.

The northernmost westbound lane of 116th Street between Lantern Road and Municipal Drive is currently restricted day and night for approximately 45 days. Access remains open to local businesses along the route.

Pleasant View Subdivision

ADA ramp reconstruction and road resurfacing is currently taking place and is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

Municipal Drive

Currently, there are lane restrictions on

Municipal Drive behind the library in order to construct on-street parking and is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

South Street

South Street is currently closed between the railroad tracks and Moore Street for approximately two weeks.

Lantern Road

Lantern Road is closed to thru traffic, beginning south of 116th Street to Fishers

Pointe Boulevard, as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project to improve the sanitary sewer underneath Lantern Road. Access to Fishers Elementary is available from 106th Street. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

Keep Fishers DPW safe


Road construction continues around Fishers, so please remember to slow down and drive carefully around road workers.


[Click here](#) to see the Fishers DPW crew talk about worker safety.

While this list encompasses numerous project updates, it does not list all DPW projects throughout the city. The most recent projects are detailed, however please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting. The city appreciates motorists' patience and caution while driving through construction sites.


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Letter to the Editor

County Councilor Brad Beaver promises to use his “experience, knowledge” to work for county

To the residents of Hamilton County: It is with the experience and knowledge gained by serving on the Hamilton County Council for 24 years that I want to reassure Hamilton County residents, our county government has never been in a better economic position than it is right now. I say this as we are facing an economic downturn as the COVID-19 pandemic runs its course. We don't know what lies ahead, nor can we predict just how bad it will be, but your Hamilton County government is in a strong economic position to meet whatever challenges we face.

Here is why I am confident in saying this: The county has cash reserves in the bank and a AAA bond rating. This did not happen by accident. We got to this point through strategic, gradual growth after the 2008 recession by conservative financial stewardship, while continuing to fund core county government functions.

As one of the most fiscally conservative members of the county council, I can tell you the decisions we had to make were not always easy. Some of those decisions were met with criticism. In hindsight, we now know they were the right decisions, because they put the county in the financially secure position it is in today.

The fiscal conservatives on the council held firm when other county officials wanted to go into debt by spending more

on other projects. We were criticized when we voted to spend only the cash we had on hand at the time, which resulted in smaller projects, but projects that still met the needs of the county.

Going into debt when money is flowing in can be tempting, but it is rarely the most prudent way to handle money. No one could see the pandemic coming and the resulting economic havoc, which is why it's always better to be fiscally conservative rather than giving in to the temptation of unnecessary spending.

I have helped steer our county through both good and bad times, including serious economic downturns and have proven, through my actions, that I know what expenditures are truly necessary for our county and which ones are not.

What lies ahead of us cannot be sugar coated. By all appearances we have a tough road in front of us, but I assure you, we can get through this together. I promise, I will put my 24 years of experience and knowledge, which helped get us to this position of economic excellence, behind my words.

I ask for your support and vote as I seek re-election to the Hamilton County Council to continue building upon the legacy of financial excellence that is Hamilton County.

Sincerely,
Brad Beaver
Hamilton County Councilor

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville voter: Steve Dillinger is “consistently outstanding” as a leader

Dear Editor,

Hamilton County is fortunate to have consistently outstanding leaders, one of them being Steve Dillinger.

I have known Steve for 20 years and I found him to be a strong supporter of Riverview Hospital, open to new ideas, a good listener and a progressive leader, who was always looking to better our community. He has dedicated years to public service and has worked well with other community leaders to bring about positive progressive changes.

Over the course of his service he has

seen tremendous population growth and, with it, many challenges. He has worked to make sure that with that growth the county has had the necessary infrastructure needed.

He is also the longest serving Commissioner in Indiana. During this time of uncertainty, we need experienced, trusted leaders.

I support Steve Dillinger for County Commissioner on June 2 and I hope you will too.

Pat Fox
Noblesville

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea: Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 11:28-30 (KJV)



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From William Woods to Jamestown to IUPUI . . .

Vince Drahman finds early success as young collegiate golf coach

By **RICHIE HALL**

After going west to start his golf coaching career, Vince Drahman has settled in to a nice run at IUPUI.

The Noblesville graduate became the assistant coach for the Jaguars in August 2018. Drahman has already been a part of IUPUI's success, with the women's team defending its Horizon League championship and both the women's and the men's teams having Players of the Year.

Drahman's road back to Indy actually started in the city. He played his first two college seasons at the University of the Cumberlands, located in Williamsburg, Ky. In his junior season, Drahman transferred to Marian University in Indianapolis and had success there, earning Second Team NAIA All-America honors, playing in the NAIA championships as a senior, being named the Marian Student-Athlete of the Year and helping the Knights to a No. 11 national ranking.

After graduating from Marian in 2016 with an accounting degree, Drahman went to William Woods University in Fulton, Mo.

"They were a top five NAIA program at the time," said Drahman. "I wound up getting a graduate assistant position there."

Drahman received an MBA from William Woods, a General MBA with a focus in entrepreneurial leadership. While he was working on his MBA, Drahman helped coach both William Woods teams to top 10 finishes at the NAIA championship tournament – fourth place for the men and eighth place for the women.

The next year, Drahman made a big jump – he became the head men's and women's golf coach at the University of Jamestown, located in Jamestown, N.D., making him a 24-year-old head coach.

Drahman, now 27, helped the Jimmies to great success. Both teams won the North Star Athletic Association Conference championship, with Drahman named the Coach of the Year. That qualified the Jamestown teams for the NAIA championships, Drahman said getting the team exposure on the national level "was something I was super excited about."

After completing the season, Drahman had interviews "for a couple different jobs at different places," when he found out the IUPUI assistant job was open – "a player on the IUPUI team let me know the assistant coach had taken another job," he said.

Drahman met up with the coach, Jamie Broce, talked with him, then had an official interview with IUPUI. After playing "the waiting game," Drahman found out at the beginning of August that he had



Photo provided

Noblesville graduate Vince Drahman (left) has met with much success during his first few years as a collegiate golf coach. After a great season as the University of Jamestown head coach, Drahman is now an assistant at IUPUI. He is pictured with Austin Crowder, the men's Horizon League Player of the Year.

the job.

The Jaguars women's team was the reigning Horizon League champion the season before Drahman came on the scene, so he helped the IUPUI women defend their title, led by Horizon League Player of the Year Marion Debove. The Jaguars also got to play the NCAA regionals, hosted by Michigan State.

"That was an amazing event," said Drahman. "That was a really cool experience. Our girls had a really good year before things got canceled. They wound up winning four events as a team. Our No. 1 player had four individual wins and our No. 2 player was well on her way."

The Jaguars men's team struggled with injuries, but also had the Horizon League Player of the Year, Austin Crowder. Drahman said there were "a couple guys that got individual wins" on the team.

But beyond the wins, Drahman said he enjoys getting to cultivate relationships with his players.

"The best part is the trips you get to take, spend time with the kids on the

plane, on the bus, you just really get the chance to connect," said Drahman. "In my coaching experience as a whole, we really try to treat it as a family and you get to build those personal relationships, you get to know a lot more than just their golf game."

Even while coaching, Drahman was able to continue to play competitively last year in several golf tournaments. In seven events, Drahman had three top 10 finishes, including second place at the IGA Tournament of Champions last September.

"I think one of the really good things about our coaching staff in particular is that we both still play competitively at a very high level, said Drahman. Both he and Broce are aware that the college experience has its own set of challenges, such as time management, academics and the social side of college. In addition, there is the understanding what it's like to be in pressure situations and to be in the running to win an event.

"Coach Roche and I have experienced those things and still experience those

things," said Drahman. "Being a player has helped me be a much better coach and vice versa. I'm kind of detached from the personal emotion that you carry with you throughout a round of golf. It helps me when it comes to help them make the right decisions. Also as a player, it's helped me quite a bit because you get to see a lot of things that happen to other people."

Drahman may now be a coach at a Division I school, but he has not forgotten his NAIA roots, in either playing or coaching. He notes that much of golf is "very much self-driven" and about how far a golfer is willing to push him or herself.

Drahman said good news for prospective pro players is that "if you look at the professional tours, there's kids and people from all over the place, all types of backgrounds that wind up making it," he said.

Whether coaching or playing, no matter the school size, Drahman said the game of golf is about one thing, "how many shots it takes you to get the ball in the hole."



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Ultimate fan auction to rally INDYCAR community during Month of May

The “One Drive To Get Back On Track” auction was announced by INDYCAR and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway today to support non-profit organizations on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19.

The special virtual auction featuring rare and exciting ultimate INDYCAR fan experiences will take place from Friday, May 22 to Sunday, May 24 and will support the American Red Cross, All Clear Foundation and Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana. Those dates were the originally scheduled Race Weekend for the 104th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, postponed until Aug. 23 due to the global health crisis.

Throughout the Month of May, INDYCAR’s athletes will take over the NTT INDYCAR SERIES social media accounts to give fans exclusive, behind-the-scenes content and access. At the end of each takeover day, drivers will announce a special “One Drive To Get Back On Track” auction package sponsored by their team. The first driver takeover was on Thursday, May 7 and featured Meyer Shank Racing’s Jack Harvey. INDYCAR’s event promoters and partners also joined in the fun, providing experience packages for the auction.

“There’s no question this is going to be a different Month of May than we’re all used to,” Penske Entertainment Corp. President and CEO Mark Miles said. “However, I can’t think of a more appropriate way for our motorsports community to come together this month, and most especially over the originally scheduled Indy 500 Race Weekend, than to join forces in support of the heroes on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19. I’m excited to see the auction packages our drivers, teams, venues and partners contribute and look forward to an engaging month of content leading up to the virtual

auction.”

Alongside Thursday’s announcement, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced the first auction prize available to fans. The “Epic Racing Capital of the World Experience” includes the opportunity to wave the green flag on an Indy 500 practice day, take a track lap in a Speedway event car with IMS President J. Douglas Boles and dinner for four with the Borg-Warner Trophy and a former Indy 500 winner.

Unlike additional auction items, which will be available through the bidding process beginning on May 22, this prize will be awarded through a fan sweepstakes. Details on how fans can enter the sweepstakes will be announced in the near future by Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The “One Drive To Get Back On Track” auction will be housed on indycar.com/backontrack in association with Legends, the official fan retail partner of INDYCAR and IMS.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or its Twitter account at @RedCross.

The Indiana Region serves 87 counties statewide through its six-chapter areas: Central, Northeast, North-

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About the All Clear Foundation

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Founded in 1980, Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana serves nearly 600 food pantries, soup kitchens, schools and community partners in its 21-county service area. Gleaners has distributed more than 520 million pounds of food to hungry Hoosiers over the past 40 years through a variety of programs, including BackSacks: Weekend Food For Kids, school-based and mobile pantries, senior shopping days and other initiatives. In 2017, Gleaners became one of seven regional produce processing centers for the Feeding America network of food banks. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Gleaners has served four times the families served prior to the health crisis. Learn more at gleaners.org.



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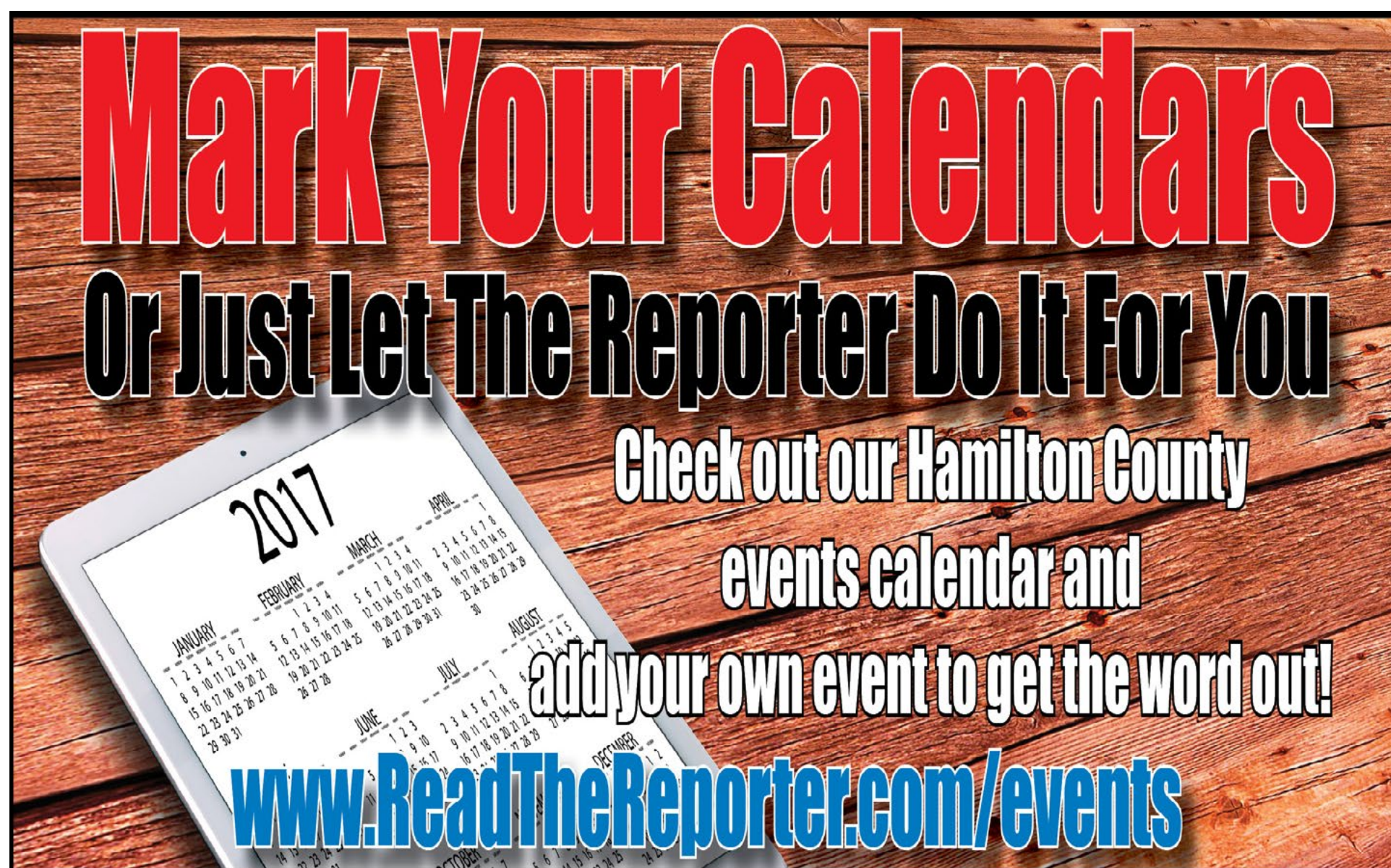
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