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TODAY'S WEATHER

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County creates small business stabilization fund

\$250K earmarked for businesses forced to close during pandemic

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council have established the Hamilton County Stabilization Fund for Small Businesses to help small local businesses forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants of up to \$10,000 per business will be awarded based on demonstrated need.

"The grants are meant to help small businesses hit hard by government-mandated shutdowns," said Councilman Fred Glynn, who brought forth the idea. "Fortunately, because county government is managed in a fiscally responsible manner, we are able to invest back in our community in times of crisis."

Businesses eligible for the Hamilton County Stabilization Fund must:

- Be in good standing with regard to state and local taxes, licenses and code compliance.
- Be locally-owned and not by an out-of-state corporation.
- Be in good standing with the Indiana Secretary of State.
- Have been established and operational in Hamilton County for at least the previous six months. Businesses that have expanded to a storefront from another business are eligible (e.g., an established caterer who opened a restaurant or an online retailer who opened a boutique).

Grants can be used for payroll (exclusive of owner compensation), utilities, rent, mortgage payments, insurance, or similar expenses, and products directly used in production of a product for sale. Preference will be given to businesses that have not received abatements or incentives from the federal government, State of Indiana, or any local government entity. Preference will also be given to businesses that made all reasonable efforts to keep employees employed during the pandemic.

Grant applications are due by the close of business on Friday, May 22. Applications can be found online at hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1629.

The Hamilton County Stabilization Fund for Small Businesses has limited funding, therefore not all grant requests may be approved or approved at the level requested. Grants recipients will be notified during the week of May 25. Payments will be disseminated no later than June 9.

State testing site for COVID-19 opening at Westfield's Grand Park

Fishers names small business loan recipients

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has partnered with Optum-Serve to open a COVID-19 testing site at Grand Park in Westfield starting on Wednesday, May 13. Individuals who are symptomatic for COVID-19 or close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 positive patients are encouraged to register for an appointment.

"We're thrilled to be able to support this service along with the State Health Department," said Christian Walker, Emergency Coordinator for the Hamilton County Health Department. "Increased testing for our most vulnerable residents will be key to containing this virus."

In a news conference last week, State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box said, "If you're high risk because you're 65 years or older or have other underlying health conditions like diabetes, obesity, or high blood pressure; or if you're a member of a minority population that is at greater risk, please come get tested even if you don't have symptoms."

Registration for testing is required. It can be completed online at lhi.care/covidtesting or by phone at (888) 634-1116. Hoosiers will not be charged for testing and insurance is not required. However, if you have private health insurance, please bring that information with you.

"The test will involve a swab being inserted into the back of the nasal cavity," Walker explained. "This is not the most comfortable procedure, but it helps ensure a proper sample is collected. Results will be available in two to three days. Details on how to access those results will be provided to you at the testing site."

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Graphic provided

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The City of Fishers, through the Build Fishers Foundation, awarded \$505,000 in low-interest loans to Fishers small businesses on Friday, May 8.

"Fishers' small businesses are the lifeblood of our community," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "As our city begins to safely re-open, my hope is that these loans will help our small businesses with the much-needed up-front cash required to resume partial operations and eventual re-opening."

The loan committee took into consideration the following as part of the decision-making process. All businesses must employ 25 full-time employees or less and one of the following:

- Designated as non-essential under the governor's stay-at-home order

Fadness

County nearing 1K positive cases

The REPORTER

Close to 88,000 voters in Hamilton County will have a new polling location for the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 2. The new locations are spread throughout the county and include area churches, neighborhood clubhouses and school buildings.

"We've recently made efforts to remove polling places from area schools," said Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams. "But with schools out and some of our original locations choosing not to host this spring due to COVID-19, we've had to bring a few of those schools back into the fold. These new locations also have the added benefit of providing better accessibility, and since there will be more locations, they should also help limit lines and improve social distancing on Election Day."

The new polling locations were approved by the Hamilton County Commissioners on Monday, April 27. Bright yellow postcards will be mailed out this week to notify voters of their new voting locations. If you do not receive a yellow card in the mail or you just want to check your polling location, go to indianavoters.com, hamiltoncounty.in.gov or call the Election Office at (317) 776-8476.

Williams

Graphic provided by Indiana State Department of Health

As of Monday, May 11, Hamilton County reported 956 positive cases and 84 deaths. Nearly 9,000 of the county's residents have been tested for coronavirus.

Carmel, Fishers report majority of county's COVID-19 deaths

Reporter graphic

Of the county's 84 deaths currently attributed to COVID-19, 65 of those deaths were reported in Carmel and Fishers. Only 22.6 percent of deaths occurred outside of those two cities.

Noblesville Schools announces 5 potential commencement plans

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Editor's note: On Tuesday, Noblesville Schools announced graduation plans for the Class of 2020 and issued the following statement.

We took our time to carefully monitor the COVID-19 situation and review all possible options. Many factors have gone into our decision about graduation, and here are some primary factors that were considered as top priorities.

1. Safety: In light of the current pandemic, it's especially important that our graduation is safe for everyone involved including students, parents, family, faculty and staff. We want to be attentive to our public health responsibilities and do not want to put anyone in a situation where they are unsafe.

2. Opportunity to Attend: Many of our seniors and their families plan their summer based on our scheduled graduation date of June 6. This includes students who have enlisted in the military and will be heading to basic training after the ceremony. Our goal is for all of our graduating seniors to participate in graduation. Moving our graduation date

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Catch the Hamilton County Youth Service Awards this evening

The REPORTER

The 27th Annual Hamilton County Youth Service Awards ceremony will take place virtually this evening. Due to COVID-19 concerns and the inability to social distance at the Government & Judicial Center in Noblesville, the ceremony will be prerecorded and posted to Hamilton County's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) pages at 7 p.m.

The ceremony is sponsored by the Hamilton County Commissioners, the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs (HCCOAO),

and each of the seven high schools in Hamilton County as part of their ongoing efforts to recognize outstanding service by youth in the community.

"We are proud of each of the applicants that have chosen to lead a drug-free lifestyle and contribute their time to help make positive changes in the lives of others," said HCCOAO Executive Director Monica Greer.

Each school winner was selected by their school's counseling department. This year's nominees include Jessica Greven from Carmel High School, Myra

Kivett from Fishers High School, Ellie Arrowood from Hamilton Heights High School, Macy Walters from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Sophie Brisco from Noblesville High School, Nick Roberts from Sheridan High School and Ava Henson from Westfield High School.

A selection committee made up of employees of the probation department screened the applications using a set criterion to select an overall winner of the \$1,000 scholarship. Each finalist not selected as the overall winner will receive a \$300 scholarship.

LOANS

- Unable to adopt a business model to sustain existing revenue during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Essential businesses that had to furlough or lay off 50 percent or more of their workforce as a result of COVID-19

- Must be able to demonstrate a direct correlation of their business disruption due to COVID-19

The committee presented the approved loan recipients during Friday's Build Fishers Foundation meeting for final approval. A total of 73 loans were approved.

Businesses will receive up to a six-month no-interest deferment upon receiving funds. After the deferral time, businesses will have the opportunity to repay the loan at a 1 percent interest rate for 36 months.

The Start-Up and Recovery Loan is just one component of Mayor Faden's Recovery Plan, unveiled April 23. In conjunction with the loan program, businesses in Fishers have access to COVID-19 testing through the Fishers Health Department's program,


Fishers Small Business Loans	
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Blush Salon Boutique	Nix Real Estate Group
BRAND PHOTODESIGN	Patient Care services team
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Cafe Korea	Personal Training Fitness Studio
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Castillo Massage and Skincare Studio	Power Body Language LLC
Crofton Consulting Group Inc	Prairie Guest House
CrossFit West Geist	Progressive Eyecare
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business assistance via the Business Recovery Center.

For more information, visit fishersrecovery.com/recovery.





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




– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville


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

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

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Noblesville Lions deliver flowers for Mother's Day



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Just when you thought the Noblesville Lions Club was sleeping because of COVID-19, it rises to the cause, and as every year delivered flowers for Mother's Day. The club does this for Adriene's Flowers each year helping fellow Lion Steve Craig, owner of Adriene's Flowers. Craig placed all the tagged flowers on Adriene's front porch as Club members picked them up and delivered the flowers.

Carmel to present Climate Action Plan workshops

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel will present a series of three virtual Climate Action Plan workshops to discuss the results of an in-depth study of local emissions and what strategies can be implemented to make improvements.

The first session will take place at 6:30 p.m. this evening. Another will be held at noon on Thursday, May 14, and a final workshop will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. All three workshops will be available on Zoom. Please [click here](#) for more information and to complete the survey and registration.

These workshops will be presented by Miranda Frausto, the Sustainability Intern for the City of Carmel. All

workshops are held in partnership with Carmel Green Initiative. Please email your questions to mfrausto@carmel.in.gov.

With this Climate Action Plan, Carmel city officials will seek to set out a "roadmap" to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote community resilience. Carmel's plan will include inventories of existing emissions that measured Carmel's environmental impact from a variety of factors, including energy use, transportation and other factors. The plan will serve as a guide to identify the most effective strategies to reduce emissions.

Community engagement, feedback and collaboration are essential elements

in this process. This series of workshops are designed to share Carmel's sustainability progress, the results of the emissions inventories and to gather feedback from the community.

These are open to anyone interested in greenhouse gas reduction, environmental stewardship, resilience, energy efficiency, social prosperity, community empowerment, sustainability and cost effectiveness.

The perspective of many community members and groups is essential. No background knowledge is required. All workshops will be the same format, so choose the workshop that works best for your schedule.

Numerous ways the public can watch Carmel city meetings

The REPORTER

The Carmel City Council's committee for Finance, Utilities and Rules will meet at 6 p.m. this evening and again on Thursday. These meetings will be held via video conference and will be broadcast live on the City's website as well as on local access television.

Here are the ways to watch public meetings on CarmelTV:

Cable providers

- AT&T Cable Ch. 99

- Digital Ch. 64.45
- Metronet Ch. 33
- Spectrum Cable Ch. 340

Streaming

• Carmel.in.gov and click on Carmel TV icon at the bottom of the page.

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• [YouTube.com/CityofCarmel](https://www.youtube.com/CityofCarmel) – Click Subscribe, then Click Bell image for notification settings.

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further into the summer would prohibit some seniors from participating. Additionally, the Indiana Department of Education has advised that "postponing graduations presents a challenge due to the evolving nature of this disease." Postponement carries the risk COVID-19 circumstances may be no different or worse later in the summer than at the present time. The manner in which this virus will progress is unknown.

3. Celebration: To celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2020, we are following a multi-tier system of acknowledgments. Some of these extra acknowledgments have already begun with yard signs, banners in downtown Noblesville and a professionally-produced senior class video in the works. Additionally, we have several graduation celebrations planned (please see below).

Graduation Celebrations

Celebration 1: Virtual Ceremony

Our formal graduation ceremony will be virtual this year. This provides maximum safety while allowing everyone to participate. The ceremony will stream online at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, which is our original graduation date and time. We will be in com-

munication at a later date as to the online location of our streaming graduation.

This ceremony will include all of the same components as our in-person ceremony including speeches, certification of graduates, individual student recognition, and tassel turning. We encourage families to have viewing parties that follow appropriate social distancing guidelines to help make this special for their senior(s).

Encourage your student to wear their cap, gown, medal, and tassel and participate in the virtual ceremony. Celebrate with pictures after the ceremony.

We will be scheduling a time on June 8 for seniors to be able to come back to campus to pick up their diploma, drop off their iPad and books, drop off any other school items, and retrieve personal items from their lockers.

The plan for this will be sent out at a later date and will flow alphabetically like the cap and gown pick up. More details to follow.

Celebration 2: Senior Celebration Drive-Thru

On Monday, June 1, seniors will do a campus drive-thru to allow faculty and staff to celebrate the class and wave goodbye. For this drive-thru, each senior will be permitted to have one vehicle, which

they can decorate in order to make the occasion more festive.

Seniors are permitted to have family members in the vehicle with them, but everyone will be required to stay in their single vehicle. In order to ensure the safety of our faculty and staff, this celebration WILL NOT be a public event – only seniors and their families, faculty, and staff will be permitted on campus. Students and families will be required to stay in their vehicle.

More details on this event will follow.

Celebration 3: Graduation Stage Photo Opportunity (tentative)

In July, we hope to set up a graduation stage and allow graduates and their families to schedule a time to come into the school for a photo opportunity. This would be an optional scheduled event for each individual graduate.

As of now, the governor has closed all school buildings through June 30. Please note that this option is tentative and will be dependent on the status of the pandemic and recommended safety guidelines.

If we are able to offer this opportunity, we will be in contact with further details.

Celebration 4: Senior Walk and Cookout (tentative)

In the fall, we would like

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to honor the Class of 2020 by completing a celebration walk through the school halls. Afterwards, we will host their Senior cookout.

More details to follow. This option is tentative. If we are able to offer this opportunity, we will be in contact with further details.

Celebration 5: Class of 2020 Recognition at Homecoming (tentative)

We hope to invite the class of 2020 to come to Homecoming next fall for a special recognition. This option is tentative and will be dependent on the status of the pandemic and recommended safety guidelines. If we are able to offer this opportunity, we will be in contact with further details.

We want to thank all members of the class of 2020 for your positive contributions during your years with us at Noblesville High School. As you know, our whole community is sad to see your high school careers end this way and we know how much honoring this important milestone means to you and your families.

Please know we have worked hard to express how much the Class of 2020 is appreciated, valued and will always be remembered. We are sorry that your high school career is ending this way, but we will do our best to let you know that you are appreciated.

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Governor declares May 10-16 “Hoosier Hospital Week”

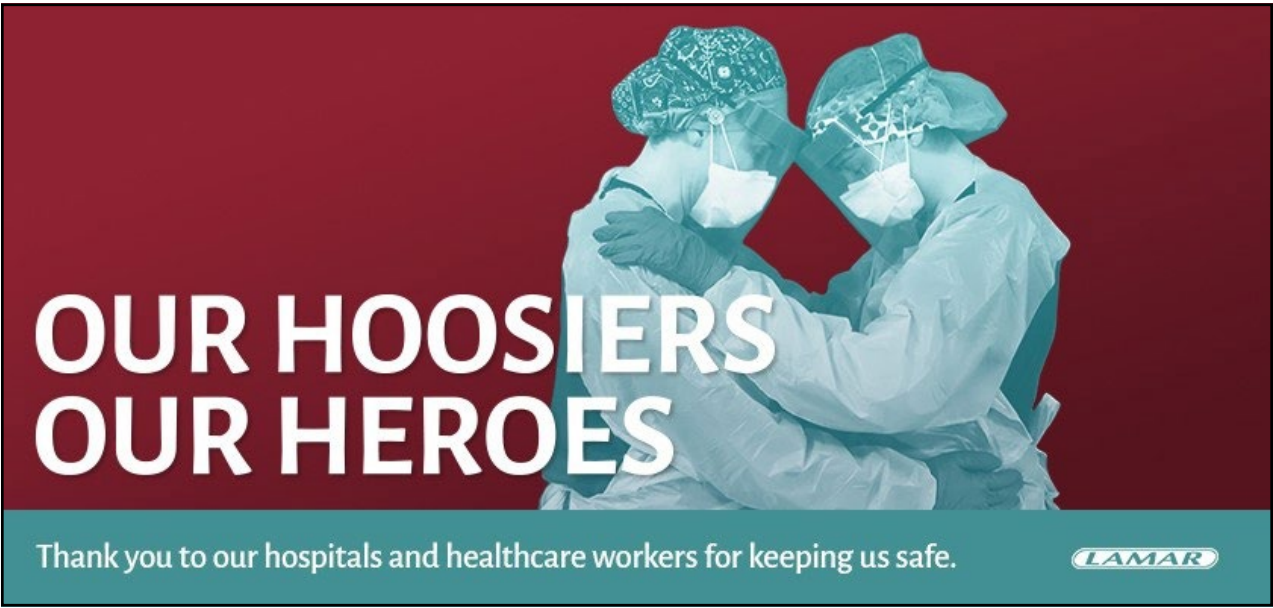
The REPORTER

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb has proclaimed the week of May 10-16 as Hoosier Hospital Week. The proclamation recognizes the critical role hospitals across the state have played in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, while also providing other vital services. The Governor specifically highlighted “frontline caregivers and hospitals who have rapidly responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and have shown resilience in the face of this public health threat while working tirelessly and selflessly to keep Hoosiers safe and healthy.”

“We are grateful to the Governor for his leadership during this health emergency and we sincerely appreciate his support for hospitals and caregivers,” said Indiana Hospital Association

President Brian Tabor. “Hoosiers know that they can count on hospitals to continue to care for not only COVID-19 patients but for all Hoosiers.”

Tabor also highlighted a statewide billboard campaign honoring hospitals and healthcare professionals during this special week made possible by a generous donation from Lamar Advertising Company. The company donated 26 billboards throughout the state featuring a powerful image from King’s Daughters’ Health in Madison, Ind., featuring Erika Stiver and Ashley Field, two ICU nurses wearing protective equipment embracing during a quiet moment. The image will appear on billboards in Indianapolis, Lafayette, Terre Haute, Evansville, southwest Indiana, and northwest Indiana.



Graphic provided

“We so appreciate Lamar’s generosity in donating these billboards thanking hospitals and health care professionals,” Tabor said, adding, “Hoosiers have relied on hospitals to be there during this extraordinary time and they will continue to be there in the days, weeks, and months

ahead caring not only for COVID-19 patients, but for all in need.”

About the Indiana Hospital Association

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health and oth-

er specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in Indiana’s General Assembly, the U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory agencies at the state and federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety and Hoosiers’ health status, IHA holds numer-

ous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit IHAconnect.org.

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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

Cicero voter enthusiastically supporting Charlie McMillan Jr. for Commissioner

Dear Editor:

I am very happy and excited to support Charlie McMillan Jr. for Hamilton County Commissioner, District 2.

I have known Charlie and his family well over 45 years. He is an honest, smart, hardworking man of integrity! He has a long list of experiences ranging from mechanic to Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – South District, and so many more, too numerous to list! I believe Charlie will bring new working ideas to life, which will better our county.

If you are tired and disappointed in what has been done for the last 30 years, take a look at Charlie McMillan Jr. for Hamilton County Commissioner, District 2. You will be glad you did!

Jessica Chandler
Cicero

Letter to the Editor

Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan supports Steve Nation for County Council

Dear Editor,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you supporting Steven Nation for Hamilton County Council. I have known Steve for over 40 years with my 34 years of serving on the Carmel Fire Department and 13 years as Clay Township Trustee. During the time he served as Hamilton County Prosecutor and Superior Court Judge, it has always been easy to see how Steve has served the county with persistence, passion, and dedication.

I am confident in his ability to work well on the County Council, especially after his tremendous success as County Prosecutor and Judge. His approach to every scenario while serving in the county’s justice system was to help all people succeed and provide an avenue for them to reach their highest potential. Steve has always looked out for the safety of the citizens throughout the county and have known him to work around the clock at whatever it took to get the job done.

While serving as County Prosecutor, Steve would hold training sessions with the County Fire Departments, to give us a better understanding on what the Prosecutor’s Office was able to assist with and would help them to perform better. As prosecutor, he was always available to assist the fire department on any matter that would arise day or night.

As Judge, Steve understood the county-wide mental health issues that each township experienced on a daily basis and the need for a mental health program. I personally have watched Steve as he diligently worked with individuals that need direction in their professional and personal lives.

On the council, Steve will bring the experience needed to help build and maintain an effective police and fire training center, and will bring the understanding and care needed to implement an effective county-wide mental health program for both juveniles and adults. I am confident in his ability to work with others to make these projects a reality, and look forward to Hamilton County’s assured improvements with him on the Council.

Please vote for Steven Nation for County Council on June 2 to keep Hamilton County a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

Doug Callahan
Carmel

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Sen. Young urges support for child care providers

Submitted
U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) recently joined Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and a bipartisan group of 21 Senators who are calling on the Senate to provide additional support to child care workers and providers across the country. Read the letter below.



Young

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

We write today regarding our nation's child care providers. As Congress considers additional relief for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical we provide additional support for the child care sector to ensure providers can maintain operations and continue to meet the needs of essential workers, and remain viable going forward as our country moves towards economic recovery.

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Congress provided much-needed relief to many child care providers and workers, namely through the Paycheck Protection Program and a boost to the Child Care and Development Block Grant. While we are thankful for these actions, we remain concerned that child care providers will be unable to weather the storm without additional relief.

In many states, child care

providers have been forced to close their doors. Other child care providers are continuing to operate, despite financial losses, to provide support to parents, especially our essential workers. America's front-line health care workers and first responders, grocery store clerks, bank tellers, pharmacists, and other

essential workers need our support to continue caring for our nation and navigate these difficult times. Quality, affordable child care is vital to essential workers with families.

Child care centers that remain open must also uphold their commitment of providing a safe place for children. During a health care crisis, this means taking extra precautions to clean facilities, provide sanitation tools, ensure workers have personal protective equipment if necessary, and take other measures to maintain or resume operations.

Even before COVID-19, one of the most common concerns we heard from parents, especially in rural areas, was the struggle to find child care. The COVID-19 pandemic is undoubtedly worsening this situation and has led to a significant reduction in revenue for child care providers as many parents are now staying home with their children. Without additional support, the coronavirus will exacerbate child care deserts and eliminate what few options families have, even after the crisis. Americans in every state rely on child care centers. If a large portion of our nation's providers are forced

to permanently shut down, parents in all industries will be unable to return to work, significantly slowing our economic recovery as businesses begin reopening.

The CARES Act provided much-needed relief for child care providers and families across the country. As Congress considers the next round of relief legislation, we urge leadership to build on its efforts to provide more support for child care so we can effectively

serve the needs of essential workers in the short term, and ensure that parents can return to work as our economy recovers.

Thank you for your consideration and for your leadership during this crisis.

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in Conference Room 1-A on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Tree Board meeting originally scheduled for Monday, June 1, 2020, has been changed to 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at the Noblesville Street Department, 1575 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

Virtual Meeting

The Noblesville Common Council Retreat originally scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2020, has been rescheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2020. The meeting will be held in Conference Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Plan Commission meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, has been changed to a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams. Anyone wishing to listen or speak at the meeting may call (812) 250-2251 and enter 545383604# when prompted.

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Vida Blanche Warriner
March 30, 1942 – May 10, 2020

Vida Blanche Warriner, 78, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020 at her home. She was born on March 30, 1942 to Felix and Lura (Hadley) Wooldridge in Jamestown, Ky.

Vida worked as a machinist for Best Lock. She was a member of Victory Baptist Church and enjoyed southern gospel music. Vida was a very kind woman who loved to travel, garden, and can food. Most of all, she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Vida is survived by her children, Delilah Mosbaugh, Rose M. Craft (Michael), Edward Warriner (Richard Ulrey), Lisa Glassburn (Rich), Joe Warriner (Emily), and Jeffrey Warriner (Holli); 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Betty Lawless, Fettie Guffey and Charles Wooldridge.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Buford Warriner; and her sister, Barbara Hadley.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from 4 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Mike Hunsinger will officiate. Burial will be at the Warriner Family Cemetery in Kentucky.

Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen Central Indiana, 3500 DePauw Blvd., Suite 2070, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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Edward LeRoy Schoff
December 10, 1931 – May 7, 2020

Edward LeRoy Schoff, 88, Carmel, passed away May 7, 2020. He was born December 10, 1931 in La Porte, Ind., son of Lester and Verma (Short) Schoff.

After serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict, Ed graduated from Purdue University with a master's degree in Education. He had a passion and was dedicated to teaching. He exemplified this in his everyday life as well as professionally.

While teaching in the Lafayette School Corporation, Ed was known as the favorite biology teacher because he was loved by all his students.

Another life interest was involvement in the Boy Scouts, where Ed served as Scoutmaster and was recognized for his achievements. He enjoyed taking the scouts on back packing trips, canoeing, and always made sure they learned from the great outdoors.

The gift of teaching was also ensuring that his own children experienced important life values. During summer vacations, they were fortunate to travel extensively, visiting 48 mainland states. Ed had many interests and hobbies including woodworking, archery, horseshoes, fishing, hunting and endless other pleasures that he shared with his children. He was supportive of each child's endeavor, whether it was speech, scouts, swimming, gymnastics or any other. He continued with devotion, teaching his grandchildren, whom he adored. He taught them how to hunt, fish, water ski and numerous other life skills. His legacy is the example of being the ultimate husband, father and grandfather.

Ed was known to love square dancing. He served as president of Bucks and Does Square Dance Club for more than nine years. Other memberships included the Toastmasters of Lafayette, Boy Scouts Troop 322 and the Cottonwood Christian Church.

Following retirement, Ed built a beautiful house on Lake Lemon where he and Romelle lived more than 23 years enjoying the quiet life on the lake.

In addition to his parents, Ed was preceded in death by his brother, Fred Schoff.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Romelle (Cesal) Schoff; children, Dennis Schoff (Nina Sorensen), Dianne Schoff Powers (Drew) and Donna Schoff Varda (Jim); 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Due to the current pandemic regulations, a Celebration of Life Service will be scheduled for a later date.

A private burial will take place in Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Madison, Ind.

Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.
Acts 12:1-4 (KJV)

Christopher Boyd Weaver
May 21, 1959 – May 9, 2020

Christopher Boyd Weaver, 60, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on May 21, 1959 in Noblesville.

Chris proudly served his country in the Army National Guard. He worked as a carpenter and enjoyed talking with family and friends, Harley Davidson motorcycles, old classic muscle cars, and rock & roll music.

Chris is survived by his daughter, Tonya Ranae Wright; one grandson; one granddaughter; siblings, Jeffrey Weaver, Judy (Fred) Klipsch, Mitchell (Teresa) Weaver, Gina (Jerry) Dorsey, Bradley Weaver and Stacie

Cooper; several nieces and nephews; and his special nephew, James Weaver.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Edith (Malone) Weaver-Parsons; stepfather, Jerry Parsons; father, Hubbard Weaver; and two brothers, Steve Weaver and Danny Weaver.

Graveside services will be at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville. Arrangements have been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

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Retiring after 16 years as Millers and Swim Club head coach . . .

Rich Wolfred built a legacy of growth and success for Noblesville

By **RICHIE HALL**

Everything came full circle for Rich Wolfred as he finished up his final season of coaching swimming at Noblesville High School this school year.

When Wolfred came to Noblesville in 2004, he had already been a longtime coach for the Lawrence Swim Team, and would finish his first season for the Millers with a state champion under his watch. In 2020, Wolfred completed another long run as a coach, and supervised another state champion.

Indeed, what goes around comes around. And Wolfred had plenty of success to go around at both NHS and the Noblesville Swim Club.

Prior to coming to the Millers, Wolfred had spent 19 years as the head coach at Lawrence, in addition to coaching at Lawrence Central High School in the 1980s for “two or three years,” he said.

When the Noblesville job became open, two things drew Wolfred up here: First, he said his sister-in-law Cindy “was pushing me to come up here.” Then he got a look at the facilities, noticing that the NHS pool “was one of the better pools around.” He also liked the outdoor pool at the Forest Park Aquatic Center, which hosts the annual Enchanted Forest meet.

Wolfred got the job at both the high school and the swim club, and it would be a full-time job as well, something else that was appealing.

“Before that, I always had other jobs,” said Wolfred. “The coaching was more of a full-time/part-time kind of thing. I worked during the day and coached at night. When I came up here, I said, ‘You got to be able to pay me enough so I didn’t have to have a second job.’ They were very good about coming up with the money.”

Thus Wolfred began coaching the swim club, plus both the boys and girls high school teams. He proved his worth quickly, first when it came to increasing participation in the club. When Wolfred arrived, there were about 60 swimmers registered with the club.

“The first couple years, we were up to 120,” said Wolfred. The boys teams were always nine, 10, 12 kids. We were able to get it up to 20, 25 kids. The girls were probably like 20, 25 girls and it got up to 50 girls at some point.”

Another key point was to have the high school swimmers also swim in the club. Wolfred estimated that 50 percent of the high school swimmers were active in the Noblesville Swim Club, but that number increased to 80 to 90 percent.

“It’s nice to coach kids year-round instead of just part of the season,” said



Wolfred.

When Wolfred arrived, the Millers were having success at sectionals, with the girls on a five-year championship winning streak and the boys having won in three titles in the past five years. Noblesville continued that success, with both boys and girls winning sectionals in 2005-06-07.

Also in 2005, a Millers sophomore named David Boudia won the diving state championship. If that name sounds familiar, it’s because Boudia would go on to win an Olympic gold medal in 2012.

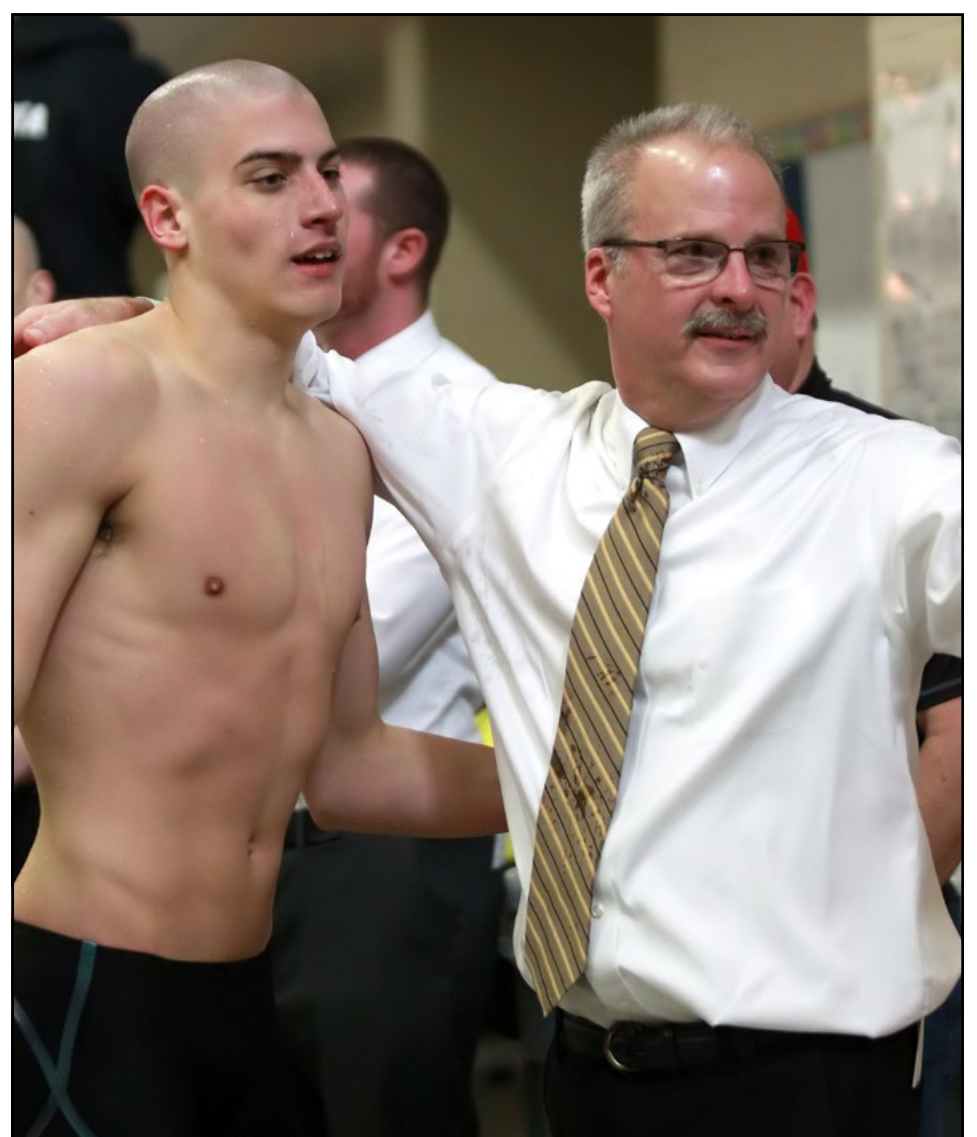
“He brought some notoriety to Noblesville,” said Wolfred. “Having David at the high school, and then Michael Phelps and the explosion of swimming nationally helped tremendously.”

Around the same time, Wolfred got a great assistant in Bret Richardson, who stayed with the team for 14 years. Wolfred said that every coach “needs a Bret Richardson,” calling him “someone you can lean on.”

“Anything you asked him to do, he’d do it,” said Wolfred. “It’s hard to find people like that.”

“When my middle daughter joined the NHS team and club in 2005, I heard how much the athletes loved and respected Rich,” said Richardson. “I joined him as a volunteer assistant and was hooked for the next 14 years. Rich always had the best interest of the individual at heart; he coached so he could make great adults out of these young people. A by-product of his mentoring were also state champions, national qualifiers, and many swimmers that were able to join college teams.”

In the 2007-08 season, Carmel was moved into the Noblesville sectional. The Greyhounds have been a powerhouse in swimming for decades, with the girls having won 34 consecutive state championships (and counting) and the boys multiple state titles as well.



Photos by Bret Richardson

Whether he was outside at Forest Park (left) or coaching at the Noblesville High School pool (above, with son Jack), Rich Wolfred led the way for Noblesville swimming for the past 16 years. Wolfred coached both the Millers high school team and Noblesville Swim Club to great success, including state champions and national qualifiers.

“We always held our own,” said Wolfred. While the Greyhounds have been sectional champions every year since moving in, the Millers girls have been a strong second, and the boys were also consistently runners-up until the past couple of years, when they were a strong third.

“There were some good meets,” said Wolfred. “We were winning events.”

That included more diving state championships. Katie Bittner won state in diving in 2009, then Meghan Potee followed her with a state title in 2010. The Millers also had a number of state qualifiers every year as well.

On Feb. 15, 2020, Noblesville got one more state championship for Wolfred. Sammy Huff won the breaststroke event, coming from behind to emerge victorious in a close race. Afterwards, Huff said she

wanted to win the race for Wolfred, since it was his last season.

“Obviously, she wanted to win,” said Wolfred. “But she never expressed that to me prior.” Wolfred said he tries to stay out of the limelight, noting that it’s his swimmers in the water doing the job. But he did recognize that the occasion was special.

“I was nervous as heck before the race and the race was very close,” said Wolfred. “I think four girls could’ve won that race, but she was determined to come in first, which was pretty cool to watch.”

Wolfred also got to watch his three children, sons Alex and Jack and daughter Jordan, swim for Noblesville as well.

“I never really gave much thought to coaching my own kids,” said Wolfred. “It was nothing I ever thought about until they became old enough to swim.”

But it was rewarding for Wolfred to watch them be successful. Alex went on to swim at Xavier University and Jack is swimming at Ball State University.

In addition to his family, Wolfred made connections with the other swim families as well. As much as any other sport, multiple children from the same family usually wind up swimming.

“Most of these families, they become your kin,” said Wolfred. He noted that with social media so prevalent, it’s easy to become families with the other swimming families.

“I touch base with a lot of the alumni on a yearly basis to see how they’re doing,” said Wolfred.

As for the school and club, Wolfred has handed the reins to Aleks Fansler, the new coach of both. But Wolfred will still be around, saying that he will “probably” substitute coach for Fansler at times.

And, as he has been doing for decades, Wolfred will continue to introduce new swimmers to the pool.

“I’m still currently running the swim program, Noblesville Learn to Swim,” said Wolfred. “Aleks wanted me to stick around and complete that.”

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From sidelined to headlines with a doughnut rap:

The story of Studdard Sports

By OLIVIA RAY
WISH-TV

Tevin Studdard is now known around town as the dude who drops rhymes about doughnuts.

The Indianapolis-based artist decided to write a rap about Long's Bakery re-opening after shutting down for the coronavirus pandemic, and the video went viral hours after the release. But, Studdard does not normally spend his days singing about glazed doughnuts.

He said, "I would just say that the process comes from just looking at a roster. I can look at a roster and just write the song like that."

Studdard is the cousin of American Idol winner Ruben Studdard, so music is in his blood. But, Tevin's true love is sports. When he realized playing pro ball wasn't in his cards, Studdard threw together the perfect mix tape, the best of both worlds.

"It's tough to do music without sports. It's tough to do sports without music. I work with high schools and colleges around the nation to do theme songs," Studdard said. "It started when I was in high school at Cathedral for our football team, and they played it at our game, and then someone on the other team started singing it, and I was like 'What? That's so cool.'"

Later that year, Studdard wrote a song about the Indiana Fever. It caught the attention of WNBA All-Star Tamika Catchings, and, before he knew it, he was performing pregame at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

"I'm in high school. She's a professional athlete. This is Tamika Catchings."



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

Indianapolis-based artist Tevin Studdard went viral hours after he released a rap about Long's Bakery re-opening, but his real game is putting together songs about sports teams.

She's not only embracing you, but giving you an opportunity to do your thing," Studdard said. "And then from there it's just been from school after school after school, from IU to Notre Dame, just everywhere doing music videos ... at least 100 schools in 33 states, so I got 17 more. I'm coming."

Studdard has stayed the course, and,

ironically, the biggest break of his career may have happened during a time when there were no sports at all, but from a rap inspired by doughnuts.

A few days after his viral doughnut video, Studdard was getting requests from other organizations and people around Indianapolis. His latest hit is an original about former Colts player Robert

Mathis.

Doing a project for his hometown team has always been a dream of Studdard and it's his next goal.

He said, "It's definitely going to be the Colts. I grew up a Colts fan. I'm a football player. Already performing at Bankers Life, you've got to do it big. Go to Lucas Oil Stadium."



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