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TODAY'S WEATHER
Today: Partly sunny. Humidity increases. Shower could pop up in the afternoon.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Spotty shower or storm possible.
HIGH: 82 **LOW:** 66



Election results could take several days

The REPORTER

Public viewing of Primary Election results will be moved from the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds to ensure better social distancing. Public viewing will take place in Halls A and B of the

Exhibit Building. Doors open at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2. The halls can be accessed through the building's southeast door. Parking lot signage will be in place to help direct the public to the correct entrance. Display screens will be placed at each end of the halls. Several round tables

and a sufficient number of chairs that will be available and properly spaced per social separation guidelines. Due to the large volume of absentee ballots, there is the very real possibility that counting votes could take several days. Workers will count absentee ballots from

8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Election Day. They will switch gears after that as election inspectors start delivering the tally cards from the polling locations. "If we still have absentee ballots left to count, we'll complete those Wednesday," County Clerk Kathy Williams

said. "We will reopen Halls A and B Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. if necessary. If mail-in ballot processing carries over to Thursday, the public watch area will reopen again at 8:30 a.m." Hamilton County has until noon on June 12 to certify election results.



Williams



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On Friday, Fishers began reopening city parks; however, playgrounds, such as the one pictured above at Roy Holland park, will remain closed per Governor Holcomb's order.

Fishers begins reopening park facilities in phases

The REPORTER

Fishers began opening its park facilities with a phased approach on Friday, May 22, coinciding with Governor Holcomb's Back on Track Indiana plan. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, parks and trails have remained open for outdoor recreation, but park amenities including athlet-

ic courts, shelters and restrooms have been closed. Effective Friday, May 22, Fishers Parks and Department of Public Works undertook the following:

- All public restroom facilities in parks properties are to be de-winterized and open to the public. Restrooms will be cleaned daily, following CDC cleaning

guidelines.

- Playgrounds and drinking fountains will remain closed, per the Governor's order.
- All non-contact athletic courts and fields, including basketball, baseball, tennis and pickleball courts will reopen. Field rentals

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HSE Schools Foundation hands out \$58K in scholarships virtually

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com



The Hamilton Southeastern Schools Foundation had to take the virtual route, but 63 awards to seniors in HSE Schools shared \$58,000 in scholarship money from the foundation. "Each year the Foundation, and our community scholarship partners, are happy

to support talented students from both high schools with student scholarships to help further their academic careers. We look forward to hearing about the great things these students will do as HSE Schools alumni in the years to come," said Justin Hirnisey, Executive Director of the HSE Schools Foundation. Scholarship applicants are evaluated based on a range of criteria including academic ability, leadership, community involvement and written essays. [Click here](#) to a list of all scholarship recipients.

Self-care and making it up as we go

I want you to Google the phrase, "self-care." Go ahead. I'll wait. I just did, and I see several articles from mental health websites, numbered lists about how to make plans and new strategies to try, cutesie graphics from Pinterest boards, and recommended videos that promise to teach me self-care in five minutes or less. I know the resources that are out there, and so do you. We have had these resources before the pandemic, and we will afterward. I know that there are yoga stretches and breathing exercises



and phone apps and social media accounts and homesteading and DIY crafts and sugar scrubs and the Wonder Woman power stance. I get it. But it's all easier said than done, right? All of these resources meant absolutely nothing to me several weeks ago when my partner came home and found me sitting on my kitchen floor, silently and slowing eating a cold piece of leftover garlic bread. That, dear readers, is too specific to not be real. It's real, and it happened. In that moment,

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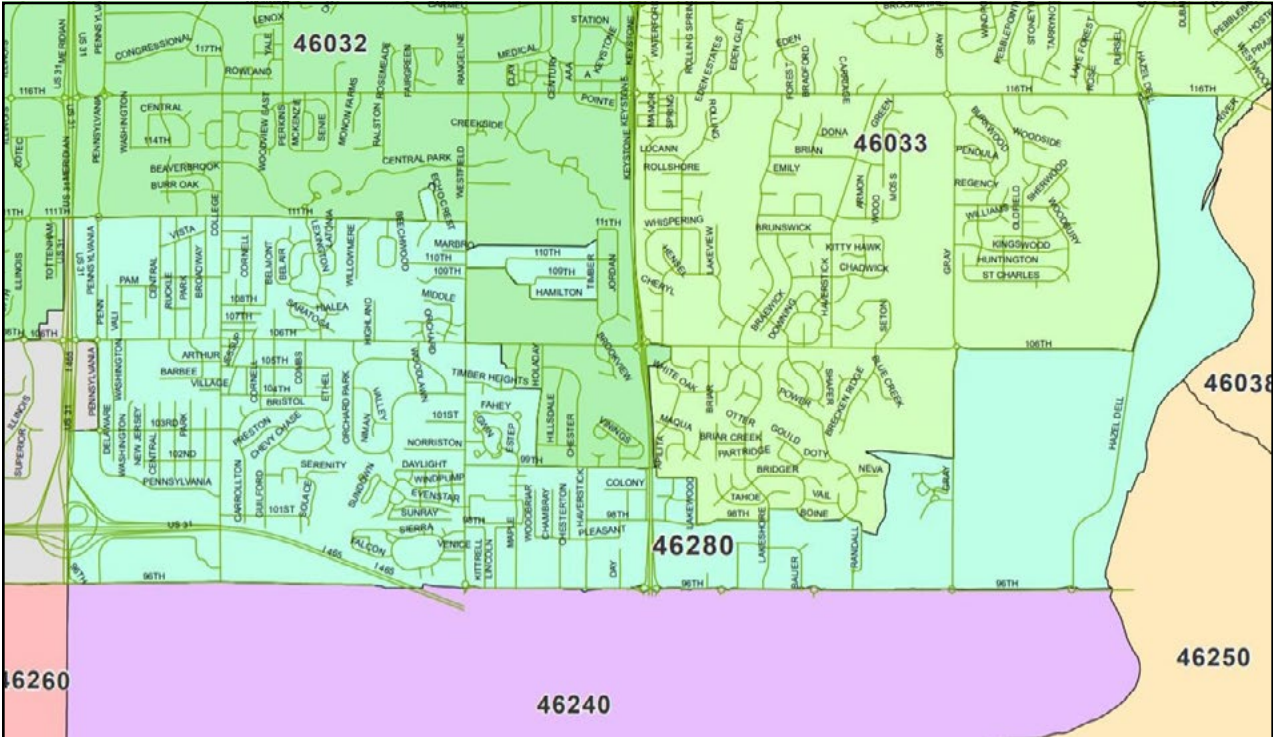


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Carmel added to address line for 46280 zip code

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard was notified recently that the U.S. Postal Service headquarters in Washington, D.C. approved the city's request for residents and businesses within zip code 46280 to be able to use Carmel in their address line. In the past, this area had been using Indianapolis in its address. After the Home Place

area officially became part of the City of Carmel, it was more important for these residents and businesses to be associated with the city in which they live and work. Having the 46280 zip code area physically inside the corporate limits of Car-



Brainard

mel, but using the Indianapolis city name in the address line led to much confusion. Now, these areas will be correctly identified as Carmel. Residents and businesses may start using Carmel in their address beginning July 1, 2020. The zip code

will remain 46280 and the mail will still be processed through the Nora post office. "I pursued the change in the address line after hearing from residents and businesses in the Home Place area who wanted to be able to use their city name in their address. This helps them be better identified as Carmel residents and businesses," Brainard said.

Young introduces RESTART Act to support hardest-hit small businesses

The REPORTER

On Thursday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) introduced the *Reviving the Economy Sustainably Towards a Recovery in Twenty-twenty (RESTART) Act* to support the small- and mid-sized businesses most affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Answering the calls of the hardest-hit restaurants, gyms, hotels, retailers and other businesses, the RESTART Act would give business owners who took out Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans the flexibility they need to utilize the PPP effectively. The RESTART Act would also create a loan program to provide funding to jump-start the hardest-hit businesses for

the remainder of 2020 and provide loan forgiveness as a backstop against ongoing economic challenges. "The Paycheck Protection Program has been a tremendous asset, providing nearly \$10 billion in loans to Indiana recipients, and saving more than 50 million American jobs. However, after speaking with some of the hardest hit businesses, it's clear more is needed to help job creators navigate this pandemic. The RESTART Act addresses these issues by providing longer-term loans and more flexibility so that the businesses who have suffered the greatest economic hardship can resume operations. The RESTART Act will jumpstart the next



Young

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PARKS

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may resume for practice and conditioning activities only.

- Athletic field rentals for non-contact sports for groups of 250 and more are set to begin June 14.
- Fishers Parks splash pads and Saxony Lake and Beach will remain closed until June 14.
- Shelter and venue rentals will resume for groups of up to 100 individuals beginning June 1.
- Shelter rentals for up to 250 people will reopen during Stage 4 of the reopening plan, set to begin on June 14.

All park amenities are planned to be fully operational during Stage 5, which is set to begin on July 4. This includes venue rentals for more than 250 individuals.


As Fishers Parks phases toward fully opening, under the guidance of the Fishers Health Department, residents are encouraged to take the necessary precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Practice social distancing: Stay six feet apart and avoid congregating
- Wash your hands frequently or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Wear a face covering if you are over the age of 2

Fishers Parks' reopening schedule is subject to change dependent upon the Governor's Back on Track Indiana plan and subsequent Executive Orders.

Fishers Parks also announced the 2020 Fishers Summer Concert Series will be canceled in addition to all June Summer Camps in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Follow Fishers Parks on social media for the latest information on events and cancellations. Fishers Parks will reassess cancellations with each Phase of the Governor's Back on Track Indiana Plan. To learn more about the Fishers Recovery Plan, visit FishersRecovery.com. You can also view the latest Recovery Plan at [this link](#).








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


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

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

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SELF-CARE

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you could not have paid me to stand up and do a Wonder Woman pose.

You may be wondering how I, as a professional, could openly share something like that – that I was feeling overwhelmed by powerful emotions or that I had hit a limit that somehow resulted in me numbing and avoiding and literally slumping onto the floor. I assure you that I looked nothing like the capable, put together staff picture that's on this blog post. I am comfortable sharing this snapshot of life with all of you, my colleagues, and my boss, **because it's normal.**

It is normal to have uncharacteristic behaviors, become emotionally dysregulated, and have a lower threshold for the amount of stress you can tolerate when you are experiencing an abnormal event. These are normal reactions to abnormal experiences. Before you can bring self-care into your life in a way that feels authentic and practical, we have to name and normalize what we are going through.

We are all getting a crash course in vicarious and collective trauma. Another way to say that is being side-by-side with trauma or being in the trauma "splash zone." When something happens that is unexpected, sudden, forceful and out of our control, that can be traumatic. When it changes our worldview and leaves us feeling disempowered or has a long-lasting impact, that can be traumatic. This pandemic is traumatic as its own experience,

as a trigger for those with trauma in their past, and as people living side-by-side with people experiencing the same discomfort in the season of self-quarantine. It is important that we acknowledge and name that discomfort before applying self-care strategies, because responding to trauma and responding to the stressors of our typical lives looks very different.

I'm an advocate. My role is to educate, support, and empower others. My expertise is in trauma effects, coping skills and stress management. I have all of the knowledge and resources, and I still ended up on the kitchen floor. How? Because I wasn't taking care of myself as someone who may have been experiencing traumatic events; I was using my standard toolbox of habits and proactive self-care as though life was normal.

But it wasn't.

This means that all of my hygiene routines, my support people, my meal plans, my errand schedule and everything that brings me a sense of stability and consistency were gone. I was still doing all of the things, but they stopped working because the context had changed. When our context drastically changes or it does for someone we care about, the potential for trauma responses exists.

People typically respond to trauma as a fight, flight or freeze experience. This can be physical or emotional, and your brain will make a decision for you about how to respond when it senses a threat. "Fight" can look like

physical violence, aggression, or even that resiliency we sometimes see when people are put under pressure and get an adrenaline surge. "Flight" can look like removing ourselves from rooms or conversations, running away. Emotionally, it can be numbing, avoiding, and not giving ourselves permission to feel. "Freeze" can look like immobility, feeling clenched and trapped, or dissociating from the situation and being unable to respond because you're "zoning out."

In the case of the garlic bread time out, that would be an adrenaline surge waning, followed by emotional flight. (*"I will not feel or engage, because that feels hard and I don't like feeling that. I will only eat this garlic bread and sit until I am forced to do something else."*) I smile now in the clarity of hindsight mentally picturing this.

When we develop a context and understanding of a situation, we can better respond to it. When the context changes, so do our responses. Self-care, then, is a natural cycle of negotiation between what we know works, what we're learning doesn't, and what we haven't tried yet. The challenge of a global pandemic is that we don't necessarily have a context. We cannot rely on the things we usually do to make us feel safer and keep us grounded. We cannot rely even on the new things we learn, because it could change. **We are making it up as we go.**

Let me share how I got off the floor and back on my self-care horse: The Guide-

lines of Improvisational Comedy. Improv comedy is about laughing and keeping a scene or skit moving forward. It's about finding the narrative in a story you don't know and not getting stuck. It is literally about making it up as you go, and guidelines of improv can help you make sense of that self-care Google search.

Guideline #1 AGREE / SAY YES – My partner said, "It looks like today was interesting. Let's start with getting off of the floor." Not all of us are privileged to have safe people in our lives to do this, but this is about acknowledgement which all of us can provide for ourselves with a bit of self-awareness. This could have easily been a passing thought of, "I need to get off of the floor," and saying yes to that thought. First, agree with yourself that you are experiencing a something and that you feel some kind of way about it. "Yes, I agree that I am being challenged. I acknowledge and say yes to the need for self-care."

Guideline #2 YES, AND – I stood up, and I said, "Yes, and I think I need to eat." I moved the scene forward. After you've said yes to self-care, adding "and" helps us move forward and through the discomfort by putting some action to that thought. The action doesn't have to be a yoga pose or a bubble bath. It absolutely can be, but you are the expert on what you need. Not the internet. Say, "Yes, and ..." and see what comes next. This will help you take some control of your situation and feel

empowered to contribute to what is to come.

Guideline #3 MAKE STATEMENTS – I continued, "I don't want to follow the meal plan today." Sometimes when we don't know what to do or we are feeling like we're not our best selves, we undermine our strengths with questions and apologies. I could've said, "What do you want to eat?" or "How was your day?" or "Can you help me make dinner?" All of those are perfectly reasonable questions to ask in this example. They are also all ways that I would've put more on my plate. If I had asked a question instead of making a statement, then suddenly I am directing the conversation and feeling responsible for where it goes based on the answer, all while taking on the needs of others. When we make statements, we are making contributions and giving others something to respond to in order to make their own contribution. In this, we can share, set boundaries, and invite support into our situation instead of taking in feedback and not knowing what to do with it.

Guideline #4 THERE ARE NO MISTAKES – My partner says, "Okay, let's do something else," and the world felt a little lighter. Who said I have to follow a meal plan anyway? Me. As I said, this is a new context, which can be scary. However, it also means that there are no rules on what "right" looks like and no expectations other than the ones we are putting on ourselves to live up to. If we are making it

up as we go, in the moment or over the course of several weeks, then we can stop comparing it to things that felt "normal" in the past. This is the new normal, and there are no mistakes when there is no template for how it "should" go.

I want to acknowledge that I am privileged to engage in this improv self-care. Many victims of crime and abuse have to make decisions on the fly about how one phrase in a statement or one mistake could escalate the violence and feelings of unsafety in their lives. A conversation about dinner could easily become a different kind of conversation. The guidelines of improv become a roadmap for how to stay safer instead. This is why we cannot approach self-care as though it's indulgence or a simple set of things to do. Self-care is an intentional discipline to do what needs to be done in order to move the scene forward. When we neglect self-care, we might push through for a bit, but eventually, the scene comes to a screeching halt.

After the garlic bread incident, I was able to acknowledge that I was experiencing some trauma effects. Naming it allowed me to remember my improv strategy, give myself grace when it felt new and unknown, and get comfortable with the discomfort.

Yes, there's a pandemic.

Yes, there's a pandemic, and it won't last forever.

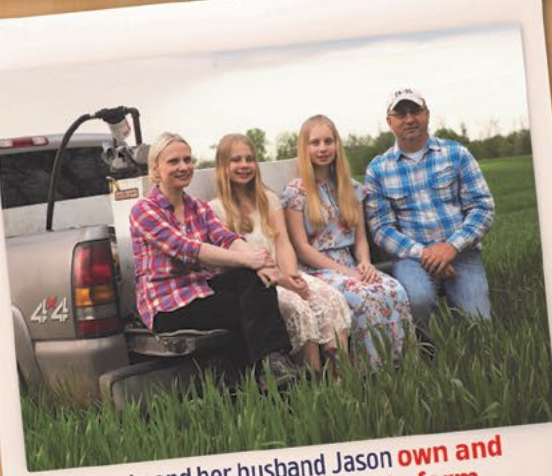
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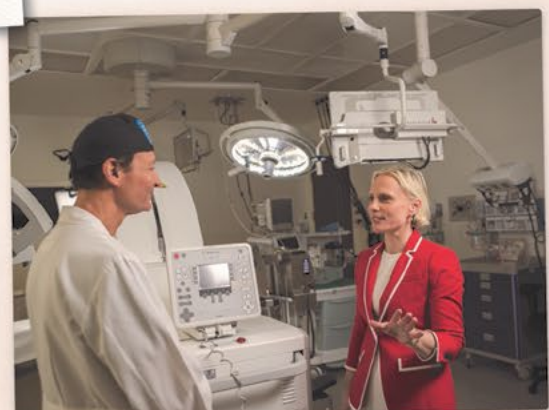
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RESTART

phase of recovery to allow businesses to reopen, paychecks to continue, and people to get back to work,” said Young.

“This is the first and only bipartisan proposal that supports the hardest-hit

businesses by fixing the Paycheck Protection Program and providing relief through the rest of the year,” said Bennet. “Based on input from business owners across Colorado, we’ve proposed a bill that provides

the flexibility they need to weather the next six months and get their businesses back up and running.”

The RESTART Act bill text is available at [this link](#). For the one-pager, [click here](#).

Proposal: Bennet and Young propose a simple fix to address a shortcoming of the PPP for many of the most-affected businesses: Extend the eight-week covered period to deploy PPP funds and earn loan forgiveness to 16 weeks after the loan is disbursed for the hardest-hit businesses that have seen revenues decline by at least 25 percent.

Longer-Term Strategy: The RESTART Program

Background: The PPP has worked well for some businesses, but is often less effective for the businesses that should be receiving the most assistance – the smallest businesses or those who have seen revenues decline the most. Its limited duration will also leave many of the most-affected businesses without support in the difficult months ahead.

Proposal: Bennet and Young propose a new RESTART Program, to provide funding to cover the next six months of payroll, benefits and fixed operating expenses for businesses that have taken a substantial revenue hit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A share of that loan will be forgiven based on the revenue losses suffered by the business in 2020, and the remainder can be repaid over seven years, with no interest payments due in the first year and no principal due for the first two years.

This program is designed to provide small- and medium-sized businesses

with loans to get their businesses going again, and ensure that they receive loan forgiveness to help fill in a loss in revenues.

Following are the basic terms of the program:

Loan Terms/Amount/Eligibility

- Seven-year loan, capped at 45 percent of 2019 gross receipts up to \$12 million
- 100 percent federal guarantee for life of the loan
- Employment cap of 5,000, with streamlined procedures for less than 500 employee firms
- No cap on loan size based on multiple of payrolls
- Self-certify a revenue loss of 25 percent
- Interest Rates/Payment Schedule:
 - No principal payments required for the first two years
 - Fixed interest rate between 2 and 4 percent for the first two years (No interest payments due for first 12 months; payments of interest only for next 12 months)
 - Interest rate for years three to seven is the Applicable Federal Rate (AFR) plus a spread of 250 to 450 basis points, based on revenue decline
 - Restrictions on dividends/share buybacks/executive compensation for duration of loan with special rules for pass-through entities
 - Non-profits have access to longer-duration loan (up to 10 years), with a lower interest rate in the first four years

Use of Funds

Businesses can borrow to pay for an array of business costs including the following:

- Total payroll (up to \$100,000 per employee)
- Employee benefits (for both current and furloughed employees)
- Rent
- Utilities
- Mortgage interest payments on existing mortgages
- Other scheduled debt service
- Personal Protective Equipment

Loan Forgiveness

- Level of forgiveness based on decline in revenues and may be received within two years of the loan origination
 - No requirement to increase staffing beyond what business conditions dictate
 - Smaller business forgiveness (fewer than 500 employees) more generous than for larger businesses. Small Business Forgiveness based on a formula including percentage decline in revenues for Payroll + Benefits + Operating Costs
 - Larger businesses follow same forgiveness, except for payroll (i.e. benefits and operating costs fully included but not payroll)
 - Non-profits with up to 500 employees would have access to either partial loan forgiveness or enhanced loan terms.

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Range Line Road reopens in Carmel

City of Carmel officials announced Friday that Range Line Road between the U.S. 31 overpass and Cool Creek Boulevard is now open to all traffic.

The newly constructed roundabout connects the recently opened ramp onto southbound Keystone, providing a more efficient way for motorists to access Keystone from 146th Street. [Click here](#) for project information.



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.

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Some Hoosiers receive ‘overpayments’ as others wait weeks for delayed unemployment benefits

By JULIA DENG
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Some unemployment claimants in Indiana received more money than they were entitled to, officials confirmed.

“Overpayments” were issued to a “small percentage” of Hoosiers who filed claims for unemployment insurance benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Josh Richardson, chief of staff at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

The agency did not release data revealing how many claimants received overpayments, how much money the state overpaid and what portion of the funds had been recouped.

Officials indicated up to 10 percent of Hoosiers who filed CARES Act Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims the first day

the program was available in Indiana received overpayments.

Thousands likely cashed outsize unemployment checks during the pandemic while others waited weeks for delayed payments.

Overpay did not contribute to delays, Richardson said.

“Unfortunately, overpayments are common in the unemployment insurance system at a time like now, when we’re issuing over 300,000 payments a week,” he told News 8.

Eligibility changes and claims processing errors contributed to the miscalculations, agency staffers said.

Several hair salon employees across Indiana said they received more unemployment benefits than they were expecting, spent the money before getting a “Notice of Overpayment” and worried about facing fines

for being unable to immediately return the extra funds.

Overpayments issued to Hoosiers with accurately filed claims are deemed “non-fraud” payments and carry no penalties.

In most non-fraud cases, claimants do not have to take steps to return the money on their own; the difference will be deducted from future benefits.

Somebody who receives a \$300 weekly payment when they were only eligible for \$200 can keep the full amount, but should expect to receive a \$100 payment the following week, Richardson explained.

“The claimant still gets all the dollars that they were entitled to,” he said. “To the individuals who are waiting, we’ve dramatically increased staff at the department. We’re setting records each week for the number of issues we’re resolving.”

Coach Lou Holtz endorses Victoria Spartz for Congress

Submitted

Following major endorsements by the NRA, Indiana Right to Life and several Indiana State Senators, Victoria Spartz for Congress announced Wednesday that Spartz received the endorsement of legendary Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz.

In an online ad released by the campaign, Holtz draws on Spartz’s background living under socialism, as well as her strong conservative values in endorsing her campaign:

“[Victoria Spartz] is conservative in thoughts and more importantly she understands what made this country great. She wants to make it even greater ... She understands how evil socialism can be to the freedoms that Americans hold,” said Coach Holtz. “Life is a matter of choices. Make a good choice and send Victoria to Congress.”

[Click here](#) to watch the full video endorsement.

“Coach Lou Holtz is more than a football legend

— he’s a Hoosier hero who embodies the great spirit of American values and way of life that we must protect. Coach Holtz has won tough fights on the field, and he knows I’m the conservative fighter who will take on socialists in Washington,” said Spartz. “I’m proud to be endorsed by Lou Holtz. He inspires me to fight, win and preserve our freedoms and institutions for generations to come.”

Holtz, the legendary college football coach who led the Notre Dame Fighting Irish to a national championship, is one of the most successful college football coaches of all time. He is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

Holtz’s endorsement of Spartz follows recent endorsements by the National Rifle Association (NRA), Indiana Right to Life, and two well-known conservatives, former Senator Scott

Schneider and Senator Mike Gaskill.

Submitted

Spartz

Victoria Spartz is a businesswoman, farmer, finance executive, relentless Indiana State Senator and mom. Growing up in socialist-controlled Ukraine, Victoria experienced the perils of socialism firsthand. This experience molded her conservative political philosophy: Limited government is always better, and financial and healthcare decisions should be made by individuals in the free market, not bureaucrats and special interests.

In many ways, she embodies the American Dream: Born overseas, immigrating to the United States 20 years ago after meeting her husband, a born and raised Hoosier, becoming a U.S. citizen, and working her way up from bank teller to a CPA. Victoria and Jason have two daughters and live in Noblesville.



Campsites, inns reopen at DNR properties

The REPORTER

As of Friday, May 22, most DNR campgrounds, property-operated cabins and camper cabins, inns and restaurants reopened. These changes are part of Stage 3 of Gov. Holcomb’s Back on Track plan.

Guests with a current campsite or property-operated cabin reservation for Sunday night, May 24, have been contacted with a message by phone or email concerning their options. As of 10 a.m. Thursday, May 21, new reservations for the coming weekend could be made by visiting camp.IN.gov. New reservations for Memorial Day weekend will require a three-night minimum, per DNR’s standard policy for holiday weekends.

Camping reservations that were previously canceled, regardless of the cancellation date, unfortunately cannot be reinstated. Confirmation letters from any three-night Memorial Day weekend reservations for 2020 made earlier in the year are no longer valid. Holders of these letters whose reservations were previously canceled will need to make new reservations in order to secure a campsite for the weekend.

Campgrounds at Glendale and Willow Slough fish & wildlife areas are also open, and available first-come, first-served. The campground at J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area is currently flooded. Those wishing to camp this weekend at J.E. Roush Lake

FWA should call (260) 468-2165 for updates.

The Garrison Restaurant at Fort Harrison State Park, located in Marion County, will remain closed to inside dining until June 1, but will begin menu-only patio seating on Sunday, May 24.

Swimming beaches will open Saturday. Public outdoor park pools will not be open this weekend.

Camp stores, saddle barns, boat rentals and other operations that campers enjoy will be open, but some may have limited hours during the weekend.

Park offices remain closed but lake permits, horse tags and off-road cycling permits can be purchased at entrance gates or online at ShopINStateParks.com.

Youth, rally and group camps remain closed. Playgrounds, shelters, recreation buildings and fire towers remain closed as well.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is committed to ensuring that guests and staff continue to have safe and memorable outdoor experiences at state parks, state forests, fish and wildlife areas, nature preserves and state recreation areas in light of COVID-19. All facilities will be following COVID-19 social distancing and cleaning requirements.

For a complete listing of openings, and information on DNR’s response to COVID-19, visit on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

Letter to the Editor

McMillan: I don't owe any favors

Dear Editor,

It wasn't too long ago that our Hamilton County District 3 Commissioner took his seat as a first-time politician with no political experience.

I, too, know the value of hard work, commitment, responsibility and the value of a dollar. And I, too, was encouraged by residents and community leaders to run for Commissioner.

My name is Charlie McMillan Jr. and I am running for Hamilton County Commissioner, District 2, in the June 2 Primary Election.

All registered voters in Hamilton County can vote for me.

I am 57 years old, a Noblesville native and a 1981 graduate of Noblesville High School.

I have worked my entire life in downtown Noblesville. I am currently chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals, South District, and a member of the Hamilton County Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Update Committee to help facilitate the county's 2020 Comprehensive Plan.

I offer a new face and new views, drawing from my years of living in Hamilton County and my vast knowledge of county projects. I have experience in solving problems, leading boards and dealing and communicating with the public.

My 73-year-old opponent, who has served in this position for 30 years, has easily brought in more than \$56,000 in campaign contributions since Jan. 1, many from out-of-town attorneys, businessmen, developers, engineers and politicians.

As a first-time candidate, I am not part of the good ole boys network and don't owe any favors to any contractors, engineering firms or political action committees.

I have integrity, transparency, work ethic and dependability.

I feel the need to offer voters a choice in this election. I am a worker for the people and am not a career politician. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and work for the next four years.

I ask you to be a part of history ... for change.

Please show your support with a vote for Charlie McMillan Jr. for Hamilton County Commissioner.

To reach Charlie McMillan Jr., visit charliemcmillanjr.com or email charlie@charliemcmillanjr.com.

Charlie McMillan Jr.
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Beth Gehlhausen supports Dillinger for Commissioner

Dear Editor,

I am proud to support Steve Dillinger for Hamilton County Commissioner.

He has been a longtime supporter of those most vulnerable in the Hamilton County community and the organizations that serve them. Steve understands that while Hamilton County is an amazing place to live, work and play, many of our neighbors are dealing with family crisis, addiction or struggling to make ends meet. Whether it's battling hunger, needing a safe place to live, helping at-risk youth or battling the opioid crisis, he has listened and worked with the organizations that are working to see an end to these issues in our community.

Steve and his fellow Commissioners have done a wonderful job supporting those of us who work every day to help those who need a hand up.

I urge you to vote for Steve Dillinger this Election Day by requesting an absentee ballot or by voting on June 2. He is a wonderful public servant and is certainly worthy of your support. I have full confidence that his re-election will only help Hamilton County achieve even more than it already has and look forward to his continued service to Hamilton County.

Beth Gehlhausen
Fishers

Letter to the Editor

Former Sheriff Doug Carter supports Steve Nation for County Council

Dear Editor,

I could not think of a better friend or ally on the Hamilton County Council than my friend, Steve Nation.

Steve has been a tremendous advocate for public safety not only in Hamilton County, but across the state, and we would be well-served with him on the Hamilton County Council. His service includes being Hamilton County's prosecuting attorney, county judge, and founding the Hamilton County Youth Assistance programs. He is a remarkable and tenacious public servant, and I am proud to support him in his campaign for County Council.

Public safety is an ever-evolving issue that requires constant vigilance and training to keep our communities safe. As the former Sheriff of Hamilton County, I am intimately aware of the hard work and dedication it takes to be successful in this arena. Thankfully, Steve Nation is someone I trust to give the hard work and dedication needed, and I am confident in his ability to improve Hamilton County's approach to first responders and public safety initiatives even more.

As Election Day approaches, I encourage you to vote for Steve Nation for County Council. You can vote early May 26-30.

Doug and Carol Carter
Former Hamilton County Sheriff
Cicero

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 no longer be accepted.

Letters in response to new topics published in today's 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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Meeting Notices

The Arcadia Town Council will hold a special meeting to discuss a new engineer firm at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, in the Council Chambers of Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Letter to the Editor

Voter says McMillan understands property rights

Dear Editor,

I recently read in Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger's Facebook post that he is committed to and understands property rights and their direct impact to quality of life for residents.

Property rights are the most basic rights in a free society.

That must be a new revelation for Dillinger.

I say that because of what happened 12 years ago to McMillan's Auto Care & Towing, my property at 599 Conner St. in downtown Noblesville, owned by me and my wife, Dorothy.

Just to give you a little background, the business was originally a Shell service station from the 1950s until the gas pumps closed in 1998. Then I purchased the property from Shell in 1999. Before that, we had been leasing the property since 1985.

The trouble started when Hamilton County got a wild hair to buy my three lots for additional parking and threatened my family's livelihood.

The county wanted to buy my property specifically for use by visitors to the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, jurors and county employees, or for potential future construction of offices for the Hamilton County government. They really hadn't decided how they wanted to use it.

At the time, Steve Dillinger and Steve Holt were the County Commissioners, and Mike Howard was county attorney.

Hamilton County offered us \$314,000 for the land, an appraisal that attached no worth to my business.

All they were buying was the dirt. I wanted to be able to resume business elsewhere for my family to continue in my retirement.

The county refused to increase the offer to include relocation costs. At the time, my property was worth five times that, at least \$1.5 million to cover cost for land and a building.

So then the Board of Commissioners attempted to condemn my property and to take my property by eminent domain. Commissioners filed their complaint for condemnation of my property on Oct. 26, 2006.

I had 30 days to find an attorney to fight to keep my property.

The Board of Commissioners asserted that it was a municipal corporation authorized to exercise eminent domain power.

My wife and I spent thousands of dollars in attorney's fees in the case, which was drawn out for almost two years. It was stressful. And I wouldn't wish this on any property owner. It was a nightmare of an experience to think that I could have lost my property.

A Hamilton County judge ruled on July 24, 2008, that the County Commissioners' eminent domain lawsuit against my property was flawed because County Commissioners failed to show how the property would be used or even why it was needed.

This eminent domain case illustrates that Commissioner Dillinger does not care about property rights.

This summer, McMillan's is celebrating 35 years in business. And the property is currently under contract with a private developer for purchase for future development, but on my term, this time.

And yes, I'm voting for my son, Charlie McMillan Jr., for County Commissioner, on Election Day, June 2 – because he understands property rights.

Chuck C. McMillan Sr.
Noblesville

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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville Stands Together says Spartz protects guns rights of school shooter

Dear Editor:

As voters consider their choices in the 5th Congressional District primary, there are some things they should know about Victoria Spartz.

While in the State Senate, Spartz had many chances to represent her constituents and protect kids from school violence. She repeatedly failed to do so, and even voted against a bill that would keep firearms away from dangerous juveniles like the Noblesville school shooter.

Noblesville Stands Together (NST) was formed by parents after the May 25, 2018 shooting at Noblesville West Middle School. Its goals are to push Indiana officials to provide better school building security, more mental health resources, and common-sense gun reforms. We support the right to bear arms, but it is far too easy in Indiana for people proven dangerous to get a gun. We advocated for improving background checks, Indiana's Red Flag Law, and a child firearm access prevention law. In addition, NST proposed closing a significant loophole in Indiana's gun laws.

Prior to NST's advocacy, nothing would have prevented the Noblesville shooter from purchasing a firearm immediately upon his release from custody. Because the shooter was a juvenile when he committed the act, he was not found guilty of a felony, and therefore laws prohibiting felons from having guns did not apply to him.

This individual brought two guns to a school and shot a teacher and a student. Court records show that he intended to kill as many people as possible. He carefully planned this attack, studying other school shootings to maximize the amount of damage he could inflict. No one died that day due to the heroism of a teacher who risked his own life to save his students. The juvenile court will only retain jurisdiction over this individual until, at the latest, he reaches age 21. After that, under the law at the time, he would be free to purchase and possess firearms.

NST thought this was a no-brainer: If a person who planned and attempted a massacre at a school and gravely wounded two people while trying to kill them isn't too dangerous to have a gun, who is? Who could be against keeping guns away from such a person?

Not surprisingly, the NRA was against it. While the NRA won't admit it publicly, it worked behind the scenes to water the legislation down, delay, or defeat it. And their willing partner in this cynical and dangerous effort was Victoria Spartz.

Senator Spartz started the 2019 legislative session by flatly rejecting NST's request that she file bills to address the school shooting in her own district. She ended it by appearing at a conference committee in the waning hours of the session and forcefully arguing against the juvenile gun prohibition, opposing fellow Republican legislators and her own constituents, effectively killing it.

The legislation was reintroduced in the 2020 session and ultimately passed, thanks to a strong bipartisan coalition of legislators who worked hard for it. Sadly, Victoria Spartz was not one of them.

Victoria Spartz once again chose to protect the gun rights of a school shooter. She voted no on a bill that delayed the time that must pass before a juvenile who committed a serious violent act could get a gun. (SB 16, Roll Call #11) Not only did she vote no, she spoke against it on the floor of the Senate, urging her colleagues to also vote no. Fortunately, 43 of the 50 Senators declined to take her advice.

NST's mission is to promote bipartisan solutions that bring people together, regardless of politics, to prevent school violence. We're trying to break through the partisanship, the polarization, and the divisiveness to protect kids in the place where they should be safe. We were shocked to have our own Senator opposing us in this mission. And today she proudly advertises her hard-earned NRA endorsement, adding insult to injury for parents whose kids hid under desks and ran out of their school to avoid bullets.

Hoosiers want leaders who listen to us, represent our interests, and act on our behalf, not in pursuit of extreme ideological agendas. We are tired of gridlock and paralysis in Congress. Consequently, we should carefully consider whether sending more culture warriors to Washington, D.C. is the answer.

On behalf of Noblesville Stands Together:

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Catch up on Carmel Symphony Orchestra Saturday night virtual shows

The REPORTER

Hundreds of fans have been joining in each week as the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) shares the message that music heals, music unites and music brings people together. What better way to share that message than by discussing the instruments that create that music along with highlighting various past season performances virtually?

Fans of the CSO are invited to go back and re-watch their favorites or catch virtual shows they might have missed by visiting the Carmel Symphony Orchestra Facebook page. The links along with special details of each are listed below:

May 20: Facebook performance with Rebecca McGuire, Oboe, "Overture to Italian Algiers" can be accessed at [this link](#).

May 9: The CSO 2020-21 Season Announcement narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, can be accessed at [this link](#).

May 2: Getting to Know Your CSO, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with guests Mayor Jim Brainard,

Ann Manship, Violin and Karen Sheely, Flute can be accessed at [this link](#).

April 25: Getting to Know your CSO, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with guests Richard Dole, Bass Trombone and Melanie Mashner, Harp, can be accessed at [this link](#).

April 18: Getting to Know your CSO, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with a segment of our Sinatra music featuring special guest Steve Lippia; plus Jason Spangler, Timpani; Monika Spangler, Piccolo & Flute; and P.J. Woolston, Bassoon can be accessed at [this link](#).

April 15: Facebook performance with Jason and Monika Spangler, Timpani and Flute, excerpt from "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff can be accessed at [this link](#).

April 11: Getting to Know your CSO, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with guests Mayor Jim Brainard; Joerg Schreiber, Cello; AnneMarie Schreiber, Vi-

olin; and Chris Rund, Double Bass, can be accessed at [this link](#).

April 6: On Facebook, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with guests Dave and Tama Poncar, Horn and Oboe, Duet #1 from "Twelve Duets" K.496a (487) by W.A. Mozart can be accessed at [this link](#).

April 4: On Facebook, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with guests Matt Trefethen, Cello "Sarabande" from the 1st Cello Suite by J.S. Bach can be accessed at [this link](#).

April 4: On Facebook, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra, with guests Richard Dole, Bass Trombone Movement 4 from "Sonata for Bass Trombone and Piano" by Alec Wilder, can be accessed at [this link](#).

March 31: On Facebook, narrated by Janna Hymes, Artistic Director of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra with guest Reinhold Strnat, Violin. "Black Eyes" Traditional Russian folk song, arranged by Iwan Malachowskij can be ac-

cessed at [this link](#).

March 28: Facebook performance with Joe Everett, Assistant Principal Double Bass, Domenico Dragonetti: Waltz #7 can be accessed at [this link](#).

About the Carmel Symphony Orchestra
Believing that music has the power to change lives, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) is the 80-member Resident Orchestra at The Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Founded in 1975, the CSO is comprised of professional and passionate musicians. The orchestra performs concerts featuring an eclectic repertoire of some of the world's greatest symphonic music. The CSO is committed to enhancing our community's quality of life through creative, artistically excellent performances, and educational experiences for diverse audiences of all ages. Janna Hymes became the organization's artistic director in July, 2017. Jeanelle Adamak joined the Carmel Symphony Orchestra in January 2019 as executive director. Visit Carmelsymphony.org to learn more.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem. But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

Acts 13:13-15 (KJV)

James F. (Jim) King

January 11, 1934 – May 12, 2020

James F. (Jim) King passed away peacefully on May 12, 2020, at the age of 86. Jim was born in Indianapolis on January 11, 1934, to the late J. Floyd King and Thelma Spencer King. He attended The Orchard School, Shortridge High School and Butler University, where he met the love of his life and wife of 62 years, Joanne (Spivey) King. He was a loyal member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

While at Shortridge, Jim lettered in three sports and received All-Sectional honors in basketball. He loved sports of all kinds – especially basketball, golf, Colts football and any team on which his grandchildren participated. He was also an avid runner (including more than 20 Indy 500 Mini Marathons), often receiving awards in his age group.

Jim served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and subsequently in the Indiana National Guard. He was captain of the basketball team and the volleyball team while in the Army. Jim had a 35-year career as a manager for the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. including stints in Frankfort, New Albany and Indianapolis. After retiring from Indiana Bell, Jim had a second successful and fulfilling career as a golf professional, spending 20 years at Wood Wind Golf Club in Westfield, where he taught lessons and shared his love of the sport with hundreds of golfers, young and old. Early in his playing career, Jim had a memorable hole-in-one and, more recently, was proud to "shoot his age" about a dozen times.

Jim and Joanne and their children, Jennifer and Jeff, spent many happy summers boating and water skiing on the Ohio River and at Morse Lake, where Jim and Jo lived for nearly 40 years. They also enjoyed spending winters in the Florida Keys, as well as Bradenton and Anna Maria Island, Fla., and visiting other states in their RV.

Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Carol King Cox. He is survived by his loving wife, Joanne; son, J. Jeffrey King; daughter, Jennifer King Burk (Phil Burk); and four grandchildren, twins Nicholas James Burk and Brandon Paul Burk, and twins Abigail Judith Burk and Samantha Joanne Burk.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the non-profit Junior Achievement of Central Indiana, 8395 Keystone Crossing, Suite 102, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Online contributions may be made at juniorachievement.org/web/ja-indy.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Homes, Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034 and where you may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of James F. (Jim) King, please see the obituary listing on the Hartley Funeral Homes website.

Practice responsible recreation at fish & wildlife areas

The REPORTER

Fish & wildlife areas (FWAs) are managed so Indiana's fish, wildlife and habitats can thrive and benefit present and future generations of Hoosiers. Help the DNR keep them clean and safe this holiday weekend by practicing responsible recreation.

Responsible recreation means that everyone does their part to keep FWAs

healthy, beautiful and safe for Hoosiers and Indiana's fish and wildlife. While at FWAs this weekend, remember to bring a bag to carry out your trash. Enjoy the outdoors safely by practicing social distancing, parking only in designated areas, driving 30 mph or less on property roads, and only using designated shooting ranges for target or recreational shooting. Planning ahead is an-

other way to ensure that you have a fun and safe time while enjoying the outdoors. Along with any activity-specific gear and a trash bag, remember to bring water, hand sanitizer, soap and paper towels with you. Know where you're going and think about an alternative location if your initial destination is crowded.

FWAs provide excellent opportunities for fishing and

shooting sports this time of year. You can also spend your visit wildlife watching, walking, and enjoying the scenic views. If you're interested in fishing, boating or paddling activities, find the perfect place near you using the interactive Where to Fish map at on.IN.gov/where2fish.

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A 24-time Big 12 champion, 11-time All-American . . .

Claire Adams finishes a dominant career for the Texas Longhorns

By **RICHIE HALL**
Claire Adams finished up her scholastic swimming career this March when she completed her senior season at the University of Texas.

And what a career it was for the Carmel graduate. Adams was a dominant force in the Big 12 conference and a multiple All-American swimmer at the NCAA tournament.

Local swim fans remember Adams as the first-ever 16-time state champion at the IHSAA swim meet. Adams won the maximum four events in all four years of participating at state, 2013-2016. That's a record that can never be broken, only equaled. She also won the Mental Attitude Award in 2016, at the end of her senior season.

Adams After that, it was off to Austin, Texas to swim for the Longhorns. Adams had already achieved quite a bit of success by the time she got to college, so she didn't wander into the Texas pool naïve about competing on a national scale. As a member of the Carmel Swim Club, Adams was used to national meets.

"I am very fortunate to have experienced national competitions from a young age as I was able to learn how to navigate those spaces early on," said Adams. "Having experiences swimming with world class athletes was humbling and eye-opening whether I was 13 years old or 20."

Adams said the biggest differences regarding college swimming come "outside of the pool." She said that while the training changes from high school to college, the added responsibilities of "being a young adult are what make college training more taxing."

Yet she was able to handle those new responsibilities well. Adams was named to the 2016-17 Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team in her freshman year. She is also a three-time College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-American, receiving that honor during each of her first three years as a Longhorn. (The Scholar All-American list for the 2019-20 season will be announced on June 30.)

Then of course, there is the swimming. Adams is a 24-time champion in the Big 12 tournament. That includes going seven for seven in the conference meet for her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. She also won three events her freshman year, and was the runner-up in three more that season.

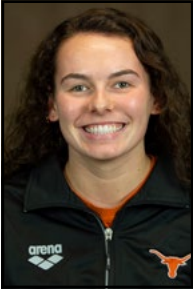


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Claire Adams was a force for the University of Texas swim team over the past four years. Adams was a 24-time champion at the Big 12 conference meet and earned All-American honors 11 times.

Adams was part of the winning 200, 400 and 800 freestyle relays during all four years at Texas. During her sophomore, junior and senior seasons, Adams added four more conference championships: She was the winner of the 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle, then participated on the first-place 200 and 400 medley relays.

At the NCAA Championships, Adams earned All-American honors 11 times and was honorable mention All-American eight more times. Six of those All-American races came during her sophomore year, when she swam on all five Longhorns relays that finished in the top eight. Adams also placed seventh in the backstroke that year. Her best finishes at the NCAA Championships came during her freshman year, when she was part of the fourth-place 800 free relay; Adams then matched that her junior year when she swam on the fourth-place 400 free relay squad.

Unfortunately, Adams didn't get a chance to try to add to her impressive NCAA total, as the national swimming and diving championships were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But even so, Adams got quite a bit accomplished during the previous three years.

"I am so grateful for the opportunities swimming has provided me over my time as both a club and college swimmer," said Adams. "I am bummed that my college swimming career ended the way it did but I am grateful to be supported by amazing friends and family, to be staying healthy, and spending time relaxing. I never thought this would be the situation I would find myself in, but I know I poured my heart into the team and gave it all I had."

Adams graduated from Texas a semester early, in December 2019, with a degree in Youth & Community Studies. With all of the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, Adams is unsure about continuing her swimming career, which would include attempting to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics, which have been pushed back to 2021.

"I am currently completing a three-semester teacher certification program at Texas," said Adams. "I still have two semesters left. With so many unknowns about school and sports I do not feel that I have all the information I need to be able to decide if I want to continue with swimming."

Education is important to Adams. On Friday, she received the Texas Athletics – College Football Playoff Foundation Postgraduate Teacher Certification Scholarship, which, according to a release on the Texas Sports website, is designed to "financially support student-athletes who have exhausted athletic eligibility and completed an undergraduate degree, but want to pursue teacher certification."

"I have known I have a passion for teaching from a young age," said Adams in the release. "When I earned the opportunity to swim for Texas, I knew I was going to a school that would support my teaching dreams."

Once she is finished with the teacher certification program, Adams will be certified to teach kindergarten through sixth grade.

"For now, I want to get a few years of teaching under my belt and then return to school for a masters in cultural studies in education," said Adams. "Long term, I would like to work in the education system, potentially creating curriculum."

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The history behind the hottest temperatures at the Indianapolis 500

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD
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Deep in the Indianapolis 500 archives are scorching tales of the hottest races on record. Temperatures testing every ounce of each driver — and that was May.

In 2020? This is August.

“After days like that you definitely feel the effects afterwards of a 500-mile race in those conditions,” Ed Carpenter said. “In all likelihood it is probably going to be a little bit more so now (in 2020).”

Three-time Indianapolis 500 pole winner Ed Carpenter knows the humid Hoosier heat better than any active driver.

Outside of Carpenter, who is cool, calm and collected under any circumstances, how do IndyCar’s other stars feel about the move to August?

“I have thought a lot about how hot it is going to be, that is the one thing I am not looking forward,” Alexander Rossi said. “But, it will be that way for everyone.”

“The heat, it is a concern but it is something we can’t control,” Tony Kanaan said. “But, it is Indy, it is 80 degrees one day but it could be 45 degrees the next. You could have snow the day before...you never know.”

Obsessing over the weather maps is an Indianapolis 500 tradition for race fans across the state.

Three chapters stand out when it comes to excessive heat on race day.

In 2018, Will Power surged past a 91-degree day to claim his first victory at the 500. Historically, 91 degrees is tied for the second highest temperature on record on race day.

In 1953, the front straightaway’s then brick surface reached 130 degrees.

After the race, victor Bill Vukovich sat exhausted, covered in muck and whatever else spewed out of his race car.

However 1937 is still the hottest on



Kent Graham/File photo

Will Power's Indianapolis 500 win in 2018 was achieved during the second-hottest temperature recorded on race day. The temperature reached 91 degrees on that day, just shy of 1937's 92-degree race.

record. Despite 92-degree heat, Wilbur Shaw, the last native Hoosier to win the 500, conquered the field.

Will the 104th running top them all? “I don’t think we are going to break the record,” WISH-TV Chief Meteorolo-

gist Ashley Brown said. “When I look at the averages in the 80s, and you see the 90-degree days that happen in August, a lot of them have happened in the beginning of August.”

“I think we can tie the record, but I

don’t think we can break it.”

If the heat alters history in 2020, the victor joins a special club.

We wait for August to make its entrance.

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