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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 74 LOW: 58



Monon Greenway, Midtown Plaza reopening in Carmel

The REPORTER

As part of the gradual Reconnecting Carmel effort, the City of Carmel will reopen the Monon Greenway and Midtown Plaza beginning at noon today and will keep it open as long as there is evidence that such measures are not triggering a resurgence in COVID-19 infections that can pose danger to life, health and well-being of residents and visitors to Carmel.

At the same time, the City is unveiling a series of signs to be placed along the Monon Greenway and in Midtown Plaza encouraging everyone to wear a facial covering or mask whenever they are entering a public space or encountering others. Such masks or face coverings, even those that are not rated as protective for medical personnel, can still serve as a preventive measure for the spread of a virus.

"We trust that our residents and visitors will use caution and treat this pandemic situation with the life-or-death seriousness that it demands," Mayor Jim Brainard said.



Brainard

"If you feel sick, stay home. If you live with someone who has tested positive, stay home. If you suspect you may be positive, get tested. Everyone in Carmel needs to have faith that their fellow citizens, neighbors and friends care as much about them as they do about their desire to 'return to normal' in our City."

Mayor Brainard will look at three criteria to determine how long this congested portion of the Monon Greenway and Midtown Plaza will remain open. Those criteria include: Hospitals under 70 percent of their bed capacity to allow room for a new surge; to determine through testing in the general population that positive COVID-19



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cases do not exceed 5 percent; and 14 days of declining COVID-19 hospital patients. These criteria are based on medical advice from both local and national experts.

If the opening of the Monon Greenway and Midtown Plaza proves to

be detrimental to these goals, Brainard says he will not hesitate to shut the area down again in order to protect the health and well-being of city residents and visitors.

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Taking control of that weight gain

As promised, I'm going to tackle another subject that many perimenopausal women are facing as they navigate the sandwich generation – weight gain. Many people who aren't in this



I began to notice the perimenopausal weight gain a couple of years ago. One day I stepped on the scale and literally gasped – an extra five pounds came out of nowhere. I even changed the

scale batteries to see if that was the problem. Nope.

I hadn't changed my eating habits, which overall were good. I was still

See Control . . . Page 2

Arrowood thanks Heights community for strong finish to year

With the summer break upon us, our administrators have begun the scenario planning required to open schools for the 2020-21 school year. We are staying intricately connected to the Indiana



Department of Education and health experts for guidance and tools for fleshing out important elements of school reopening plans in various situations.

As we continue to chart our path forward toward the fall, our families can help by participating in a needs assessment survey through the Indiana Department of Education in partnership

with Panorama Education. Your input will help us better prepare for distance learning development for students and families as well as provide information on how we can continue to best support you in the midst of COVID-19, should distance learning occur in the school year ahead. Please take a moment to complete the survey link for each child in your household. The survey can be accessed via bit.ly/idoeremotelearning. Please complete it by Friday, June 5.

See Heights . . . Page 2

Election Office mails more than 37,000 absentee ballots



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On Thursday, the Hamilton County Election Office mailed 2,700 absentee ballots for the upcoming June 2 Primary Election. Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams said a total of 37,500 absentee ballots have been mailed and 16,700 ballots have been returned. All mailed-in ballots must be received by the Election Office on or before noon on Election Day.

Noblesville Noon Kiwanis postpones Memorial Day flags

The REPORTER

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Noblesville Noon Kiwanis is postponing the placement of Memorial flags around the Courthouse square until the July 4th weekend.

The group looks forward to continuing its tradition of honoring those who served our country and are currently serving today, remembering family members lost, and those special to us.

More information will be coming in the next couple weeks. Noblesville Noon Kiwanis hopes to make it even bigger and better with the community's support.

If you have questions, call Kathy Williams at (317) 773-6123 or email Richardsonh29@yahoo.com.



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exercising regularly, drinking a lot of water, and doing all the things that help most people keep a healthy weight.

Then it hit me – I was approaching menopause and gaining those pounds I’d heard so much about over the years. And months later the five pounds turned into seven. Then eight. Then, last December – 10.

I know these are relatively small numbers. But small numbers eventually add up to large ones. I started some research to see what I could do to gain back control.

My husband was also working on his weight and had been doing intermittent fasting and seeing success. I seriously considered this option. If you know me at all, you’re probably laughing at this idea. I’ve always

been one of those “hangry” people who became, shall we say, agitated when I didn’t eat regularly.

But one intermittent fasting plan appealed to me – eating within an eight-hour window each day (called 8/16 fasting). I actually ate within a 10-hour window most of the time so I figured it might not be too tough reduce those hours.

On Dec. 26 I started to eat only between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. most days. I also reduced my sugar intake along with items made from white flour. I made certain to not overeat at each meal.

The only time I was hungry was in the morning, but I usually just dove in to work with a cup of herbal tea, got focused on my tasks, and that helped me get through. I took a quick

breakfast break at 10:00 and then got right back to work.

By mid-January, I had lost six pounds. By the end of February, I lost eight. As of today, I’ve lost all 10 of those perimenopausal pounds! No special diet or super-strict meal plan required.

As always, if this idea sounds appealing to you, please do your research and also chat with your doctor. Dr. H supports what I’m doing and has been happy with my weight.

There are a gazillion reasons why it’s important for anyone to maintain a healthy weight. But if you’re taking care of both your family and an elderly or disabled relative, I think it’s one of the important keys to staying energetic so you can handle it all!

HEIGHTS

One of our annual year-end events that had to be canceled this month was our Seniors Honors Awards evening. However, this does not take away from the incredible accomplishments our students have achieved, or the qualities they have demonstrated throughout the past couple of months – perseverance, resilience and leadership. Of our 162 seniors who comprise the Class of 2020, close to a third earned nearly a \$1 million in scholarships and awards toward their post-secondary pursuits throughout the state and around the country. For the second year in a row, we had a Lilly Scholar, who will be receiving a full ride to Butler University. They are among the best and the brightest and a testament to our educators and staff.

Speaking of our educators and staff, they were out in force Monday afternoon for the drive-thru graduation pick up. Students received their cap and gown, Honor Society tassels, some specialty awards and goodie bags. The connection and mutual admiration could be seen and felt by all in attendance.


It is with gratitude that I wish Jennifer Lively (HHMS, Math, 34 years), Laura Crawford (HHES, 4th grade, 31 years), Keith Ecker (Corporation Data Coach/Grant Coordinator, 25 years), Charlie Beard (HHPS, Head Custodian, 18 years), and Linda Fledderjohn (HHPS, Instructional Assistant, three years) all the best in their retirement years ahead. These five individuals whose combined service represents 111 years

of commitment, dedication and excellence to the district. They have been vital members of our team and incredible role models. Their contributions helped make our corporation what it is today. They will be missed.

With Memorial Day right around the corner, let’s remember the courage, sacrifice and ultimate price that many paid in service to our country for the freedoms we enjoy today.

I remain grateful knowing that it has been our strength as a community that helped get us through this challenging time and supported our students to a strong finish this school year. As a community united in support of our children, there isn’t anything we can’t overcome.

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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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Record number of Westfield High School seniors earn National Merit Scholarships



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By the conclusion of the 2020 program, about 7,600 finalists will have earned the “Merit Scholar” title and received a total of over \$30 million in college scholarships.

"In the end, all that we can do is ask that our local residents and visitors take this matter seriously and do what is needed to prevent the spread of this deadly virus as much as possible," Brainard said. "Like you, we are eager to return to a more 'normal' existence in one of the best cities in America. But we don't want to move too fast and risk the return of the virus in pandemic proportions."



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Meeting Notices

The Jackson Township Advisory Board will meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020, to discuss regular township and fire department business.

The Jackson Township Board will meet in Executive Session pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (9) to discuss job performance evaluation at 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia. A regular public meeting will follow at 4:30 p.m.

The Noblesville Redevelopment Commission meeting scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2020, will be held in the Council Chambers at Noblesville City Hall. Members of the public who wish to observe but are not comfortable attending in person may call (812) 250-2251 and enter 727073830# when prompted.

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Join ATI tonight from the comfort of your home

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana will present another Friday Night Live 7:30 p.m. tonight on a computer or video screen near you. Join special guests Billy Kimmel and Doug Trapp as the event goes "Live from New York!" The event, "Music Heals and Unifies," includes special performances by ATI's Don Farrell, Judy Fitzgerald and Cynthia Collins.

During this live show, ATI will remember the year 2009 and the performance of *Forbidden Broadway*. Billy Kimmel (Director) has spent over 35 years working professionally as singer, dancer and ac-

tor. He has numerous New York credits and honors and currently splits his time between New York City and his home in the Hudson Valley continuing work in the Theatre and running his **digital design business**. Doug Trapp is an actor, known for his movies *Labor Day*, *The Sinner* and *Submission*.

Friends are invited to create their own "watch party." Just visit the Actors Theatre of Indiana **Facebook page**.

Re-watch past shows

Actors Theatre of Indiana is encouraging folks who have missed any previous shows to go back and

catch up. Just click a date below to see a video of that week's show.

May 15: Live show featuring the Central Indiana Dance Ensemble with founder Suzann DeLay

May 12: The 15th Anniversary Celebration along with the 2020-21 season announcement

May 8

May 1: Live show featuring Mayor Jim Brainard on piano and Dr. Charles Conrad, founder and music director of the Indiana Wind Symphony and guest musicians Carl Butter and Jeff Goens

April 24: Live show with guest Gregory Hancock from Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, and Lizzie Farrell performing with the 'Andrews Sisters'

April 17: Live show with Brent Marty from the Civic Theatre

April 10: Live show with guest Jeanelle Adamak from Carmel Symphony Orchestra and Rebecca McGuire on oboe

April 3: Live show with Mayor Jim Brainard and guests Chris and Kelli Lewis from the Great American Songbook Foundation

March 27

March 20: Two videos – click [here](#) and [here](#)

Learn more about Actors Theatre of Indiana by visiting [atistage.org](#).

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Beth Henderson cites “motherly instincts” in run for Congress

Submitted

As Indiana continues to navigate the complexities of reopening the state to restore the economy, Republican candidate for Congress, Beth Henderson, has been personally impacted by this terrible virus.

Over the past few weeks, Beth Henderson has personally watched friends, colleagues and now family struggle with the wrath of COVID-19.

“My physician had it, my Christian spiritual advisor and his wife suffered through it and he lost his mother to it.” Henderson went on to say, “Watching friends and colleagues struggle with the wrath of COVID-19 is gut-wrenching. Now this week, our 25-year-old daughter tested positive for COVID-19. She is an active young lady working as a TV weather anchor in Champaign, Illinois. As her mother, I am hoping and praying for the best, but I am very concerned.”

“China must be held accountable for their role in our nation’s health and economic crisis. The United States must eliminate



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our dependence on China,” Henderson said. “Currently 95 percent of our country’s medications and supplies are manufactured in China. American’s need to insist on a return to Made in the USA standards.”

“I am a registered nurse and a proud businesswoman but first and foremost, I am a mother,” said Henderson. “My protective motherly instincts have kicked in and I’m on a mission for Indiana’s 5th District, our state and our nation. We can

do better for the people of this country and we must hold China accountable.” [Click here](#) to watch Beth’s COVID-19 message.

Henderson has proudly lived and worked in Indiana’s 5th District since 1990. She is a successful business owner, registered nurse, healthcare advocate, farmer, job creator and lifelong Republican who says she understands the needs of Hoosiers. For more information, visit bethforindiana.com.

Hello, Hamilton County

With Mr. Weatherman, Paul Poteet

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Now Hiring

Full Time General Laborer

The Town of Arcadia is currently accepting applications for a dependable individual to fill the position of a **Full Time General Laborer**. This is an entry level position, duties include but not limited to; mowing, snow removal, water main repair, storm and sanitary sewer repair, tree removal, experience in running equipment (bobcat, backhoe and tractor) and other tasks as assigned.

Salary negotiable based on experience ranges between \$38-42K per year

Applicants must possess a valid Indiana Driver’s License. Resumes submitted without an application will not be considered. The job description is available for viewing at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2o4777>

Applications are available at the Arcadia Town Hall
208 West Main Street Arcadia, Indiana 46030.
Applications will be accepted at the Clerk’s Office until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020.

Online application available at:
<https://tinyurl.com/y86wtbse>

Now Hiring

Seasonal Part Time General Laborer

The Town of Arcadia is currently accepting applications for a dependable individual to fill the position of a **Seasonal Part Time General Laborer**. Job details would involve mowing, weed eating, labor maintenance and other jobs as assigned.

Position is Monday through Friday
8am-4pm paying \$14/hour with a maximum of 29 hours per week.

Applicants must possess a valid Indiana Driver’s License. Resumes submitted without an application will not be considered.

Applications are available at the Arcadia Town Hall
208 West Main Street Arcadia, Indiana 46030.
Applications will be accepted at the Clerk’s Office until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020.

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May 22nd



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Letter to the Editor

Carmel voter says he's supporting Susan Byer for County Treasurer

Dear Editor:

I noticed that Emily Pearson, who is a recent hire of the Hamilton County Treasurer and is serving as the Campaign Treasurer for Kim Good, wrote a letter of support of Kim Good.

I also note that Emily Pearson filled out a sloppy and inaccurate campaign finance report on behalf of Kim Good. She inaccurately stated the dates incurred and amounts of loans outstanding and paid from Kim Good, plus failed to list the occupations of some of her \$1,000 contributors and cumulative amounts in Column B.

This might put the lie to Mike Howard, the County Attorney, who stated in reaction to crony-hiring practices by the current Treasurer's Office leadership: Pearson was chosen "based on her experience in customer service, data entry, and exceptional organizational skills."

I reviewed Susan Byer's campaign finance filing and found it to be impeccable. I am voting for Ms. Byer.

Eric Morris
Carmel

Editor's note: The accuracy of the letter author's claims about campaign finance reports are the sole responsibility of the author. The Reporter encourages you to do your own research about any candidate you choose to vote for in the 2020 primary election.

Letter guidelines this election season

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

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

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

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

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AGC of Indiana endorses Baldwin for State Senate

Submitted

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Indiana announced Thursday it has endorsed business owner, job creator and Marine veteran Scott Baldwin in his campaign for State Senate in District 20, which encompasses Noblesville and Westfield as well as portions of Carmel, Fishers and unincorporated Hamilton County.

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Indiana is a statewide association representing contractors, subcontractors and industry suppliers.

"Scott Baldwin has

more than 20 years of experience starting and growing businesses, running and managing day-to-day operations of a construction company, and dealing with the challenges facing business owners and workers," said Michelle Boyd, Executive Director of AGC of Indiana. "Scott Baldwin's business acumen and background will make him a strong voice for Indiana's construction contractors. AGC of Indiana is proud to support Scott Baldwin for State Senate District 20."

Scott Baldwin is a successful entrepreneur and business owner who has

owned or helped grow several companies in the IT, real estate, construction and security sectors. Baldwin is also a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served overseas during Operation Desert Storm, and is a former law enforcement officer who served with the Indianapolis Police Department for more a decade in a variety of roles, including as a narcotics and homicide detective.

"As an entrepreneur and job creator, I understand firsthand the challenges business owners face, how a patchwork of regulations can hinder growth and job

creation, and what it's like to comply with local, state and federal government policies," Scott Baldwin said. "I'm running for State Senate to fight for Indiana businesses and families and make it easier for entrepreneurs and businesses to succeed. I'm grateful for the support of AGC of Indiana, and eager to get to work as a voice for job creators and workers in District 20."

For more information about AGC of Indiana visit agcindiana.com.

For more information on Scott Baldwin and his campaign for State Senate visit VoteBaldwin.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Acts 13:5-12 (KJV)

Drive safely, plan ahead over Memorial Day weekend

The REPORTER

While fewer drivers are expected to hit the road this Memorial Day weekend due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indiana Department of Transportation wants to remind motorists to slow down and travel safely, especially in work zones.

AAA predicts record low travel volumes across the U.S. with social distancing guidelines still in place. This follows the second-highest volume on record set last year at 43 million travelers.

In Indiana, residents are starting to get "Back on Track" as various businesses and services are re-opening. Because of this, Hoosiers may experience increased traffic in some areas.

Construction hiatus

Where possible, road construction and mainte-

nance activities will be suspended by noon on Friday, May 22. However, a number of restrictions and closures will remain in place due to long-term projects, including:

Central Indiana

- I-70 westbound reduced to one lane between Exit 3 (Darwin Road) and the Illinois state line in Vigo County
- Shifted lanes on I-70 eastbound between SR 267 and Ronald Reagan Parkway in Hendricks County
- I-70 eastbound closed between Ronald Reagan Parkway and the South Split in Indianapolis
- Lane closures on I-70 between Mt. Comfort Road and the Ohio state line in Hancock, Henry and Wayne counties

Northern Indiana

- Lane closures on I-65

from U.S. 231/Crown Point to Ridge Road/Hobart

- Lane closures on I-80/94 at I-65 interchange in Lake County
- Multiple projects on I-469 with lane restrictions and reduced speeds in Allen County

Southern Indiana

- Bridge replacement on U.S. 41 over the White River between Knox and Gibson Counties
- U.S. 41 northbound to I-69 northbound ramp closed in Evansville
- Lane restrictions on I-69 in Greene, Daviess and Vanderburgh counties
- Lane restrictions on SR 37 and SR 39 in Martinsville
- Lane restrictions and shifts on I-65 between Seymour and Columbus
- U.S. 31 closed over I-65 in Jackson County (south of Seymour)

- SR 256 closed between SR 203 and U.S. 31 in Scott County

- Lane restrictions on I-74 between Exit 156 (SR 101) and the Ohio state line in Ripley/Dearborn counties

Know before you go

Drivers can learn more about existing work zones and other traffic alerts by visiting indot.carsprogram.org, dialing 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or 511 from a mobile phone, or downloading the **INDOT mobile app**.

Subscribe to email and text alerts about INDOT projects [here](#) and be sure follow district pages on [social media](#) for the latest updates.

INDOT urges motorists to buckle up, follow posted speed limits, avoid distractions and allow extra time when traveling over the holiday weekend.

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Abby Haley impacted NHS with her service and generosity

By RICHIE HALL
Anyone who has watched Abby Haley play basketball for Noblesville is aware that she is generous sharing the ball. It should come as no surprise that Haley is just as generous off the court. Haley has given back quite a bit for Noblesville High School, serving as class president, playing basketball and participating in fundraisers, including one for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during her junior year. Haley jumped right into student government and basketball once she entered NHS. She played basketball as a freshman, then was a varsity sophomore for the next three years. During her senior season, Haley averaged 2.8 assists per game for the Millers, leading the team in that category. Haley also played lacrosse for Noblesville as well. While she was doing all that and keeping on top of her academics, Haley was getting elected as class president for the Class of 2020 her freshman, sophomore and junior year. During her senior year, she was the student body president. It was a lot to do, of course, but Haley said she was able to balance everything through her family and friends, “who helped me get through it all.” “It was a hard balance, especially being in such a demanding sport like basketball,” said Haley. “I had a good support team with student government, everyone’s been very helpful.” Haley was involved in many different fundraisers through student government. That included canned food drives and a coat drive. “We’ve done a fundraiser for the women’s shelter,” said Haley. “I’ve done a few things throughout high school, but a lot of it was through the school.” Haley said she has been involved with fundraising since elementary school, and other people have taken notice of that over the years. During her junior year of high school, she was nominated for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year fundraising challenge.

On her LLS page, Haley said that she decided to take on the challenge “for one simple reason – because I want to make a difference.” She has been personally affected, first when her friend and second-grade classmate Michael was lost to the disease. Haley said she was nominated by the Treinen family; Michael Treinen battled leukemia before passing away in 2008. Haley said that the Treinens “influenced me to be a part of making a difference” on her LLS page. She also mentioned Megan Broviak, a Noblesville middle school student who is also battling leukemia. “It is because of all of these strong and impactful people I am here to ask for your help and support,” Haley wrote on her LLS page. And help they did. Haley raised nearly \$80,000 for the society. It was an impressive sum, especially considering the short amount of time during which she raised the money. Haley had seven weeks, between Jan. 24 and March 16, 2019, to raise money. Haley began to plan for the fundraising challenge in December 2018. “I just drafted a bunch of ideas,” she said. One of the main things she did was publicize her LLS page, emailing out to friends and family. She also put together some fundraisers, such as a Purse Bingo night and a night a Buffalo Wild Wings, where a portion of sales went to the campaign. “I did another fundraiser at one of the boys basketball games, where I had people donate the money and we had different sorts of food and prizes,” said Haley. “We had a jersey that was signed by the boys team, we had a basketball that was signed.” She also had cookies and desserts at the game as well, “different desserts that we would give to people,” said Haley. When the fundraiser was over, Haley was shocked by the final total. “It was so amazing,” said Haley, who never thought she would come close to \$80,000. “There were some people that I wasn’t very close with, but they

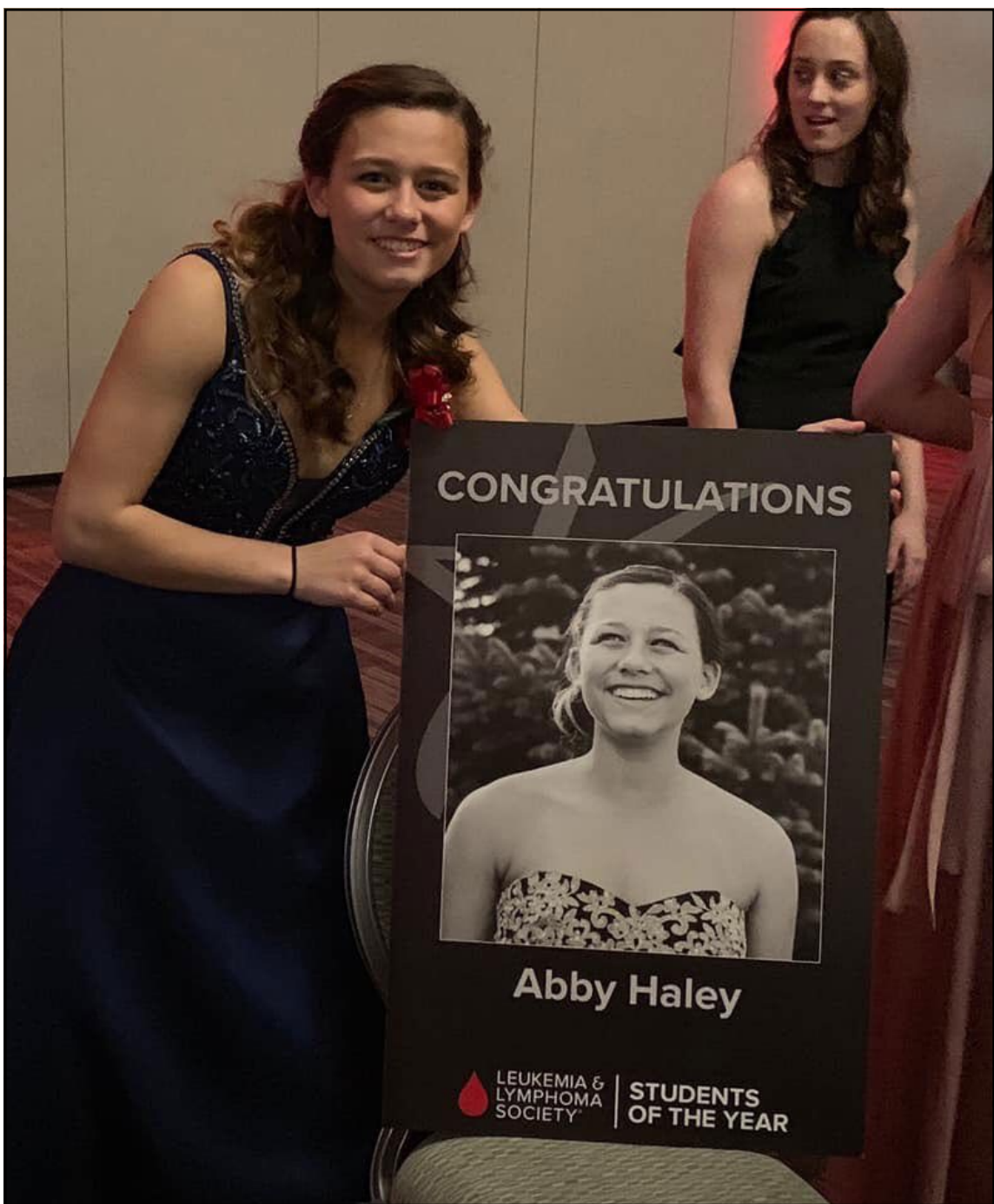


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During her junior year at Noblesville high School, Abby Haley was one of the Indiana high school students involved in raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Haley raised nearly \$80,000 for the society. It’s an example of her service and generosity that marked her four years at NHS.

also had a connection with cancer and wanted to do what they could to help me out and everyone that’s been affected by it.” “It just makes me feel good to help with others, especially things that my friends and family have gone through,” said Haley. Haley also got support from her basketball teammates as well. They attended the gala event at the end of the fundraiser, where it was revealed that Haley

and her fellow Student of the Year nominees raised \$700,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. “My team and my coaches were by my side through the entire thing and it was really great to have all those girls with me,” said Haley. In addition to her work for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Haley also has worked with Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital, once receiving an Out-

standing Youth Achievement award from him. Haley has done quite a bit for Noblesville High School and the community over the past four years. Now it’s on to college, and she will be going to Ivy Tech for her first year, “then will possibly be looking to transfer out elsewhere,” she said. Haley plans to study construction management, and also is looking to get into coaching basketball.

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INDYCAR announces updated 2020 series schedule

An updated 2020 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule was released today, displaying calendar adjustments implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Genesys 300 at Texas Motor Speedway remains the season opener with a night race on the 1.5-mile oval Saturday, June 6. The next race on the INDYCAR calendar will be the GMR Grand Prix on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course Saturday, July 4.

"Our teams and athletes are ready to get back on track and will deliver world-class action at Texas Motor Speedway and the Racing Capital of the World," Penske Entertainment Corp. President & CEO Mark Miles said. "We appreciate the opportunity to begin our season during these unprecedented times, and I'm confident we'll put on a great show."

The REV Group Grand Prix at Road America has been rescheduled from June 21 to July 11-12, becoming a double-header with championship points races Saturday and Sunday on the iconic, 4-mile road course.

Two events have been canceled for 2020 due to local restrictions surrounding the pandemic: the Indy Richmond 300 on Saturday, June 27 at Richmond Raceway and the Honda Indy Toronto on Sunday, July 12 on the streets of Toronto.

The season finale will be the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on Sunday, Oct. 25, a new date recently announced after the originally scheduled season opener March 15 in St. Pete was postponed due to the global health crisis.

August will be month to remember at IMS

By JESS VERMEULEN
WISH-TV

The month of August will be an historic moment for the Indianapolis 500.

"I didn't care if it was December, I'm just glad we are racing. I'm excited to get the chance to defend my crown and try again to bring home the milk," said 2019 Indianapolis 500 Champion, Simon Pagenaud.

Someone will bring home the milk, and hopefully it won't be spoiled, because when the green flag finally waves, it will be in August. But, it will be historic.

It will be the first-ever Indy 500 to take place outside of the month of May, due to the coronavirus pandemic, and the build-up might make it better than ever.

"When the 500 finally does come back, there's going to be that same buzz and excitement we felt for the 100th, because the anticipation is there and it's just building and building each day and week that people can't go to the race track and do what they love and want to do," said Alexander Rossi of Andretti Autosport. "And so if we do our jobs right, we can make it one of the biggest 500s ever."

We learned that you may be able to take the Indianapolis 500 out of the month of May, but according to the drivers, you can't take the tradition out of IMS.

"In my opinion, it doesn't really matter the time of year that we go racing. The Indy 500 is what it is," said Graham Rahal of Lanigan Racing.

"You've just got to treat it like you always do, it's just a different month. But the flow of the month, the practice time, the cadence of when we practice, when we qualify, so once we get there, it's going to feel very similar," said Ed Carpenter of Ed Carpenter Racing.

But things will be far from normal. The 104th running of the Indianapolis 500 will be history in the making. Regardless of who kisses the bricks, or what happens on the track, no one will forget when they went racing in August.

"We can look back at it with a sense of accomplishment, with a sense of kind of dealing with a something that really altered the state of sports in general, and that motorsports came out on top," said Rossi.



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