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# Grand Park, IUPUI to lead study on COVID-19 impact on youth sports

**The REPORTER**  
 On Friday, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook, Grand Park Director William Knox and leaders from the IUPUI Sports Innovation Institute launched a nationwide study to look at the impact and perceptions of the COVID-19 crisis on youth sports. Specifically, the study will gauge user perceptions of satisfaction and safety at youth sports facilities. The data will be important for venues, event organizers and sports organizations to evaluate facility and procedural modifications over the next 12 to 18 months.



Cook



Knox



Reporter file photo

“We know that one of the biggest challenges to reactivating youth sports in the wake of this pandemic is getting families comfortable with the ‘next’ normal,” said Cook. “This research will allow us to hear what families, athletes, coaches and event organizers are thinking and expecting as they return to youth sports. I believe it will vali-

date the lengths we are going to create a safe environment at Grand Park and give other facilities similar data to make decisions.”  
 “The results of the study will help event organizers and sports facilities prioritize adaptations and understand the sentiment of guests given the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Dr. David Pierce, Director of the

IUPUI Sports Innovation Institute.  
 “This research will be imperative as we look to safely return to play at Grand Park and other sports facilities in Indiana and beyond,” said Knox. “Venue owners and sports organizations need to know what

**See Study . . . Page 2**

## Andrea Davis named HAND Executive Director

**By LARRY LANNAN**  
[LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)

The HAND Board of Directors announced on Friday the promotion of Andrea Davis as executive director of the non-profit organization. HAND's stated mission is to promote affordable housing in Hamilton County.  
 Davis has served as interim ex-

ecutive director for several months before being named to the post permanently. She joined the staff of HAND in 2016.  
 “We are excited with the progress that both Andrea and Rebekah have made in continuing HAND's mission,” Board Chairman Keith Broadnax said of the appointments, approved May 14. “If there was ever a need for affordable hous-

ing, it is now. We are committed to continuing to serve the affordable housing needs of our families and communities.”  
 Interim Deputy Director Rebekah Metzger has been named Development Director. This signifies a shift made by the HAND organization to emphasize the ongoing focus on neighborhood and community development.



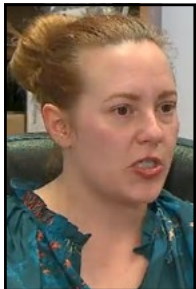
Davis

## VFW Indiana warns of scam targeting donations for veterans

**By DAN KLEIN**  
 WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana has a warning that people are using its name to scam others of donations meant to help veterans.  
 Two people have already been victimized. Officials worry there are more victims out there, perhaps even a number of people who don't even realize

their good money has not gone to a good cause.  
 “We're upset about that and that's not what we desire here at the VFW to promote, especially during the coronavirus,” State Adjutant Deborah Ryan said.  
 Ryan has received two reports from victims this week, stating someone had



Ryan

knocked on their door or called them on the phone and they gave money.  
 Ryan, who is still a reserve in the Air Force, said that's unheard of.  
 “I've actually never been approached by the VFW to

**See Scam . . . Page 2**

## Noblesville hires Chuck Haberman as new workforce development manager

**The REPORTER**  
 Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen announced Friday that Noblesville has hired Chuck Haberman as the city's workforce development manager. A re-purposed position in the Economic Development Department, Haberman will serve as the city's authority on workforce development innovation.  
 “We have focused resources and policy initiatives around workforce

development as part of a growing recognition that a strong and dynamic workforce is one of the most important elements of successful economic development efforts,” Jensen said. “The topic of workforce development city with 14 years of experience. Most recently at we have already seen the effects of COVID-19 in



Haberman

our community. A dedicated person that focuses on the economic growth of our city is now more important than ever and Chuck brings exactly what we are looking for to the table.”  
 Haberman comes to the city with 14 years of experience. Most recently at

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## Avoid ‘phishy’ emails from Carmel mayor, city councilors

**The REPORTER**  
 The City of Carmel has been hit with a phishing email scam that has been sending notes appearing to be from Mayor Jim Brainard or City Council members. Anyone receiving this type of email is advised to immediately delete it without responding or forwarding.  
 This is what the email looks like:  
**From:** James Brainard <citycouncil75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:40 PM  
**Subject:** Hello  
*Hello, I need you to help me purchase some gift cards at the store for secret surprise gifts for some of the council members and Staff today, let me know if you can do that right away and also let you know the denominations because there is a sharp deadline for this request.*  
*James Brainard,*  
*Mayor.*  
 \* \* \*

Phishing is a type of online scam where criminals send an email that appears to be from a legitimate source that then tries to get you to provide sensitive information. Please avoid this kind of trouble by deleting this email.

## Carmel to welcome Col. Mike Getchell for virtual Memorial Day ceremony

**The REPORTER**  
 The City of Carmel will conduct a virtual Memorial Day ceremony at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 22. The event will broadcast on the City of Carmel [Facebook page](https://Facebook.com/CarmelIndiana). Retired Col. Mike Getchell will serve as the event's guest speaker.  
 Getchell's 30-year career in the Army's operational forces began and ended with the 2nd Infantry Division.  
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## STUDY

their guests and families need in order to meet and exceed safety expectations. This survey will allow us to go directly to the end user to understand how they expect event staff, athletes and spectators to interact with each other.”

The survey will be launched Tuesday, May 19 and is being sent to parents, youth sports leaders and governing bodies nationwide. The survey is looking to classify 10 to 12 adaptations that the sports and event industry is debating making when facilities re-

open to understand their attitude toward the proposed modifications. Initial results should be available by June 1. Understanding how modifications impact user perceptions of satisfaction and safety are important for venues and events to consider in developing procedural modifications.

The Grand Park Sports Campus has already released its “Step 1 Reopen Strategy,” behavioral guidelines and enhanced sanitation and facility/procedural enhancements and is a leading conversation nation-

wide on the safest way to restart youth sports.

**About the IUPUI Sports Innovation Institute**

The IUPUI Sports Innovation Institute blends academic thinking with an entrepreneurial spirit to creative solve the pressing issues in the sports industry. The SII publishes the Sports Innovation Podcast, Sports Innovation Journal, and hosts Innovation Sprints for students. Founded in 2015, the SII leverages faculty expertise and student creativity to make a difference in sports.

## SCAM

say, ‘Hey, can you give us some money?’ Never and I’m in it.”

Both victims have filed police reports.

But for now she just wants people to trust, verify and call (317) 377-1795 if they have any questions.

“We just want to do the right thing for the victims and protect them. If money is being taken away from them, they truly deserve. I just want others to know,” she said.

Meanwhile, she said the VFW will continue to pur-

sue this and push for the max penalty for the scammers.

One of Ryan’s core values in the Air Force is service before self. This is just service for self. She fears there are more victims out there. “Yes. The organization would be concerned for that too.”

## GETCHELL

His first assignment was with 3rd Brigade, 2nd ID in the Republic of Korea where he served on Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) for three years during the waning stages of the Cold War.

Twenty years later,

Getchell returned to 2nd ID to command a Brigade Combat Team at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, and during combat operations in southern Afghanistan.

In between these assignments, Getchell accumu-

lated extensive peace time and combat experience with the famed “Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). After the Cold War, he joined the “Screaming Eagles” for four years, training soldiers all over the United States.

## HABERMAN

Gaylor Electric, Haberman created the Workforce Management Program, which worked to cultivate an environment of trust, engagement, and accountability to excellence to optimize Gaylor’s workforce.


Haberman is chairman of the Hamilton County Workforce Innovation Network and is the board president for the Association for Talent Development in Central Indiana. Haberman also is a decorated veteran of the United State Marine Corps, where he served as a combat engineer.

“It is an exciting opportunity to have the privilege to work for the betterment of my hometown and be a part of its exponential growth,” Haberman said. “My prior experience aligns well with this new role and I’m eager to dig in and be a part of Noblesville’s next chapter.”

Workforce and Economic Development is one of Jensen’s policy pillars and priority areas of focus. Noblesville has shifted efforts to focus business attraction in the medical technology, life sciences and manufacturing sectors that will deliver qual-

ity mid- and high-wage jobs. The city’s comprehensive workforce and economic development strategies feature ongoing communication and collaboration with employers, educators and other community partners to align business recruitment and retention plans with training and workforce pipeline development efforts.

“Our administration is proactively looking ahead for COVID-19 recovery opportunities to work with existing businesses to train, re-train and upskill workforce within the city,” Jensen said.



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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

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## Former Heights teacher missing in Colorado

### The REPORTER

A massive search effort is underway in Maysville, Colo., for Suzanne Morpew, an Indiana native who worked at Hamilton Heights Middle School between 1995 and 1999.

Morpew, 49, a cyclist and mother of two, did not return from a bike ride on Mother's Day, according to the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office. A Facebook page,

**Find Suzanne Morpew.** has been created in an effort to collect information that could aid in search efforts.

In addition, a \$200,000 reward is being offered by Morpew's husband and a family friend for "her safe return, no questions asked."

Law enforcement entities across Colorado along with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, FBI, friends, family and the community

are involved in the search. Anyone with information into the disappearance of Morpew is asked to call the tip line at (719) 312-7530.

## Former Carmel Mayor Jane Reiman endorses Henderson for Congress

### Submitted

On Thursday, former Mayor of Carmel Jane Reiman endorsed Beth Henderson for Congress in Indiana's 5th District Congressional race.

"As a former mayor of Carmel and as someone who knows what public service is all about, I'm endorsing Beth Henderson because character matters, and I know firsthand that Beth has the values and principles we need in Congress," said Reiman. "She listens and understands the needs and interests of the people and communities of the 5th District. I like that she puts faith and family first, and her background as a nurse, business owner,

and farmer gives her the real-world experience we need in our next representative. I encourage all Republicans in the 5th District to join me in supporting Beth in this primary!"



Henderson

"It's an honor to have Mayor Reiman's endorsement in the Republican race for Congress," said Beth Henderson. "Mayor Reiman exemplifies what public service is all about, and it means the world to me to have her on our team. Our momentum in this race continues to grow each day and we will continue working hard to earn the Republican nomination so we can hold this seat!"

For more information, visit [bethforindiana.com](http://bethforindiana.com).

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### Letter to the Editor

## Carmel voter makes four-fold endorsement

Dear Editor:

Elections are quickly approaching and again this year our local elections are very important to all of us in Hamilton County. Having lived in Hamilton County for over 40 years it has been wonderful to watch our county grow to what it is today. I sincerely hope you vote on June 2 and I would ask you to consider voting for these strong leaders:

**John Ditslear**, County Council. I have known John since he was serving on the Noblesville School Board when I served on the Carmel Clay School Board. While we were opponents on the playing field, we worked together to provide the best education to our students. John continued his great leadership serving the citizens of Noblesville as their mayor and now is running for county council.

**Sue Maki**, County Council. I have also known Sue for years with her leadership in the Hamilton County Leadership Academy and several Green/Sustainability Initiatives. Sue serves the citizens of Carmel in the Utilities Dept. and would be another great county councilor.

Remember we have three at-large county councilor seats, so you can vote for three.

**Steve Dillinger**, County Commissioner. Can you imagine in the year 2020 146th Street still a one-lane road? Steve has proven over the years to be an excellent visionary for Hamilton County with not only 146th Street but many, many other county improvements over the years. As with John and Sue I have known Steve for many, many years and know he is a proven leader.

**Scott Baldwin**, Indiana Senate District 20. Scott's 25-year experience as a marine and police officer in itself makes him a great person to consider supporting for the Indiana Senate. Scott also is a successful business leader who will represent Hamilton County in the Indiana Senate.

Please vote June 2 and please join me in voting for **John, Sue, Steve and Scott**. I am confident they will be wonderful leaders for Hamilton County

**Bruce Breeden**  
Carmel

### Letter to the Editor

## Fishers man thankful for coverage provided by his Medicare Advantage plan

Dear Editor,

For the past two years, I've depended on my Medicare Advantage program for my health care needs. Regardless of the health issue at hand, my Medicare Advantage plan has kept me covered at an affordable rate, which for many seniors who live on limited budgets, is very important.

Though leaving the house has been challenge for many seniors because of the COVID-19 crisis, Medicare Advantage programs are working to ensure that seniors can still see their doctors through virtual care. The plans are even offering prescription delivery services, so seniors don't have to leave the house to pick up their medications. Additionally, the

program is covering the cost of testing related to COVID-19, and many plans are also covering the cost of treatment as well, offering immense value to those whose health has been compromised by coronavirus.

Senator Todd Young recognizes the value that the Medicare Advantage program offers the more than 444,000 Hoosiers who utilize the program for their health care needs, and I am grateful for his support. All members of Congress should support health care options that offer seniors great care at low out-of-pocket costs.

**Roger Ashley**  
Fishers

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### Public Notice

#### PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is given that the Sheridan Town Council will, on May 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (local time) at the Sheridan Community Center, located at 300 E 6th St, Sheridan, Indiana 46069, hold a public hearing on Resolution No. 2020-04, entitled Preliminary Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area Resolution. Please be advised that this date is a modification of a previously advertised hearing date. Said resolution, previously approved and adopted by the Sheridan Town Council at its regular meeting on May 11, 2020, designates an area within the Town of Sheridan, Indiana, as an Economic Revitalization Area pursuant to the provisions of I.C. § 6-1.1-12.1-1, et. seq. The Public is advised that a copy of Resolution 2020-04 contains a legal description of the area so designated as an Economic Revitalization Area and is on file in the office of the Hamilton County Assessor and is open for public inspection in that office.

In substance, the content of the resolution provides that the area described in the resolution be designated as an Economic Revitalization Area for the purpose of qualifying for the deduction available for the redevelopment as provided at I.C. § 6-1.1-12.1-3. The period of designation shall be on a sliding scale for ten (10) calendar years after the date of final action on said resolution.

The applicant for the designation is Dejac, Inc. The area described lies within the boundaries of the Town of Sheridan, Indiana, and has a common description as follows: Countryside Industrial Park, Sheridan, Indiana. Public notice is hereby given that at said public hearing, the Sheridan Town Council, as designating body, will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. After hearing all evidence presented, the Sheridan Town Council shall, at its regular meeting on said date and at said place, take final action on Resolution 2020-04 determining whether the qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met in the area described in said resolution. The Sheridan Town Council shall either confirm, modify and confirm, or rescind Resolution 2020-04.

Such action of the Sheridan Town Council shall be final, subject to statutory rights of appeal.

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Letter to the Editor

Carmel voter: Lyneen Burrow will put citizens’ interests first

Dear Editor,

I have been fortunate to know Lyneen Burrow for over 45 years – we graduated from Westfield High School in 1976.

I couldn’t think of a person that would be more suitable to represent the citizens of Hamilton County than Lyneen, who has been a lifelong resident here. Having worked with her on multiple projects, I know that she has a caring heart with a mindset to get things done from start to finish, whether personally or professionally.

As a Hamilton County Councilor, I know that as our voice, Lyneen will put the best interest of the citizens first, while also being dutifully responsible with the funds that are entrusted to the County Council on our behalf.

Please join me casting your vote for Lyneen Burrow on June 2.

**Rob Sculthorp**  
*Carmel*

Letter to the Editor

Fishers voter has nothing but good things to say about Lyneen Burrow

Dear Editor:

I have known Lyneen Burrow for many years through Hamilton County 4-H and Extension, and she is one of the most genuine people I’ve ever known. Lyneen is honest and forthright and always wants to do what’s best for everyone around her. Lyneen has served as a leader in many areas of the county and has always performed with the utmost involvement and integrity. I admire her tenacity and passion to accomplish what’s best for those she serves.

She is a very giving and concerned person, which is one of the many reasons I believe she would be a great addition to the County Council. She wants to make things better for the citizens of Hamilton County. She believes our elected officials should be bring value to their positions and the people they serve.

With Lyneen as a member of the County Council, I believe she can help lead our county to realize even greater accomplishments. I encourage you to vote for Lyneen Burrow on June 2.

**Lisa Swain**  
*Fishers*

Letter to the Editor

Ken Alexander supports Jeff Hern for re-election to County Council

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of the re-election of my close colleague and friend, Jeff Hern. Serving on the Hamilton County Council with Jeff has been a great experience in which I have seen him demonstrate true leadership. Jeff is always available to help residents at any time, in any way possible. He sees the people of Hamilton County like a second family and strives to lead it with a servant’s heart.

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

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

**Ken Alexander**  
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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**  
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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Heights School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in the Media Center at Hamilton Heights Middle School, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet via teleconference at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. The meeting will be broadcast live from the City Council Chambers in Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

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And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

Acts 12:15-17 (KJV)

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David Ryan Nee  
May 1, 1945 – May 14, 2020




David Ryan Nee, 75, Fishers, passed away peacefully at IU North after a 33-day battle with COVID-19 on May 14, 2020. David was born May 1, 1945 to the late James K. and Ruth Nee in Richland Center, Wis. David graduated from University of Platteville, Wis., where he played football. He was drafted in 1968 and served in the U.S. Army as Military Police in Japan. David was proud to be a Postal Inspector for the USPS from 1972 to 2002. David and Jane met in Richland Center, Wis., and were married in 1970. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this coming September. They were blessed with a son, Jeff Nee (LeAnne) and a daughter, Betsy Baker (Jonathan). He loved his grandchildren, Isaac and Elliot Nee and Nathan, Brynn and Josh Baker. Together they have enjoyed so many family gatherings, holidays and Indy 500s. He is survived by nieces, Barbara Moore and Karen Frohwirth; son, James; brothers-in-law, Bruce Jacobson and Dave Jacobson (Debbie); niece, Jennifer (Charlie); and nephews, Chad (Jenna), Josh (Caroline) and Cody. His sister, Nancy (Dennis), and sister-in-law, Sharry, precede him in death. David also leaves behind many wonderful, loving friends. David will be forever remembered for his beautiful white hair, his love for life, his big smile and the joy he brought to others. He was a great listener and a great friend. David loved playing tennis and helping at his church with the sound board, food pantry and mowing the lawn. He loved cheering on all his grandchildren at their sports or their hobbies. You could always count on David for a good joke, a great laugh and a great drink! A Celebration of Life will be planned at Bethel Lutheran Church at a later date. David's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church Columbarium Project and Memorial Garden at 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46062; or in support of nurses on the front-line fighting COVID-19 and who fought so hard for David at [nursingworld.org/foundation/programs/coronavirus-response-fund](https://nursingworld.org/foundation/programs/coronavirus-response-fund). Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://randallroberts.com)

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Helen L. Castor  
January 15, 1925 – May 14, 2020



Helen L. Castor, 95, Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Meadow Lakes Nursing Home in Mooresville. She was born on January 15, 1925 to Edgar and Thelma (Dunn) Myers in Boxley, Ind. Helen worked for several years for the BMV of the State of Indiana. She was a member of Carmel American Legion Post 155. Helen is survived by her daughters, Sue Campbell and Bertie Bristow; son, Phil Castor; as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lester Arnold Castor Sr. in 2002; and her son, Lester Arnold Castor Jr. in 2018. Private family services will be held with burial at Carmel Cemetery. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Helen's care. Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://randallroberts.com)

John LaMar McCarty  
April 4, 1938 – May 14, 2020



John LaMar McCarty, Noblesville, peacefully left this Earth at 4:04 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2020, surrounded by family. He was born on April 4, 1938 to Martha Plew McCarty and Kenneth McCarty. He grew up in Sheridan. Those who knew John will remember him for his quick wit and smiling eyes. He was a dedicated family man who enjoyed camping, snowmobiling, IU basketball, Green Bay Packers, tending his yard on his riding mower and watching NASCAR and the Indy 500. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and watching them play sports. John enjoyed 24 years as a meat cutter at Marsh Supermarket. John is preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, Patricia McCarty. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Linda Hoover McCarty; daughters, Branna Shores (Dennis) and Megan Tolen (Rick); granddaughters, Erin Peabody (Cory), Callan Smith, Allison and Adrienne Tolen; grandson, Luke Tolen; great-granddaughters, Gabrielle Smith-Scott, Molly and Natalie Peabody and Averie Smith; brother-in-law, Buddy Hoover (Andrea); and brother, Richard McCarty (Belinda). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hamilton County 4-H (2003 E. Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060), Tippecanoe County 4-H (3150 Sagamore Pkwy., Lafayette, IN 47905) or the charity of your choice. Due to the current situation, there will be a private family service with a celebration of life to be held at a later date. Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://randallroberts.com)



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## Gus Etchison commits to Western Michigan

Hamilton Heights star Gus Etchison announced on Friday that he has committed to play basketball at Western Michigan University.

Etchison made the announcement on his Twitter account in the form of a minute-long video. He began by thanking his family, coaches and teammates, then revealed that he had chosen Western Michigan.

"After a long talk with my family and God, I'd like to continue my father's legacy at Western Michigan University," said Etchison. "I'm honored to become a Bronco."

Etchison was Hamilton County's leading scorer in the 2019-20 season, averaging 24.9 points per game for his junior year. He had solid numbers across the board, with 5.0 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 1.6 steals per contest. Etchison scored 41 points in the Huskies' season-opening game, an overtime win against Lebanon, then set a new Heights school record on Dec. 11 by scoring 56 points in the Huskies' game with Mount Vernon.

Western Michigan is located in Kalamazoo, and plays in the Mid-American Conference (MAC). The Broncos are coming off a 13-19 season with a relatively young team; only two seniors were on the roster this past season. Western Michigan will have a new coach this coming season: Clayton Bates was hired in March after several years as a Broncos assistant coach.



Kent Graham/File photo  
Hamilton Heights star Gus Etchison has committed to play college basketball at Western Michigan University. Etchison was Hamilton County's leading scorer in his junior season, averaging 24.9 points per game, including a school record 56 points against Mount Vernon.

*A first step to re-open Grand Park . . .*

## Westfield Family Play scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 26

By RICHIE HALL

The closing down of Indiana due to the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in some unusual sights around the state this spring.

Probably the most unusual of all would be that of Grand Park in Westfield sitting empty. The facility normally has an event going on every day, whether it be small youth baseball and softball games to massive soccer tournaments with teams from across the country.

But there is a small step about to be taken. Grand Park and the City of Westfield have set up Westfield Family Play, which Grand Park Director William Knox said will be an opportunity "to give Westfield residents a chance to stretch their legs" and benefit from the campus.

The first Westfield Family Play is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, and then will take place every Tuesday and Thursday for the next few weeks. The Family Play times are from noon to 7 p.m. Times and dates are always subject to change, so Westfield residents are encouraged to check often. Information is available at [grandpark.org/family](http://grandpark.org/family), and on the City of Westfield and Grand Park social media accounts.



Photo provided by the City of Westfield  
Grand Park is planning steps to re-open later this month. Westfield residents are invited to participate in Westfield Family Play Day, which begins May 26. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect.

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# Indianapolis Indians await word on 2020 season

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD  
WISH-TV

Indianapolis Indians Manager Brian Esposito is sitting around in May for the first time in two decades — and he is not alone.

“There is no question, you see it on social media, comments on talk shows, they (fans) want it back badly,” Indians radio broadcaster Howard Kellman said. “(It shows) what baseball means to people here in this

city, in this state, and this country.”

As we wait for the baseball world to return, put yourself in the shoes of Howard Kellman, the voice of the Indians for more than four decades, who waits with as much anticipation as anyone in the games for baseball’s return.

“We all get butterflies on opening day,” Kellman said. “It is part of it, it will be a wonderful feeling of having those butterflies again. I really have not thought

about what I will say, but boy do I look forward to saying something.”

From the skipper to the legend behind the mic, an emotional return home is out there somewhere.

“Just to have some normality and to see the gates at Victory Field open up, and to see fans and teams on the field. I think that is the most important thing at this point,” Esposito said.

A day at the ballpark: We need it more than ever.

## WESTFIELD

**FOLLOWING GUIDELINES**

While Grand Park is ready to re-open — and people are just as ready to return — there will obviously be social distancing and other guidelines in effect.

There will be limits to field access, and that will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. On-site registration is available and it will be hands-free. The Grand Park website said that families must check in at Lot C to allow the facility to track the number on on-site visitors and make sure that families are indeed practicing social distancing.

“They won’t come in contact with other families,” said Knox. He said there will be designated areas in the park where families come in one way and go out another way so they won’t intermingle with other families.

Restrooms and concession stands will be closed, so families should bring their own water and snacks. They should also bring their own equipment as well, such as balls, Frisbees and kites.

“We will not have any actual equipment out for families,” said Knox. “We want to be very cautious about them having touch points when they’re on campus.”

Also, equipment would have to be sanitized after each use, which is something the facility wants to avoid.

Westfield Family Play is part of a plan to re-open the campus “slowly and safely,” said Vicki Duncan Gardner, Communications Director of the City of Westfield. Knox said that in accordance with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb’s plan to re-open the state, Grand Park is looking at launching small activities and practic-



Photo provided by the City of Westfield

Grand Park plans to start its leagues with modified tournaments on June 14, but using current guidelines in place. Fields will also be sanitized on a weekly basis.

es again on Sunday, May 24, with actual leagues beginning play on June 14.

May 23 and 24 are the scheduled dates when the state will move into Stage 3 of the Governor’s five-stage plan to re-open Indiana. The state is currently in Stage 2, which limits social gatherings to 25 people or fewer. Phase 3 will move that number up to 100 people or fewer.

“We’re going to evaluate those as we get close to the date, because we want to maximize the opportunities for our families,” said Knox. “We’re going to do it smart.” Again, families are advised to check the Grand Park website as those tentative re-opening dates get closer.

Once the calendar gets to June 14, Grand Park plans to start its leagues with modified tournaments, but again using the current guidelines in place. In addition, Knox said that the campus will be employing all of its sanitation practices. Fields will be sanitized on a weekly basis.

“That process was more monthly in the past,” said Knox. “All the touch points, we will be wiping them down post events. We’ve got kick plates on the bathroom doors. We’re looking long-term to automate a lot of our facilities in our restrooms as well.”

Spectators will be asked to do their past as well, with Grand Park encouraging all campus visitors to follow whatever guidelines their sport is recommending. The staff at Grand Park will be wearing masks and gloves at all times.

“We’re going to encourage spectators to do the same, but that’ll be at their discretion,” said Knox.

As always, be sure to check the Grand Park website for the most up-to-date information.



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