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# State demands Birdies mini golf course in Westfield close

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

Jessica Lynch and her husband opened Birdies Miniature Golf course last summer. They had just reopened for this year as the weather improved and stay-at-home orders softened.

On Wednesday afternoon, two people claiming to be Indiana Excise Police showed up and ordered the course closed. The police also said they were coming back Thursday, Lynch says, and the two were so aggressive that she asked the Westfield Police Department to come over.

"He said that state police should have provided documentation and/or citation to show like how we were in violation," Lynch said.

According to Lynch, the officers didn't leave any paperwork. She later was told that someone had filed a complaint. The manager of Birdies Miniature Golf, Tyler – he asked News 8 not use his last name – was on duty when the excise officers showed up.

"They just flashed their badge real quick. They were pretty rude to me in front



**Cook**

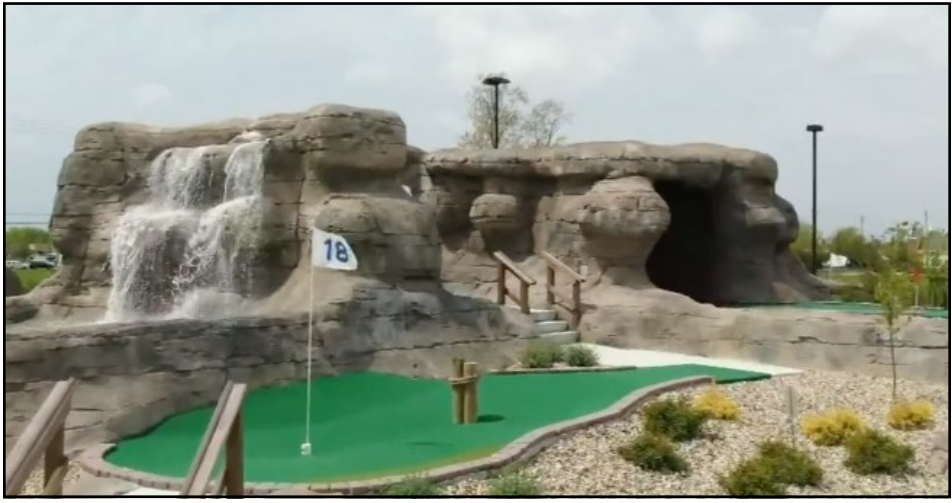


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According to Westfield Mayor Andy Cook, the decision is local on whether to allow golf courses to reopen, but the state claims they must remain closed.

of three families that were waiting to play golf, which I think is unacceptable. If you are gonna tell somebody they are going to have to close their business, at least be nice about it," Tyler said.

Lynch and her staff believed they followed all the rules of reopening. They have marked the sidewalk in compliance with social distancing practices, groups on the course are separated, and the equipment is cleaned after each use.

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook says he talked to Lynch before she opened.

"Voluntarily, these owners called me and asked, 'May we open,'" the mayor said.

Cook says the decision to open and or close golf courses rests in the hands of the mayors.

"Stage 2 (of the state's Back on Track plan) means we can have our golf courses open. This is a golf course," the mayor said.

News 8 reached out to Indiana Excise Police and were directed to the Joint Information Center, which in an email said that minigolf courses are to stay closed.

# When God writes your chapters

They say that you make plans ... and God laughs.

So, it was about 4 p.m. when I clocked out at Don Hinds Ford on Saturday, March 14. My plan was to take a girls' trip to Tampa for five days and return to work on Saturday the 21st. That did not happen.

The week that I was in Florida the world started closing down. Life, as I knew it, would not look the same for a long time ... possibly never.

So began a chapter called COVID-19. It was one that would not make sense ... to anyone.

In the past eight weeks I've had plenty of time to think. I have a sign in my office that says, "Someday, it will all make sense." I don't think there will be a someday where this pandemic makes any sense.

I remember walking into Don Hinds Ford 16 years ago this June. It made no sense.

Here I was 48 years old. I decorated homes for 26 years. I had never worked

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**COLUMNIST**  
**JANET HART LEONARD**  
 From the Heart

# GiGi's Playhouse launches virtual fundraising event

COVID-19 can't keep these folks from doing good work

## The REPORTER

With COVID-19 putting even the best of businesses to the test, the virus has really begun to take its toll on not-for-profits. GiGi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers have had to close locations across the country, including in Indianapolis. All programs have been moved online.

"Our therapeutic and educational programming is free and available to all children and adults with Down syndrome," said Denise Jensen, Executive Director of the Indianapolis chapter. "That's because we've been blessed with such generous corporate and private support. As the pandemic stretches on and social dis-



taning becomes our new norm however, we may not be able to host many of our largest fundraisers."

GiGi's Playhouse Indy



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Alex Touseull (left) and Audra Lembke (right, woman holding baby) were both selected as champions of the inaugural Step to Accept Virtual Run, Walk, & Ride.

rely on the profits from its annual I Have a Voice Gala and 3.21 Run to keep the doors open. Fortunately, the gala took place

back in February. But now the uncertainty created by COVID-19 has forced the

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# Carmel's Center for Performing Arts fundraising gala postponed to 2021

## The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts is postponing its largest annual fundraising event in response to ongoing public health concerns.

Originally set for Sept. 12, the 10th Anniversary Gala presented by Krieg DeVault has been rescheduled for Sept. 17, 2021. The annual event, which last year netted more than \$300,000 to support the Center's artistic and educational programming, typically includes a dinner, auction, presentations, performances and receptions.

"We've spent a lot of time planning for the 2020 gala to be our best ever, and that seems unlikely under the current circumstances," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of the Center and the Great American Songbook Foundation. "The event is essentially sold out, as is the trend, so we hope to keep the key details in place and gather in person with our friends and supporters next year to truly celebrate the first decade of the Center's history."

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# Noblesville's Forest Park Aquatic Center set to reopen June 1

## The REPORTER

With the safety and well-being of its patrons as its priority, the Friends of Central Pool is making every effort to open Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville on Monday, June 1.

Reflecting the "Back on Track Indiana Plan," attendance will be restricted and monitored through at least July 4. Likewise, social distancing measures

will be in effect. The specific details for the 2020 swim season continue to evolve and will be shared soon. Ongoing discussions with City of Noblesville officials and public health experts continue to ensure a safe and positive experience for swim patrons and to provide access to a valued community asset.

Thanks to a generous donation from the City of Noblesville, major im-

provements and renovations to the Forest Park Aquatic Center are underway, upgrading and enhancing the visitor experience.

For more information or to stay plugged into up-to-the minute information regarding pool updates, opening date, and adjusted hours and policies, visit [forestparkpool.org](http://forestparkpool.org) to learn more or sign up for the Forest Park Aquatic Center eNewsletter.



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Acclaimed a cappella group Straight No Chaser will perform on the new date for next year's gala.

The previously scheduled headliner, acclaimed a cappella ensemble Straight No Chaser, has been booked again to perform on the new date. The co-chairs of this year's Gala Committee, Carmel residents Eric and Leah Payne and Ron and Suzanne Mencias, will continue in those roles in 2021. More information is available at [TheCenterPresents.org/Gala](http://TheCenterPresents.org/Gala). For reservations, email [Gala@TheCenterPresents.org](mailto:Gala@TheCenterPresents.org) or call (317) 819-3534.

with men. I knew nothing about cars and trucks. I was beyond scared. I was terrified. They took a chance with me. I think they were glad they did.

When I told my family and friends that I was going to sell cars they looked at me like I had lost my ever lovin' mind. Some expressed their concern. Some were left speechless. A few said, "You go girl!"

I wiped a few tears on the way home for the first few weeks. OK, the first several months. It's a tough business, especially for a woman. You have to prove yourself to the guys and your customers.

I was raised to work hard and be nice to people. It worked in the car business.

Over the years, I gained a loyal customer base. I treated them the way I

would want to be treated. It was that simple. Those customers became my friends.

Those same years I got to know most of the customers who came in for service. I got to know their families. This one particular man would sit in the sales waiting room and read a novel while his car was getting worked on. His name was Chuck.

Seven years ago, he asked me, "If you're not seeing anyone, would you want to go to lunch?"

As most of my readers know, our story is very much what you would watch in a Hallmark movie. Yet, if you look at us and our differences, many would wonder how we ever got together.

We are the old people's version of *The Big Bang Theory* starring Leonard and Penny. Chuck has his

dissertation that makes him Dr. Leonard. I cut short my college education. I'm the Truck Lady. Chuck was the principal at Lawrence Central about the time I graduated from high school. Yes, there are a few years difference in our ages. But you know what? We knew within a month of starting to date we were headed to the altar and would be married.

Another chapter in my life was written that made no sense. Our hearts knew that it would make so much sense ... as time proved our love.

Chuck proposed in the waiting room and the Colglaziers and Hinds were so gracious to allow us to have our reception in the showroom of the dealership. Yes, the pictures resembled a Hallmark movie. So, on Feb. 23, 2014, we were wed. We had a little over 300 witnesses as we said our vows. "For richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health."

Now it is some six years later and as much of my life is written in my stories, I am beginning a new chapter. A chapter where the page was difficult to turn and see what was being written.

I really like things planned and to make sense. But ... what I have found is that when you allow God to hold your pen, the things that are written may seem strange. You just have to believe things will turn out better than you could ever imagine. My life has proven that to be true.

Stay tuned as I will be writing about another chapter next week. And no, much of it may not make sense, but God does have a sense of humor. I'm trusting Him with my pen.

Thanks for reading!



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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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# ATI announces 2020-21 season

## The REPORTER

On May 12, Actors Theatre of Indiana celebrated its 15th anniversary virtually on Facebook. As part of the celebration, four fabulous shows were announced that will be performed beginning this fall.

In addition, the Trio, made up of Don Farrell, Judy Fitzgerald and Cynthia Collins, performed songs from each of the upcoming productions. [Click here](#) to watch a video of the celebration.

Shows and their run dates are listed below, along with a brief description of each:

### Always ... Patsy Cline Sept. 4-27, 2020

This true tale of friendship is told through the letters of Louise Segar, a devoted fan who befriended Patsy Cline at a Texas honky-tonk. It was the kind of relationship that many fans would love to have with their heroes. Featuring Cline's unforgettable hits, this funny and touching tribute celebrates the life and career of the legendary singer who died tragically in a plane crash. "I Fall to Pieces," "Sweet Dreams" and "Walking After Midnight" are just a few of the 27 featured songs. It offers

fans who remember Cline a chance to look back, while giving new fans an idea of what she meant to the Country Music Industry and why she was such a Super Star.

### Lombardi

Oct. 30 to Nov. 22, 2020

This Tony Nominated Broadway play follows Coach Vince Lombardi of the Green Bay Packers through a week in the 1965 NFL season as he attempts to lead his team to the championship. Although football's Super Bowl trophy is named for him, few know the real story of Lombardi the man, his inspirations, his passions and ability to drive people to achieve what they never thought possible. Sport produces great human drama and there is no greater sports icon to bring to theatrical life than Hall of Fame Coach Vince Lombardi. "Winning isn't everything, but the will to win is everything."

### The Big Bang

Jan. 29 to Feb. 21, 2021

In the living room of an elegant Park Avenue apartment in New York City, Jed and Boyd, along with their pal Albert on the piano, stage a backers' audition for an 83.5 million-dollar, twelve-hour long musical



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depicting the history of the world from creation to the present. Eighteen sidesplitting numbers portraying Adam and Eve, Attila the Hun, the building of the pyramids, Julius Caesar and Columbus, among others, give potential investors a taste of the impending extravaganza. In the process,

the opulent Park Avenue apartment "borrowed" for the occasion is trashed as the two snatch its furnishings to create makeshift costumes while singing and clowning their way through inventive recreations of the past. This is one history lesson you'll never forget! (RATED PG-13)

## Damn Yankees

April 30 to May 23, 2021

Middle-aged baseball fanatic Joe Boyd, trades his soul to the Devil, also known as Mr. Applegate, for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory in the pennant race against the New York Yankees. As a young baseball sensation, Joe Hardy transforms the hapless Washington Senators into a winning team, only to realize the true worth of the life that he's left behind. Joe ultimately outsmarts Applegate, returns to his former self and shepherds the Senators to the World Series. This wicked, musical comedy is light, fast-paced and devilishly clever. A home run hit, featuring all-American subject matter and an irreverent sense of humor.

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At this time Actors Theatre of Indiana recognizes that these show dates are based on the anticipation that activities will have returned to normal by that time. As always, the goal of ATI is to keep the community safe.

## Donate to ATI

ATI has shared various ways to show continued support by donating, including a way to help continue the celebration of ATI's 15th

anniversary. Patrons may text 'ANNIVERSARY15' to 44321. There are several other options, including ATI's [GoFundMe page](#), online at [atistage.org](#), or by mailing a check directly to ATI at 510 3rd Ave. SW, Carmel, IN 46032.

## About Actors

### Theatre of Indiana

Actors Theatre of Indiana was co-founded in 2005 by Cynthia Collins, Don Farrell and Judy Fitzgerald with a mission to celebrate the power of theater and contribute to the quality of life in Central Indiana by offering high quality professional theater performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate and entertain. One of only four Equity Theater companies in central Indiana, Actors Theatre of Indiana is the resident professional theater company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel and has provided 14 seasons of high-powered musical theater productions, world premieres and innovative community works.

Visit ATI on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). For more information on schedules, educational initiatives and ways you can order tickets, visit [atistage.org](#).

## GiGi's

Playhouse to make the difficult decision to cancel this year's run.

In its place, the Indy Playhouse has teamed up with 60 other Playhouses from around the country to host the inaugural nationwide Step to Accept Virtual Run, Walk, & Ride on Saturday, June 6.

"Recent stay-at-home orders coupled with closed gyms have made it difficult to stay in shape," Jensen added. "This fundraiser really encourages our participants to stay focused on their fitness. That's important because people with Down syndrome typically have low muscle tone, so this fundraiser not only supports the programs we provide, but also improves overall health."

Step to Accept participants can track their steps with the Strava app, a popular fitness tracker designed to help them log their activity. The goal is for participants to collectively walk, run, or ride 50 million steps by event day while raising more than \$2 million nationally. The event will be live streamed around the world at noon on June 6.

Registration is \$21 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Those who register on or before May 20 will receive a T-shirt. [Click here](#) to register. To make a donation to the Indy Playhouse, [click here](#).

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The two champions of this year's event are Alex Touseull and Audra Lembke. Read more about them below.

### Alex Touseull

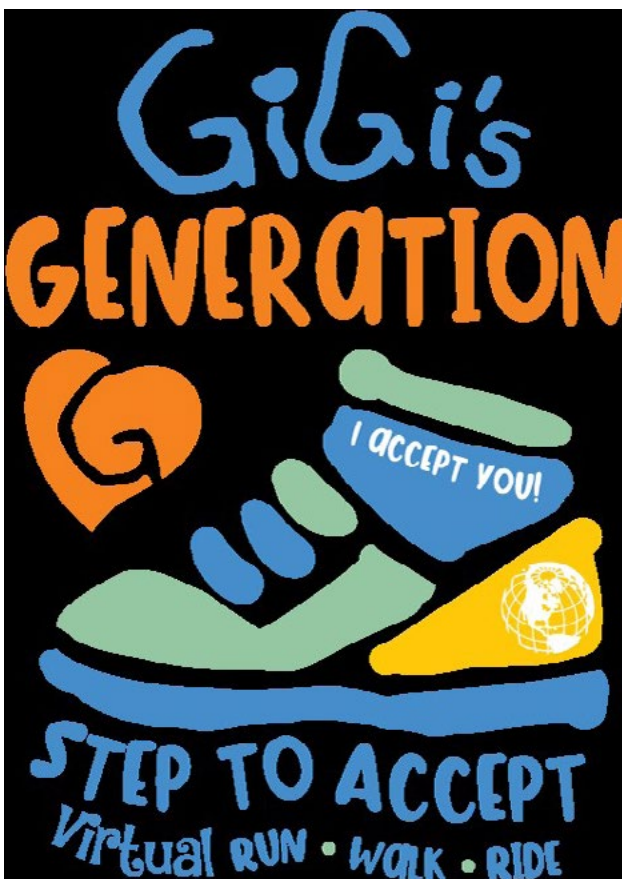
Ask Alex Touseull what she loves about GiGi's Playhouse and she'll rattle off a list of her friends: "Terrell, Megan, Maggie, Alyssa, Sabrina, Ryan."

The 26-year-old has done nearly everything there is to do at the Playhouse over the past four years. She participates in ballroom dancing, EPIC, cooking club and GiGi Fit. She is also interning this spring. But the one thing she's always wanted to do has eluded her until now — serve as an event honoree. She has agreed to champion the inaugural Step to Accept Virtual Run, Walk & Ride on Saturday, June 6.

"I'm going to be famous," Alex beamed. "The world needs more Alex!"

If by "more Alex" she means more reasons to accept the Down syndrome community and champion GiGi's Playhouse Indy, then she's right! It's something her mom Angela has been doing for years as a Playhouse board member.

"I look back to when Alex was little and wish we'd had a place like GiGi's as she was growing up," Angela Touseull recalled. "We're so glad we have GiGi's today because she so looks forward to



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participating."

Alex and Angela have formed a Step to Accept team with Alex's EPIC classmates. They've challenged each of their team members to raise \$321 — a nod to people with Down syndrome having three copies of the 21st chromosome. They encourage you to do the same.

"I want to get everyone excited to raise money so more people with Down syndrome can sign up for programs," Alex said.

"There aren't many pro-

grams that are completely free for people with special needs, so we rely on these donations to keep our programs at GiGi's Playhouse going," added Angela. "The great thing about this event is its virtual. This is something that really crosses state lines. You can do it with family and friends from all over. In a lot of ways, it's almost better because more people can easily participate."

The Touseulls encourage you and yours to [register today](#).

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"I love Gigi's SO MUCH, I think more than anyone in the world," Alex boasted. "I want to give hope for all people with Down syndrome so they know they are ALL champions!"

## Audra Lembke

Audra Lembke is thrilled to champion the inaugural Step to Accept Virtual Run Walk & Ride. Her 6-year-old daughter Makenna has Down syndrome. The Lembke family was one of the first families to join GiGi's when it opened in 2015 in Indianapolis.

"Makenna was the biggest shock of our lives," Audra recalls. "We found out she had Down syndrome at birth. Fortunately, I was introduced to a group of local moms who were working to open GiGi's. The Playhouse has afforded us many great friendships over the years."

A critical care nurse at Franciscan Health, Audra and her husband Geoff also have two sons — 9 years old and 1 year old.

"We are very much looking forward to this new approach at fundraising,"

Audra said. "What a great way to connect to our Playhouse during this time of social distancing. We can't wait to Zoom with our family and friends while we walk on June 6. We hope you'll join us!"

## About GiGi's Playhouse

Serving children and adults of all ages, GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis provides educational and therapeutic programs at no charge to families in a format in which individuals with Down syndrome learn best. GiGi's Playhouse will never let cost deter families from participation or impede the achievement of children and adults. In helping individuals with Down syndrome achieve their Best of All, GiGi's also advances the larger vision of global acceptance for people of all abilities. All programs aim to maximize self-confidence and empower individuals to achieve their greatest potential. GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. Learn more at [gigisplayhouse.org/indianapolis](#).

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# Need for blood donations escalates as hospitals reschedule surgeries

## The REPORTER

The need for blood donations has decreased over the past few months, with hospitals focusing on the treatment of COVID-19 patients. But Versiti Blood Center of Indiana now says that need for donations has quickly shifted with hospitals resuming surgeries and anticipating trauma cases as stay-at-home orders are relaxed in some communities.

"The need is immediate," said Versiti Senior

Medical Director Dan Waxman, M.D. "These are extraordinary times, and there's been a lot of uncertainty because of the coronavirus. When dozens of blood drives were canceled in March and April because of the virus, we saw tremendous community outpouring at our donor centers. The need has now spiked again, and we seek the generosity of donors to ensure hospitals have the necessary blood products

as they resume elective surgery and other essential medical care."

Versiti indicates a particular need for O negative blood – the universal blood type used in trauma situations. With stay-at-home orders relaxing in some communities and warmer weather on the horizon, a higher number of accidents and trauma events are anticipated.

Since it is the blood currently on hand that

saves lives, maintaining a sufficient blood supply is essential to ensure patients in need receive optimal treatment.

To ensure ongoing donor safety, Versiti requires all employees and donors to wear cloth face coverings during the donation process. Donors are asked to bring their face covering.

Social distancing is also being practiced at all donation centers and community blood drives, and

the temperature of all potential blood donors is being taken, as well as that of staff members. In addition, Versiti has implemented increased cleaning and disinfecting procedures in all donor centers and mobile donation sites.

Appointments are strongly encouraged. With coronavirus safety precautions in place, walk-ins could experience wait times. Call (317) 916-5150 or visit [versiti.org/Indiana](https://www.versiti.org/Indiana).

## About Versiti Blood Center of Indiana

Founded in 1952, Versiti Blood center of Indiana, formerly Indiana Blood Center, is a non-profit organization and vital community resource dedicated to providing a continuous, safe and adequate supply of blood components and biological services to more than 80 Indiana hospitals and their patients and beyond. More than 90,000 Hoosiers donate life-saving blood each year.

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## Duke Energy Foundation funds \$200K in crisis relief grants for small businesses

### The REPORTER

The Duke Energy Foundation is funding \$200,000 in grants to Indiana economic development organizations offering crisis relief to small Indiana businesses. The businesses range from a city of Madison program offering its downtown businesses rent support to a Brownstown tool supplier that committed to retaining and paying its employees during the pandemic.

"These are challenging times, and the COVID-19 crisis has been particularly difficult for small companies," said Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pieggar. "These grants will support those businesses that are the backbone of the Hoosier communities we serve statewide."

Indiana economic development groups and other entities such as municipalities will receive \$5,000 grants and will then identify businesses in need of the funds.

"This grant will allow us to provide temporary rent reductions to a handful of companies in our high-tech business incubators," said Paul Moses, director of business development for the Purdue Research Foundation. "We're hoping it will help them power through the crisis, enabling them to keep moving their innovative products and services to market."

The grants are in addition to \$100,000 the Duke Energy Foundation awarded ear-

ly in the crisis to help food banks and other community action groups across Indiana address hunger and other urgent needs. The Foundation also recently announced \$382,000 in grants to support Indiana K-12 programs focused on summer reading programs, STEM and experiential learning. The Foundation is giving the schools and other groups receiving the grants flexibility to reallocate grant funds during the pandemic.

Locally, the following entities are receiving grants, which in turn they are distributing to Duke Energy business customers in their areas:

- City of Fishers
- City of Westfield
- Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation

### About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$30 million annually in charitable gifts and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. In Indiana, the Foundation provides approximately \$2 million in charitable gifts to a wide variety of non-profit groups. More information about the Foundation and its Powerful Communities program can be found at [duke-energy.com/foundation](https://duke-energy.com/foundation).

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

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

visit [37Thrives.com](#).  
*Paw Patrol Parade*  
The PAW Patrol Parade will continue Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. around Fishers in Central, South Central, and East Fishers neighborhoods. There will not be any road closures for this parade; however, it will be traveling slowly through neighborhoods and there may be traffic delays. Residents are encouraged to use alternative routes as needed. Sirens and horns will be used occasionally. For more information on which areas of the city will be visited each day, visit [playfishers.com/PAWPatrol](#).  
*96th Street*  
96th Street between Sargent Road and Cumberland Road is currently closed. During this time, the Sargent Road roundabout will be constructed, the bridge over Mud Creek will be

replaced with a widened structure and additional travel lanes will be added. Local access will remain open from Lantern Road to the River Life Church. The Sargent Road roundabout is anticipated to reopen in mid-June. 96th Street east of Sargent Road to Cumberland Road will remain closed and is anticipated to reopen in early November. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Lantern Road or Cumberland Road to 106th Street. View the detour map [here](#).  
*Allisonville Road*  
Beginning on Sunday, May 17 all northbound lanes on Allisonville Road from 106th Street to 116th Street will be closed until Thursday, May 21 while the Department of Public Works performs road repairs. Local access will remain open north of Easy Street. The official detour

route will direct drivers to use 106th Street to Hague Road to 116th Street. View the detour map [here](#).  
*116th Street*  
Currently, there are lane restrictions on 116th Street between Lantern Road to Fishers Center Drive. Access remains open to local businesses along the route.  
*Pleasant View Subdivision*  
ADA ramp reconstruction and road resurfacing is currently taking place and is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.  
*Municipal Drive*  
Currently, there are lane restrictions on Municipal Drive behind the library in order to construct on-street parking and is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.  
*South Street*  
South Street is currently closed between the railroad tracks and Moore Street for approximately two weeks.

*Lantern Road*  
Lantern Road is closed to thru traffic, beginning south of 116th Street to Fishers Pointe Boulevard, as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project to improve the sanitary sewer underneath Lantern Road. Access to Fishers Elementary is available from 106th Street. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.  
*Keep Fishers DPW safe*  
Road construction continues around Fishers, so please remember to slow

down and drive carefully around road workers. [Click here](#) to see the Fishers DPW crew talk about worker safety.  
*While this list encompasses numerous project updates, it does not list all DPW projects throughout the city. The most recent projects are detailed, however please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting. The city appreciates motorists' patience and caution while driving through construction sites.*

# What Hoosier teacher created World Peace Day?

**The REPORTER**  
*This week in Indiana's history...*  
**1863** – The "Battle of Pogue's Run" took place in Indianapolis. Not an actual battle, the name refers to an incident during the Civil War when Southern Loyalists (sometimes called "Copperheads") were forced to leave town by rail. Fearing that Union soldiers were going to search the train, they threw their weapons out the train windows as it traveled along Pogue's Run, a creek which ran southwest through the city. Newspapers reported that as many as 2,000 pistols, rifles and knives were discarded that day.  
**1912** – World Peace Day was observed in all Indiana schools. It was a project created by Charity Dye, an English teacher at Shortridge High School in Indianapolis. She was the sponsor of the school newspaper, *The Dawn*, and was active in promoting world peace and



women's suffrage. She was also the author of historical non-fiction books, including *Once Upon a Time in Indiana*, which relates the early history of the Hoosier State.  
**1923** – The Columbus Symphony Orchestra gave its premiere performance at the Crump Theater. The program included "Coronation March" from Meybeer's "The Prophet," Hayden's "Military Symphony," and "Ruins of Athens" by Beethoven. Chester Kitzinger was conductor of the 60-member group. The reviewer for the *Columbus Republic* was much impressed, describing the musicians as a "first-class sym-

phony" which "ranks far above organizations which have been heard in similar and larger cities."  
**1941** – Governor Henry F. Schricker spoke at the cornerstone ceremony for the Lincoln Boyhood Memorial in Lincoln City, Ind. Also on the program were former Governor Ed Jackson and Richard Lieber, founder of the Indiana State Park System. Over 1,200 tons of Indiana limestone were used for the outside of the structure, while 500 tons of St. Meinrad sandstone formed the interior.  
**1944** – Funeral services were held for George Ade, a well-known playwright, newspaper writer,

and humorist. He is best remembered for *Fables in Slang*, a best-seller, and his light opera *The Sultan of Sulu*, which had a long run on the New York stage. A graduate of Purdue University, he took great pride in helping fund the stadium which bears his name. The funeral was held at his estate in Brook in Newton County.  
**1988** – Fred Rogers gave the commencement address to the 473 members of the Class of 1988 at the University of Indianapolis. The star of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* told the graduates, "It might take months or years for a wish to come true, but it's far more likely to happen when you care so much about it that you'll do all you can to make it happen." He included a quote from Jiminy Cricket: "When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are, anything your heart desires will come to you."

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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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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

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Acts 12:18-25 (KJV)

# DNR gives advice on managing private ponds

**The REPORTER**  
Owners of private ponds and lakes can now find more resources for managing those areas and adding aquatic structures to them on DNR’s updated website at [wildlife.IN.gov/3614.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3614.htm).  
Pond owners will now find information and links to content about pond construction, where to purchase fish to stock, nuisance wildlife concerns, fish kills and other common issues.  
There are more than 40,000 private ponds and lakes in Indiana, many of

which are stocked with fish by landowners and used for recreation. With spring weather, many are starting to think about their ponds and potential maintenance and improvements.  
“The majority of questions we receive from private pond owners pertain to fish kills, advice on fish stocking, or aquatic plant management including nuisance algae,” said Corey DeBoom, DNR fisheries biologist for Central Indiana. “The answers to most of the common questions can now be found on

our updated pond management webpage.”  
Information about constructing artificial habitat for ponds or lakes has also been added. Artificial structures can provide places for fish to hide, eat, or spawn and may help reduce impacts of fish-eating predators. Structures can be as simple as cutting and felling shoreline trees, but a variety of structure options are highlighted for pond owners to consider.  
Questions from the public regarding private ponds or lakes can be answered by

district fisheries biologists. Media questions regarding private pond management in specific regions can also be answered by district fisheries biologists. Contact information for your area’s biologist is at [wildlife.IN.gov/3590.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3590.htm).  
For general questions regarding private pond management, contact Sandy Clark-Kolaks, south region fisheries research biologist, DNR Fish & Wildlife, by calling (812) 278-8303 or emailing [SClark-Kolaks@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:SClark-Kolaks@dnr.IN.gov).

# DNR to reopen shooting ranges this week

**The REPORTER**  
Starting the week of May 18, most DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife-owned shooting ranges will begin to reopen.  
All facilities will follow COVID-19 social distancing

and cleaning requirements. Restrictions will reduce the number of recreational shooters on the shooting ranges at a given time.  
All FWA shooting ranges, except the one at Willow Slough FWA, will reopen

starting the week of May 18. Shooting range hours differ between ranges. Check open days and hours before visiting.  
Willow Slough FWA’s range will remain closed until further notice. Shooting range hours and information

can be found at [wildlife.IN.gov/3648.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/3648.htm).  
For the most up-to-date information on DNR’s response to COVID-19, including what is open and closed, visit [on.IN.gov/dnr-covid19](http://on.IN.gov/dnr-covid19).

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## Hamilton Heights' Joe Ringer to cycle for Lindsey Wilson College

Joe Ringer, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to cycle for the Lindsey Wilson College Blue Raiders in Columbia, Ky., this fall. Lindsey Wilson College is a member of the Mid-South Conference. He is the son of Chris and Mary Ringer.

"I felt at home in Columbia and at Lindsey Wilson College," said Joe Ringer, of his visit to the campus in this one stoplight town located in south central Kentucky. Ringer, a natural athlete, found his passion with cycling the summer of his eighth-grade year. A four-year letter winner for the Hamilton Heights Boys Varsity Swim team, Ringer found success in the water and in cycling competitions around the country and triathlons in Indiana.

Lindsey Wilson offered Ringer just what he was looking in terms of academics, smaller campus and class size, and a competitive collegiate cycling team. "I really liked the small town feel of the campus, smaller class sizes, and to opportunity to contribute to the tight-knit USA cycling team right away." He said the rolling rural hills, scenery, and milder weather will make a great environment for outdoor training and rides.

Ringer said cycling as a sport found him thanks to participating in his first Cicero Youth Triathlon in 2015. From there, Ringer began training daily, riding throughout Hamilton County. He joined Nine13sports, a local cycling team, and the Hamilton Heights swim team to build his skill, endurance, and strength. Ringer is thankful to everyone who has been supportive and helped throughout his journey into the world of

competitive cycling. However, it is his dad, Chris, who he credits as his biggest inspiration and source of motivation. "He is a very hard worker, yet always made the time to ride with me, help me prepare and pack for upcoming races, and encouraged me to be better than I was the day before," added Joe.

When Ringer is not on his bike, in the pool, or studying, he can be found creating cycling memes as part of the online Interbikememe community, or chilling at home watching movies that feature his favorite actors (Kevin Costner and Tom Hanks) or listening to music.

Sue Beale, Hamilton Heights Varsity Boys Swim Coach, said, "Joe was a four-year member of the boys swim team. He was a big part of the team's success and was always willing to help where needed. He started out as a distance swimmer and switched to a sprinter because I needed him to fill some spots. He did so with great success. He made it to sectional finals 3 out of the 4 years."

"Joe is the epitome of an athlete who becomes undeterred toward reaching a goal," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "He knew what he wanted to do early on and set up a plan to do it. While cycling isn't an IHSAA sport, Joe trained for it in the winter by participating on the boys swim team for four years. He was a great teammate and always represented Hamilton Heights with the highest degree of respect and integrity. We are very proud of Joe and wish him well as he continues to chase his dream."



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights

Hamilton Heights senior Joe Ringer has signed a letter of intent to cycle for the Lindsey Wilson College Blue Raiders in Columbia, Kentucky this fall. He plans to pursue a degree in Media Studies.

*Hamilton County to hosts events throughout the summer . . .*

## Indiana Golf opens tournament season May 28

Indiana's golfers are ready to get back on the course for tournament season, and Indiana Golf has a full slate of events ready for professionals, amateurs and juniors as the summer begins.

Of course, things there will be a few things different as the state works its way through reopening due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But Indiana Golf said on its website that, "With specific social distancing guidelines in place we believe we can offer a safe and responsible setting for championship golf to resume."

The Indiana PGA season begins Thursday, May 28 with the Indiana PGA Pro Am at Rock Hollow in Peru. Noblesville golf courses will then host two

events: The PAT #2 is set for June 1 at Fox Prairie, then Purgatory will welcome the best 50 and over players in the state at the Indiana PGA Senior Open, set for June 3 and 4.

Other Indiana PGA tournaments in Hamilton County this summer are: The Indiana PGA Jr. League Section Championships (Aug. 15 and 16, Pebble Brook Golf Course South, Noblesville), the Club Car Stroke Play Championship (Aug. 17, Prairie View, Carmel) and the Indiana PGA Professional Championship (Aug. 24 and 25, Chatham Hills-Champion, Westfield). In the fall, the Indiana PGA Indianapolis Open will take place Oct. 26 and 27 at The Sagamore in Nobles-

ville.

IGA tournaments include the above events listed, along with the following two tournaments: The IGA Tournament Series #2 (June 14, Purgatory) and the USGA Men's Mid Amateur Qualifier (Aug. 18, Prairie View).

The Indiana Junior Golf schedule is set to begin on June 1 with the Hillview Country Club – Team Series. Hillview is in Franklin. Hamilton County will see its first junior event June 3 and 4 when Harbour Trees in Noblesville hosts the Girls Indiana Junior PGA Championship.

Other junior events in the county include Junior Tour (ages 13 to 19) stops at Wood Wind (Westfield, June 9), Pebble

Brook North (June 22) and Fox Prairie (July 22). Prep events (ages 8 to 12) will take place at Forest Park (Noblesville, June 26), Wood Wind (July 15). Also, the Girls State Junior Championship is scheduled for July 13 to 15 at Plum Creek in Carmel.

Indiana Golf also released two sets of guidelines with regards to navigating the golf season during the phases of reopening. The "Staying on the Course Indiana" plan gives a list of guidelines for Indiana golf courses, and "Indiana Golf COVID-19 Operating Policies" lists rules that pertain more to tournaments. Both plans can be accessed from [this page](https://www.indianagolf.org) at the IndianaGolf.org website.

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# Danny Pinter is hometown hidden gem for Colts

By OLIVIA RAY  
WISH-TV

Danny Pinter inked his rookie deal earlier this week for a four-year, \$3.2 million deal from his home state of Indiana. From South Bend Adams High School, to Ball State University, he had always dreamed of getting “the call” during the NFL Draft weekend, but he never thought he’d get picked to stay home.

“Just to think about, you know, Indiana is the only state I’ve ever known. Um, I’ve lived here my whole life, like football here in my whole life. So I mean it’s kind of surreal in some ways,” said Pinter.

Ball State Football Head Coach Mike Neu couldn’t have been happier to share the moment with his former star.

“I kinda let out a bleep yea! And threw my fist in the air when one of the Colts scouts texted me saying they were getting ready to take Danny right here,” said Neu. “And then when I called Danny on the phone, we couldn’t even say anything. He was crying. I was crying. We could barely get words out.”

How did Pinter go from being a local long-shot to earning a spot on the Colts roster? Well, he gives his credit to good timing. Pinter said he can’t imagine where he’d be if the Cardinals hadn’t hired Coach Neu, who is a former NFL coach and scout, and knew exactly what to do with Danny Pinter.

“Danny had one Division I scholarship offer and that was to Ball State,” Coach Neu said. “He was a tight end for three years, and then we made the tran-



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

Danny Pinter has gone from South Bend Adams to Ball State, and now is a member of the Indianapolis Colts. The rookie signed a four-year deal with the team.

sition with him. We had a sit down with Danny and said if you embrace this move, you could certainly have a future beyond the college level.”

Pinter put on 50 pounds and made the move to right tackle where he started every single game for the next two seasons.

“I’d like to think in some way I’d get here. It might’ve been a different path,

but I think that switching the offensive line was definitely the best move for me,” Pinter added. “It’s interesting to look back and wonder what if, if I hadn’t made that switch.”

That switch will no longer leave him overlooked. Pinter will play on Sundays and gets to study under one of the best offensive lines in the country.

“It’s definitely not something I take lightly. You know first talking about Ball State. I still feel like I’m indebted to them,” Pinter said. “It definitely translates over the Colts. I wanna make the most of this opportunity for them, for giving me that chance and just prove to them it was the right decision.”



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