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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**Today:** Partly to mostly cloudy, with scattered showers and storms. A few could be severe.

**Tonight:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms.

**HIGH: 79 LOW: 62**



# Blue Angels fly for COVID-19 workers

**Reporter photo by Kent Graham**

The United States Navy Blue Angels conducted a flyover in southern Hamilton County on Tuesday honoring frontline COVID-19 workers.

# Carmel nurse released from hospital following four weeks on ventilator

**By JULIA DENG**  
 WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

A Carmel nurse was released Tuesday from Ascension St. Vincent after more than 40 days in the hospital battling COVID-19.

Lesley Vogel, 60, underwent a tracheostomy and spent four weeks on a ventilator.

Friends, relatives and hospital employees gathered outside the hospital for a surprise celebration as she was discharged to a rehabilitation center.

Lesley's mouth was covered with a mask but her eyes crinkled into an unmistakable smile as her daughter stepped forward to hug her. It was their first embrace in weeks.

Meredith Vogel described her mother's recovery journey as a "roller-coaster."

The experience was "life-changing" and underscored the importance of remaining hopeful during difficult times, she said.

"I'm just so excited she's leaving the hospital," Meredith told News 8. "I think we should take it easy at first. But I definitely want to throw her a big party."

The celebration outside Ascension St. Vincent was exuberant. Fellow nurses cheered and clapped as Lesley was wheeled out of the hospital on a gurney. Friends holding balloons screamed her name and jumped up and down when they glimpsed her approaching the doors.

"Thank you to so many people who have been praying for her," said Lydia Stratman, Lesley's sister. "[Doctors] didn't know if she was going to make it at times."

The One Call Center nurse will undergo inpatient physical therapy and speech therapy before returning home, her family said.

Even in the role of patient, Lesley's compassion was evident on her way out of the hospital. She stopped to hug loved ones and thank health care workers before departing in an ambulance.

More than a dozen nurses stood on the sidewalk and applauded as the ambulance drove past a sign outside the hospital's main entrance that read, "We Love Our Front Liners."

# NHS in top 1% nationally for STEM

*Noblesville East Middle, Hinkle Creek, White River also honored*

**The REPORTER**

Noblesville Schools announced Tuesday that Noblesville High School (NHS) has been nationally recognized for the third year in a row as a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning opportunities for students.

NHS is one of only three high schools in Indiana to receive the three-time recognition, putting it in an elite top 1 percent group nationally.

Noblesville East Middle School, Hinkle Creek Elementary and White River Elementary were also recognized, with Noblesville East the only middle school in the state to receive the honor three years in a row. Noblesville West Middle School, North Elementary and Stony Creek Elementary have been recognized previously.

Noble Crossing Elementary and Promise Road Elementary are not eligible

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Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

# CFD at Kroger today distributing hand sanitizer, COVID-19 safety information

**The REPORTER**

The Carmel Fire Department has scheduled another COVID-19 Information booth to hand out information on virus prevention and safety, answer questions from the public and give away free bottles of hand sanitizer. CFD will be in front of the Kroger store, 1217 S. Range Line Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. The booth will be set up outside of the store south of the main entrance.

During the event, representatives from CFD will be wearing masks and keeping to physical distancing guidelines to avoid possible spread of the virus. The event is open to the public and visitors should also wear masks and maintain proper distance from others as they approach the booth.

The goal of this booth is to provide the community with COVID-19 information, including handouts showing the City of Carmel and Carmel Fire Department "Best Practices" for dealing with the virus.

Plans call for additional booths at other locations in the upcoming weeks. Those details will be announced as soon as possible.

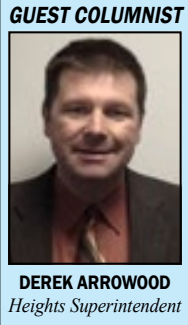
# Heights community, Class of 2020 continues to inspire

With the final two days of the school year upon us, the way we are closing out this school year still seems surreal. We are living in remarkable times. These current events started a chain of events that has changed our world, seemingly overnight.

Through all of this, one thing is crystal clear: Our students, our families and our community have shown extraordinary resilience. We have seen amazing acts of kindness and connectiveness throughout our school community. Whether it is posting positive messages through social media and hashtags, sharing positive thoughts through sidewalk chalk drawings, checking in on friends and loved ones digitally, even communicating the old-fashioned way of writing a letter and making a phone call, the good is all around us.

One such example was a recent YouTube video created by our high school staff to share with students. It speaks volumes and is a testament to the strong connection between our

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**DEREK ARROWOOD**  
 Heights Superintendent

# Congressional candidates appear in virtual debate

**By FRED SWIFT**  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

For those folks interested in learning more about the 15 candidates for U.S. Congress in the June 2 Republican primary, a virtual debate is now available on the county GOP website.

Each of the candidates in the crowded field of 5th District hopefuls appears and answers questions on issues in this year's election. The 15 are vying to replace retiring Congresswoman Susan Brooks.

To see the candidates on the computer screen, [click this link](#).

The novel idea of a virtual debate was initiated by the Carmel, Westfield and Noblesville Republican clubs. It was created for the first time this year because of the statewide shutdown on large gatherings.

The record number of candidates include: Kent Abernathy, Andrew Bales, Micah Beckwith, Carl Brizzi, Allen Davidson, Chuck Dietzen, Beth Henderson, Matthew Hook, Matthew Hullinger, Kelly Mitchell, Danny Niederberger, Mark Small, Victoria Spartz, Russell Stwalley and Victor Wakley.

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## STEM

for consideration as they utilize their own STEM programming rather than curriculum through PLTW.

Noblesville Schools offers 14 different PLTW courses for middle and high school students, including classes like robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity and aerospace engineering. It is also one of only a few districts in the state to offer PLTW programming K-12, with elementary students exploring flight, energy, robotics and more.

“We’re proud to provide engaging STEM learning at all grade levels and are honored to be named to this list of distinguished schools,” said Annetta Petty, Noblesville Schools executive director of learning. “Real-world, hands-on STEM learning is critical in developing skills for future educational opportunities and in-demand career paths.”

The Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement and achievement in their PLTW STEM programs. To be eligible for the designation, schools had to offer a variety of PLTW STEM courses and have a significant portion of students participating in them, while students had to demonstrate mastery in the content and continuity in the programming.

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### About PLTW

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a non-profit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for K-12 students and teachers across the United States. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW’s teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 10,500 elementary, middle and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs. For more information on Project Lead the Way, visit [pltw.org](http://pltw.org).

## INSPIRE

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students and staff. You can watch this video through [this link](#).

This pandemic changed the way that education was delivered at all levels these past couple of months and may dictate how we operate moving forward. It has not changed the fundamentals of public education. It allowed us to push our boundaries and create new ways of delivering on our mission. We want to thank everyone who brought their best thinking and creative problem solving to make the best of the challenges presented over the past two months. Our educators, administration, board and student leaders who all contributed to creating a meaningful and successful path through to the end of the year.

To the Class of 2020 – I know how important the end of the school year is to you and the significance graduation merits. I thank you for your sacrifice, resilience and continued optimism in the face of unprecedented adversity. It matters. We want you to know that your graduation is sacred and we are preparing to make it a memorable one.

Your experience may have been interrupted, but your final chapter has yet to be written. I am so proud of each and every one of you. The legacy of this class will hold a special place in history. I remain inspired by the Class of 2020 and look forward to celebrating graduation with you.

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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.**





# What's new for 2020?

# The Atlas Cross Sport.



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

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# GOP state convention moves to virtual format

## The REPORTER

The Indiana Republican State Committee says this year's state convention will be held in a virtual format. The change follows last month's unanimous vote by the Indiana Republican State Committee to approve temporary rules allowing changes to the convention structure amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Delegates will select

nominees for lieutenant governor and attorney general from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 18.

"The Republican State Committee waited as long as we could to make this decision and considered many alternatives. However, this was the only option – with the uncertainty of future restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic – that provided certainty that our

delegates would be able to vote for our party's nominees," said Kyle Hupfer, Chairman of the Indiana Republican Party.

The convention will include speeches from each attorney general candidate and Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, as well as a keynote address from Governor Eric Holcomb.

The convention will be livestreamed and broadcast

live by The Reporter's news-gathering partner, WISH-TV.

Voting will be conducted by mail and delegates are expected to receive ballots around June 22. The committee says ballots will be

counted on July 10.

The voting process requires a winning candidate to receive at least 50 percent plus one of all votes cast. Delegates will indicate their top choice on the bal-

lot and then have the option to rank the remaining candidates. The candidate with the lowest vote total will be dropped.

More information can be found by [clicking here](#).

## Clinicians for Progressive Care endorses Mark Hinton for Indiana House District 29

### Submitted

Clinicians for Progressive Care (C4PC) has endorsed Mark Hinton for Indiana State House. A lifelong Hoosier and a father, Hinton says he believes government must be used to protect the less fortunate and redistribute resources towards them to achieve a well-functioning healthcare system for all.

"Hinton represents a common-sense approach to government involvement in healthcare," said C4PC Founder Zackary Berger, MD, PhD. "He knows that African Americans have been oppressed and disadvantaged by the status quo. He knows that maternal mortality is a huge issue and we need active measures to

improve it."

An employee in healthcare administration, Hinton says she knows that healthcare means more than just the seamless operation of institutions and systems. It means equality for LGBTQ patients; it means treating those with substance use disorders as they would wish to be treated; and it means access to the full spectrum of reproductive health care.

Hinton's strong showing in the 39th District in 2018 marked him as a candidate to watch, and C4PC is confident of his success in the June 2 primary and in the general election in November.

About C4PC

Clinicians for Progress-

sive Care's goals are to support, endorse and promote candidates who believe in progressive health care, to educate potential candidates and the general public about progressive health care, and to engage health care professionals, patients and caregivers in political advocacy. For more information, contact [mdsagainstrump@gmail.com](mailto:mdsagainstrump@gmail.com) or visit [Facebook.com/groups/Clinicians4ProgressiveCare](https://facebook.com/groups/Clinicians4ProgressiveCare).

## Three technologies to help you feel connected to far-away loved ones

### StatePoint

When it's not possible to be near loved ones, being connected becomes more important.

Here are three technologies to feel closer to friends and family, wherever they may be:

### Stream in Sync

Streaming services like Netflix are introducing new features allowing users to watch programming in sync with their friends. Whether it's the latest episode of your favorite reality game show or a movie you've all been excited to see, now you can host a virtual movie night or watch party and share your reactions to the show in a real-time chat room.

### Keep the Time

A globally-minded timepiece can help you feel more connected by displaying the time of where your friends and family are located. And the Casio Edifice EQB1000 is especially informative. The watch's main dial and date display "Home Time" (the time and date in the current location), while an inset dial at 3 o'clock displays "World Time" (the current time in over 300 major cities) in a 12-hour format. Its operations are easily managed via

a connected smartphone, and its "Phone Finder" feature causes your phone to sound a tone even if it's in silent mode.

### Work out, Together

Have a gym buddy or workout partner who is suddenly remote? New tools can help you motivate one another and stay fit together, even if you are far apart. Some of the latest stationary bikes and treadmills on the market now allow you to connect to classes and coaches in real time and have features that allow you to enjoy realistic city and countryside scenery as you sweat. Join the same class as a friend and compete against each other, or take a virtual tour of a city together.

Thanks to new technologies, the world doesn't need to feel so big. Embrace the tools that let you feel close and connected.

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*Letter to the Editor*

## Mike Davis: Ditslear “still has a lot to offer our community”

Dear Editor,

I have had the pleasure of knowing John Ditslear for a long time. I first met John before he was mayor, because our kids went to school together. He was one of the first people I met after coming back to my hometown, and I immediately looked up to him. It was apparent from the start that John was a leader, was a wonderful servant to those around him, and had a lot to offer the community.

After serving as mayor, I believe John Ditslear still has a lot to offer our community. His depth of knowledge and ability to work with people of all backgrounds is crucial to the county council, and is an important element of a well-functioning community.

I would encourage everyone to vote for John Ditslear for Hamilton County Council in this year’s Republican Primary on June 2. You can also request to vote by mail by applying for a ballot at [indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com).

**Mike Davis**  
Noblesville

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## Letter guidelines this election season

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

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

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

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

**Please send your letters to**  
**[News@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:News@ReadTheReporter.com).**

*Letters to the Editor do not represent the opinions of The Reporter or our staff.*

**Meeting Notice**

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet to discuss personnel issues at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in Conference Room 1-A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

**Virtual Meeting**

The Hamilton County Visitor and Convention Commission will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020. If you are interested in attending this virtual meeting, please email Brenda Myers at [bmyers@hamilton-countytourism.com](mailto:bmyers@hamilton-countytourism.com) for a link or call her at (317) 997-8172.

**Public Notice**

**Notice**  
The Atlanta Town Council will hold an Emergency Electronic Council Meeting, Friday May 15th at 4:00 p.m. 105 E. Main St. Atlanta, Indiana 46031. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Festival issues.  
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*Letter to the Editor*

# What has happened to Noblesville Clock Company?

Dear Editor:

When I had to have repairs performed on my Hermle grandfather clock, there was no doubt in my mind whom to use. Noblesville Clock Company had performed repairs on our Howard Miller grandfather back in the early 1990s, and it is still performing impeccably today. Hermle has all German moving and mechanical parts. This particular clock has an American cherry cabinet. It is a beautiful and fairly expensive time piece.

Mr. Clark Van Tassel, owner Noblesville Clock Company, picked up the internal movements of our Hermle on Aug. 29, 2019. A \$150 deposit was given to Noblesville Clock Company. Mr. Van Tassel provided a receipt with a hand-written note “approximately 60 days” for repairs to be completed. Noblesville Clock Company was contacted the second week of November asking if our repairs could be ready by Thanksgiving. We were having

Thanksgiving at our home last year, and the Hermle grandfather clock is in our dining room. Mr. Van Tassel replied he would try, but if not by Thanksgiving, he would have it to us by Christmas.

Christmas came and has passed. Mr. Van Tassel was contacted in January, February, and finally March 2020. We were informed Noblesville Clock Company was moving to a new location. Mr. Van Tassel instructed me he would try to have my repairs completed before the move, but if not, shortly thereafter, and promised we would have the movements back by the end of March. Mr. Van Tassel even commented our parts would be one less thing to move!

That was the last contact I have had with Mr. Van Tassel and the Noblesville Clock Company. I have called and left messages in April and May. No calls or messages have been returned by the Noblesville Clock Company. One of my messages even informed Noblesville Clock Compa-

ny we were going to file a complaint with the Indiana Better Business Bureau if our parts were not returned.

Crickets...

A complaint was filed with the BBB, and I discovered our complaint was the second filing for the same issue; length of time to complete repairs. You can see it on the BBB website.

All we want are our parts repaired, returned, and installed in the American cherry cabinet that has been resting in our dining room empty since Aug. 29, 2019 – nearly nine months ago!

I’m not sure what has happened with this once most reliable and trusted Noblesville institution, but if I ever have to have repairs performed on one of my clocks again, it will not be with the Noblesville Clock Company. My hope is we do not have to hire an attorney to get our parts back. Caveat Emptor!

**Rick Ryherd**  
Carmel

*Letter to the Editor*

## Emily Pearson: “Nothing but care, compassion, respect” from Kim Good

Dear Editor:

I would like to ask the residents of Hamilton County to vote for Kim Good for Hamilton County Treasurer in the upcoming election. As an employee of the Treasurer’s Office, I am putting my support 100 percent behind Kim Good.

I have seen nothing but care, compassion and respect for the employees and the taxpayers from Kim Good and Treasurer, Jennifer Templeton since I was hired at the Hamilton County Treasurer’s office last August.

Kim is not a career politician, but a dedicated public servant who came to work at the Treasurer’s Office one year out of high school. Kim has

worked her way up in the Treasurer’s Office and served two prior terms as Hamilton County Treasurer. We need someone in that office that has her skill in investing and handling public funds. Kim has always exemplified outstanding customer service to the citizens of Hamilton County.

Kim is also a very respected member of the Republican Party having served as Treasurer and Secretary of the Hamilton County Republican Women’s Club, Treasurer of the Indiana Republican Women’s Club and Secretary of the Hamilton County Republican Party. She has helped with several candidates’ campaigns and volunteered at several events. She has the heart of a servant.

Kim has served as President of the Indiana County Treasurers Association and was selected 2010 Outstanding County Treasurer.

Do you see a common link in all of this? It is respect and leadership both county and statewide.

That is the kind of person we need to retain in the Hamilton County Treasurer’s Office. As a current employee of the Hamilton County Treasurer’s Office, I am asking you to do what is best for the county and vote for Kim Good for Republican candidate for Hamilton County Treasurer on June 2.

Sincerely,  
**Emily Pearson**  
Cicero

*Letter to the Editor*

## Noblesville voters encourage you to support Micah Beckwith for Congress

Dear Editor:

We have known Micah Beckwith for well over a decade now and are very proud to endorse and we fully support Micah’s run for Indiana’s 5th Congressional District seat.

Why do we support and endorse Micah? There are many reasons why.

- Micah is a devoted Christian that lives out his faith authentically.
- Micah is a loving husband, father and son.
- Micah is a true conservative that

loves our country, and our God-given rights, freedom and liberty.

- Micah will defend the rights of the unborn.
- Micah will defend the freedom our U.S. Constitution gives every U.S. citizen, including the right to bear arms, religious freedoms and the freedom of speech.
- Micah is fiscally conservative and will fight to balance our budget.
- Micah is for a small and limited government.
- Micah will always put America

first, and protect those U.S. interests.

- Micah is a true political outsider, and that is a good thing. His campaign is a grassroots effort, and not impacted by major donors, interests or large loans, and that is very important to us.

We believe that Micah is the right candidate for Indiana’s 5th Congressional District. Please join us in voting for Micah Beckwith. Thank you.

**Kevin and Tammy Kalstad**  
Noblesville

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Letter to the Editor

Megan Wiles looks to Dillinger’s experience as County Commissioner

Dear Editor,

I have known and worked with Steve Dillinger for over 30 years, and have always been impressed with the ideas, initiatives and innovation he has brought to Hamilton County as Commissioner. He has served as a champion for our community and worked to create partnerships on the local, state and federal level to help move Hamilton County forward. Just a few of the many projects that Steve has led the efforts for include creating zoning for unincorporated areas of the county, constructing Lowe’s Way Fly ramp connection, bringing Ivy Tech to Noblesville, a new government and judicial center, and a public safety campus.

As a Noblesville City Councilor myself, I can attest to the dedication and determination Steve has for our county. In this time of uncertainty, experience is more important than ever. We need a strong team of Commissioners to continue leading us through the next several years in Hamilton County. Steve works hard for our county and has always been a great partner and leader. I hope you will support me in voting for Steve’s re-election for Hamilton County Commissioner. All residents can now vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot. Sincerely, Megan Wiles Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Fishers voter says this is no time for “amateur government,” endorses Kim Good for Treasurer

Dear Editor:

I would like to endorse Kim Good for Hamilton County Treasurer. I’ve known and worked professionally with Kim for years. I’ve found Kim to be experienced, hardworking, organized, prepared and honest. I’m also a local resident and property taxpayer. Kim has served us taxpayers well, both in her two previous terms as a Treasurer and in several senior leadership roles in the Indiana County Treasurer’s Association. These are crazy times. We’re becoming aware of the risks of amateur government. It’s nice to see competence at the state and local level. Kim has provided that and will do so again. Kim’s vision, skill and work ethic have been vital in helping Hamilton County Treasurer’s Office seamlessly transition to its current system. As the county continues to grow and diversify, further enhancements and changes will likely prove necessary to keep up. You can trust Kim to do that. It’s often hard for us to know who to vote for in local elections. In this case it’s simple: Resident services and county operations rely on the Treasurer’s complex duties to be quick, accurate and efficient. Kim is uniquely well-qualified. Your vote for Kim Good is more than a smart vote. It’s a “good” vote. Greg Farrell Fishers

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# TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

Acts 12:5-10 (KJV)

Jill Ann Cripe  
April 16, 1949 – May 6, 2020

Jill Ann Cripe, 71, Carmel, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 with Hospice in her daughter’s home. She was born on April 16, 1949 to Carl and Maxine “Mick” (Guntle) Leatherman in Huntington, Ind.

Jill was a kindergarten teacher at Forest Dale Elementary School for over 20 years. She was a devoted teacher, enjoyed walking with her friends and beautiful summer days. Her life path was making a difference in the lives of each student. Jill loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Chad Cripe (Laura), Christy Cripe (Mike Millsaps), Courtney Cripe (Josh Robinson) and Connie Cripe; sister, Jan Sink (John); 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Private services will be held. Burial will be at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion, Ind. The Cripe family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Jill’s care.

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*Part of ESPN's top 10 returning safeties list . . .*

## RedHawks' Sterling Weatherford gets national recognition, but keeps team his top priority

By **RICHIE HALL**

If a football player is good at what he does, recognition will eventually come to him.

Consider the collegiate football career of Sterling Weatherford. The Hamilton Heights graduate just completed his redshirt sophomore year at Miami of Ohio, a season where he started in all 14 games and helped the RedHawks to a Mid-American Conference (MAC) championship, plus an appearance in a bowl game.

Weatherford also had impressive statistics during the year as well. Since he's coming back for his redshirt junior season this fall, many tagged him as a player to watch. But even Weatherford was surprised when ESPN placed him on its list of top 10 returning safeties for the 2020 season.

"My initial reaction was shock, really," said Weatherford. "Just feeling blessed to even get my name out there. With that said, it is a pre-season ranking and what I'm concerned with is trying to win another championship with my team. However exciting that is individually, where I'm really focused at right now is trying to maintain a good future for our team."

ESPN placed Weatherford sixth on its list. The Miami RedHawks Twitter account posted a quote from the article's author, Anthony Treash, who had this to say about Weatherford: "His success in coverage continued into 2019, when he was given a starting role, and he recorded an 85.2 coverage grade and forced more incompletions than first downs allowed. Wherever he lined up, Weatherford thrived in coverage. He posted coverage grades above 70.0 when he lined up in the box, in the lost and at deep safety."

Treash wrote roughly the same thing when he wrote an article on pff.com, a football analysis website, naming Weatherford the No. 4 overall player returning in the MAC for 2020. It's easy to see why if one looks at Weatherford's stats: He made 98 tackles for the RedHawks, 5.5 of them for a loss. Weatherford also had two sacks, one interception, 10 pass breakups and two forced fumbles. He reached the 10-tackle mark in Miami's games with Iowa and Akron.

"Going into my redshirt sophomore year, we had a big senior class that graduated out," said Weatherford. "I never knew that I was going to have a starting spot, but I had an opportunity to fight for it."

The coaching staff wanted to see how the team competed. Weatherford proved by the end of the RedHawks' fall camp that he had earned a starting spot, and he did. As the season progressed, he contin-



Photo provided

Sterling Weatherford was an imposing defensive presence for the Miami RedHawks during the 2019 season. The Hamilton Heights graduate helped Miami to a MAC championship and was named one of the top 10 returning safeties for the 2020 season by ESPN.

ued to get more comfortable in that starting role.

"That was never my biggest concern, I was just mostly concerned about our game plan and being prepared," said Weatherford. He noted that it's easy for a player to "get caught up in a lot of extra-curriculars," and then lose focus on what it takes to win a game.

Weatherford redshirted during his freshman year (2017), but still contributed to the team. In fact, he was named the Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year.

"Physically I was ready, but mentally I had a lot more room to grow," said Weatherford.

In the 2018 season, Weatherford saw the field for the first time as a redshirt freshman. He played in all 12 of Miami's games, making one start. Weatherford to-

taled 27 tackles for the season, including nine against Army West Point. He also recorded his first interception during the RedHawks' win over Kent State.

Miami finished the 2018 season 6-6, and were 6-2 in MAC play, but did not qualify for the championship game that season. In 2019, the RedHawks were again 6-2 in the conference, but swept through the MAC's East Division with a 5-0 record to earn a spot in the conference championship game.

In the championship game, Miami beat Central Michigan 26-21. After a back and forth first half that finished with the Chippewas leading 14-10, the RedHawks scored 13 straight points on a touchdown and two field goals, and didn't allow Central Michigan any score until there was 1:24 left in the fourth quarter.

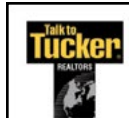
Weatherford had seven tackles and three pass breakups in that game. It was the RedHawks' first MAC title since 2010.

"That was an awesome experience, winning the conference," said Weatherford. "That's not something that is a given."

Miami also qualified for a bowl game, playing the LendingTree Bowl against the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns. The game took place Jan. 6 at Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala. and was televised by ESPN. Weatherford called the experience "awesome," especially coming off the conference championship win.

"It's a lot more laid back, especially compared to the conference champi-

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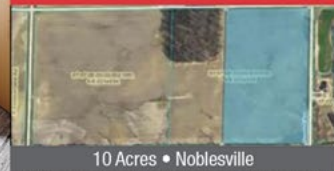
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# Brewers pitcher Lindblom, a Hoosier native, breaks down Korean baseball as commentator

By OLIVIA RAY  
WISH-TV

The crack of a bat, the bark of an umpire, and a home-run call: all sounds that can only mean one thing — America’s pastime is back! But for now, it’s happening thousands of miles away, in South Korea.

“It’s amazing how baseball is a universal language and I think that’s something that everybody right now can get behind. And picking a team and rooting for a team, having your favorite player,” said West Lafayette native and professional baseball player, Josh Lindblom.

Lindblom is currently a pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers, but he spent part of his career in Indy and most recently in South Korea. So, while he waits for the MLB to get going, he’s breaking down his old league as an analyst on ESPN.

“It’s only comparable, I’d say to the college football in the U.S.,” he said. “You have cheerleaders, you have fans that are singing songs throughout the course of the entire game. And everybody, you know, everybody talks about the bat flips.”

People all around the world are jumping on the KBO bandwagon, because fans are desperate to watch the first live event in months, even desperate enough to trade a ballpark hot dog for a cup of coffee, because KBO broadcasts start as early as 2 a.m. in the United States.

“Baseball unites us and you see the



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

While Milwaukee Brewers pitcher and West Lafayette native Josh Lindblom waits for the MLB to get going, he is analyzing the KBO baseball league. The South Korean-based league recently began its season, and Lindblom played there during part of his career.

way that people genuinely love the game of baseball and they all come together and, uh, play against each other,” said Lindblom.

As the MLB begins to make plans for Opening Day in early July, Lindblom thinks the KBO has laid a nice road map for baseball’s return in America.

“It gives me hope, that we can play, we can play without fans,” Lindblom added, “And then I think as players, we need to make sure that fans are not feeling left out and maybe in this time is a way that we can connect with fans even more.”

## WEATHERFORD

onship game you played before,” said Weatherford. “We had a lot more time to take some pressure off and just soak in how fun it is to play the game we love.”

Louisiana was the runner-up in the Sun Belt Conference, and would win the game 27-17. But it was still a chance to play in a bowl game, something Weatherford and his team didn’t take for granted.

“That was my first time ever going to a bowl game, and it’s definitely something that your team has a lot of pride in,” said Weatherford, who made five tackles in the game. “We’ve sat through the off-season where we come back early and we’re grinding because we didn’t make it to a bowl game. It’s awesome for that to pay off and for us to have those opportu-

nities both in the same year.”

The RedHawks finished the 2019 season 8-6, but that includes a difficult non-conference portion of the schedule. Miami played ranked opponents Iowa and Ohio State within the first four weeks of the season.

Meanwhile, the 2020 season looks like it could be just as successful. The RedHawks are returning all but three starting positions, in addition to sophomore quarterback Brett Gabbert, who the previous season was the MAC Freshman of the Year.

Miami also has many wide receivers returning as well as a young offensive line crew. Weatherford said “a lot of our leaders are all coming back, which is so exciting.”

Off the field, Weatherford is majoring in mechanical engineering. He’s follow-

ing in the family footsteps, as his brother Austin and father Tim are both engineers, and the company his parents own is engineering-based.

“I feel like when you have a passion for something, it becomes a little bit easier,” said Weatherford. He said he is on track to graduate in four years with a degree, then after that might focus on starting graduate school.

But before that, there’s still more football to play. And while there will be likely be more big numbers and accolades for him, Weatherford said he just wants “to go out and play for my teammates and focus on the season and not my personal goals, because I’m a firm believer that if you invest in your team and you’re doing your things right, you don’t have to focus on yourself.”

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