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County employees to receive antibody testing

The REPORTER
 Hamilton County employees participating in the County Health Insurance program will soon be provided IgG antibody testing for COVID-19. Riverview Health will provide the testing as part of the county's annual wellness screenings the first week of June.

"These screenings are an essential aspect of creating a successful wellness culture," said Human Resource Director Sheena Randall. "In fact, Hamilton County believes this

is so important, we provide free employee screenings each year. The idea is to prevent serious health conditions. Annual wellness screenings provide employees a snapshot of their current health and a roadmap to a better health."

The added serology test looks for the presence of antibodies, which are specific proteins made in response to infections.



Randall

Antibodies can be found in the blood and in other tissues of those who are tested after infection.

"IgG is the body's memory of how to fight an infection," says Hilary Herendeen, Riverview Health employer clinics manager. "However, COVID-19 is 'novel,' or new, which means we're still learning about it. We recommend patients consult their

healthcare provider with any questions about their results."

In addition to the antibody testing, county employees will also be screened for anemia, leukemia, electrolytes, liver function, cholesterol, triglycerides, hemoglobin, thyroid, prostate, and blood glucose. Employees who take part in the annual health screening will receive a \$15 discount per pay period on their biweekly insurance premiums beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

I cannot be silent

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Oh, Dr. King, how we need your wisdom today.

As I mulled over the thoughts in my mind about what I would write about this week I just kept coming back to the sadness I had been feeling.



COLUMNIST
JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

officer. She prays he will be kept safe from harm as he runs towards danger. Anger and the need for retaliation could put him in harm's way just because of the uniform he is wearing. Oh, the ugliness of hate.

My heart goes out to the mother of a young black man. She worries as her son leaves his home for a jog through their neighborhood. She prays he will return, safely.

She knows there are those who will judge him for the color of his skin. She knows there are those who think if a black man is running, he has done something wrong. Oh, the ugliness of racism.

"Let no man pull you so low as to hate him." – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I hear the yelling as the news reports come to us from the streets which have become trenches of rioting. Yelling does not a conversation make. It is in the conversations where changes are made. If only Dr. King were here to remind us of that.

"People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other."

It is in the conversations that we get to know each other.

How do we begin these conversations? I am only a 64-year-old grandmother

County 4-H Council announces limited in-person 4-H Fair exhibit

The REPORTER
 After careful thought and consideration, the Hamilton County 4-H Council has made the decision to move forward with plans to host an in-person 4-H Fair Exhibit for 2020. This event will be open only to 4-Hers, their fam-

ilies, staff and volunteers. There will be many individual project changes to ensure a safe experience for youth, but the 4-H Council knows the 4-H community can rise to the occasion with everyone's help.

Hamilton County 4-H Council will follow Purdue

University's requirements for having an in-person event and is currently working through the logistics for implementation. 4-H officials are working closely with the Hamilton County Health Department to follow state and local guidelines, including complying

with the Indiana's Back on Track plan. The 4-H Council will be ready to move to a virtual event should a COVID-19 local hotspot develop or should Hamilton County not be at Stage 5 status. The 2020 in-person

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Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville opens summer program registration

The REPORTER
 After making the tough decision to close its doors to members more than 11 weeks ago, the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) has announced plans to re-open for summer programs. Multiple committees of board and staff members plus local health experts have been meeting the past few weeks to determine the safest way to re-open the Club.

The plan is to operate Camp Crossover beginning Monday, June 8 and Club Daybreak on Monday, June 15. Both programs are scheduled to run through July 31. The Club's youth volleyball league will begin with practices on June 15. All dates are dependent upon the progress of the state's Back On Track Indiana plan.

"The safety of our Club Kids and our staff are always our first priority when it comes to re-opening the facility," said BGCN Exec-



Photo provided

Parents can register members online at BGCNI.org for summer programs.

utive Director Becky Terry. "We've had to make a few tweaks to our summer programs to ensure that we're all able to adhere to procedures and recommendations from the CDC and our local health department. We can't wait to see our members again, very soon."

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Hamilton County Parks starts reopening efforts, suspends Cool Creek Summer Concerts

The REPORTER
 Hamilton County Parks has created a list of reopening dates for its park facilities and activities. The schedule reflects the measured approach to reopenings as outlined in Governor Holcomb's Back on Track multi-staged reopening guidelines.

Park staff are eager to welcome visitors back, but it should be noted that the schedule is subject to change, based on evolving COVID-19 related circumstances and updated directives provided by the governor's office, the CDC, the county health department and the parks board.

Throughout the reopening phases, visitors to park facilities will be provided onsite and online information regarding interim precautionary measures to be taken to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all guests,

- park staff and volunteers.
- **May 13:** Koteewi Archery Range (pro shop only)
 - **May 27:** White River Campground (no office access)
 - **May 28:** Koteewi Archery Range open (personal equipment use only/limited capacity)
 - **June 1:** Basketball Court; Disc Golf; Shelter Rentals; River Road Park Athletic Fields; Cool Creek Park Athletic Fields; Morse Park Athletic Fields
 - **June 3:** Cool Creek Campfires (limited capacity); Morse Beach
 - **June 4:** Coxhall Mansion Rentals (limited capacity); Osprey Pointe Pavilion Rentals (limited capacity)
 - **June 8:** Cool Creek Summer Camps (modified/limited capacity)
 - **June 14:** Koteewi

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Carmel 6th-grader organizes graduation walk for seniors in her neighborhood

By RANDALL NEWSOME
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Carmel sixth-grader and her family did something special to send a message to the graduating high school seniors in their neighborhood.

"They don't have prom, they don't have graduation, they don't really have anything," Belle Giles said. "I thought we should provide a little bit of joy during uncertain times."

With the help of her mom Liana, Belle put together their own graduation walk

ceremony to honor five high school seniors who live in their neighborhood. The kids dressed up in their caps and gowns and took a celebration strut through their neighborhood.

After their neighbors cheered them on during the ceremony the seniors were given going away gift baskets.

"[We] felt like we should give them something to help them when they go to college and so that's where the baskets came from," Belle said.

Julia Roth, Isobel Pierce and Colleen Harless were grateful for the experience.

"We were walking down and I realized yeah, people ... people care about us," Roth said.

"We've grown up together, all of us, we all went to the same elementary school, but we kinda went our separate ways so just to come back together and get all the support from the neighborhood kids and the families just kind of blew me away," Harless said.

David Mays III, a North Central High School grad, described what it meant to him.

"Pride," he said. "I felt recognized for

my four years of hard work. And honestly super grateful."

"People have been telling me, you're gonna be telling this story for a long time and now I believe it," Roth said.

The memories will last a lifetime all because Belle Giles wanted them to have that special moment. A moment that filled Liana Giles with pride.

"As a mom, that's what you want your kids to be kind and giving and I teach my students that this is what life is about. Caring for each other is the most important thing."



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4-H

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Hamilton County 4-H Fair Exhibit will go forward if the county continues to progress through the stages outlined by Governor Holcomb. Stage 5 must be reached by July 4.

4-H officials and Purdue Extension staff will develop a virtual component alongside the in-person plan for 4-H members who are unable or choose not to participate in the live event.

Some examples of changes include:

- July 16-20 will continue to be the dates for the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. However, some judging events that typically occur during this window may be moved to accommodate social distancing and to spread out 4-H events.
- Non-animal project judging will be “closed judging.” 4-H members will not be present during judging.
- Livestock shows will be a “show and go” format. There will be no animals staying overnight.
- Audiences will be limited to 4-H members and their families. Streaming of live events will be available.
- All 4-H’ers, 4-H volunteers and staff may be required to wear face coverings when engaged in 4-H activities where social distancing is not possible. Contact tracing will also be required to follow the recommendation of the Hamilton County Health Department. There will be face covering expectations and those are continuing to be clarified.
- No special events will be held in conjunction with the 4-H exhibits.

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair is organized and sponsored by Purdue Extension Hamilton County and the Hamilton County 4-H Council. For more information about the Purdue Extension Service and their commitment to providing educational resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, contact Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit extension.purdue.edu/hamilton.

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Some of those changes include the following:

- Club Daybreak and Camp Crosser sessions will now take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Spots will be limited for both programs: 100 members per day for Club Daybreak and 60 campers per day for Camp Crosser.
- Members will now register for the entire week for both Club Daybreak and Camp Crosser.
- New sanitary and safety protocols have been created and implemented to ensure the safety of members and staff such as:
 - Daily health status screenings
 - Extra handwashing and sanitization stations
 - Frequent sanitizing of program areas
 - Added social distancing best practices limiting unnecessary contact
 - Limit group sizes to 10 members per area with 10:1 member-to-staff ratios
- Registration rates:
 - Club Daybreak: \$100 per member per week, \$275 per week per family of three
 - Camp Crosser: \$115 per member per week
 - Payments must be made at the time of registration to reserve a child’s spot

Parents can register members online at BGCNI.org for all three summer programs. In-person sign-ups are currently not being accepted. All questions should be directed to the Club by calling (317) 773-4372.

About the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health and physical development.

SILENT

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whose only ammunition against racism and hate are my words. And so, I write. I cannot be silent. My black friends need me. My police officer friends need me.

As I tap on the keys to write Dr. King's words, I pray that we all can remember these words: "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

I pray for our nation. We are a hurting people.

Another one of my favorite quotes of Dr. King is, "I have a dream that one day little black boys and girls will be holding hands with little white boys and girls." Dr. King, I have that dream too.

I want to hold tight to the hands of my friends who are grandmothers and grandfathers and whose skin color is different from mine. I want to reassure them that I will have conversations and be their voice and advocate for them and their children and grandchildren.

I leave you with this thought from Dr. King:

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality ... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

Please Lord, let it be so.

PARKS

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Aerial Adventures (limited capacity); Koteewi Range - Archery (rentals, lessons - limited capacity); K-Trails (limited capacity); Morse Softball League; Playgrounds (unless interim circumstances dictate otherwise)

- **June 15:** Cool Creek Nature Center (limited capacity); Taylor Center of Natural History (limited capacity)
- **July 4:** Park operations may resume at full capacity

It should be noted that all Hamilton County Parks and Recreation parks, trails and park restrooms will continue to remain open to the public, until directed to do so otherwise.

The 2020 Cool Creek Summer Concert Series, title sponsored by the Clay Township Trustee Office and Board, will not be performed on the scheduled dates. Watch for details regarding free make-up concert performances at an alternate Hamilton County Park venue this fall.

For additional reopening details and updates, please contact Hamilton County Parks and Recreation at (317) 770-4400 or hamilton.parks@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, or visit online at myhamilton-countyparks.com or on Facebook.



Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse

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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
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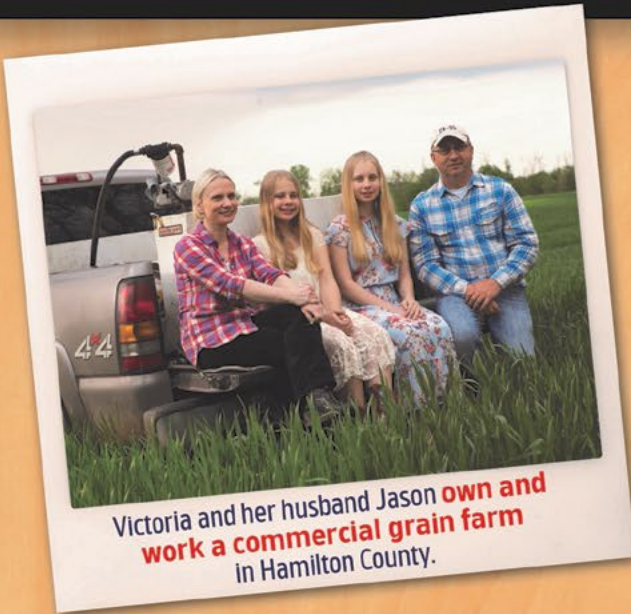
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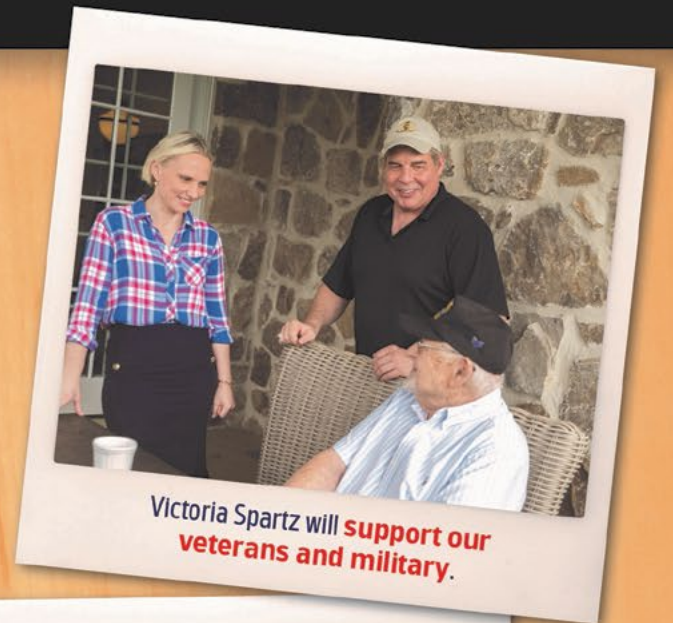
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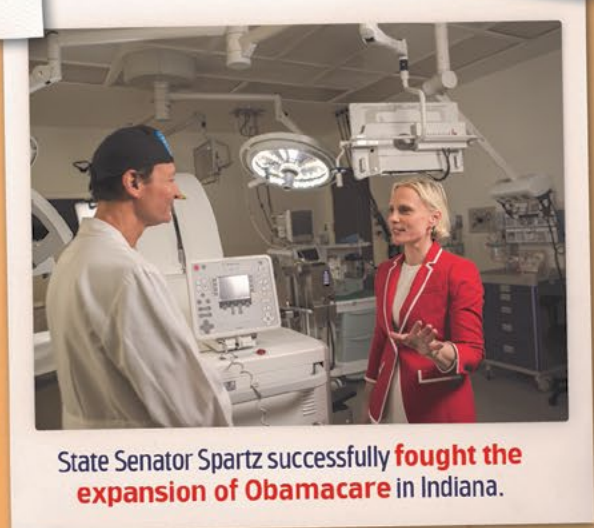


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Fishers Police reminds residents to heed city's fireworks ordinance

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

We are headed into the month of June, and the Fishers Police Department has an important message for those living and visiting our fair city – be aware of provisions contained in the city fireworks ordinance.

The ordinance provides important definitions of which fireworks are allowed, and when certain fireworks may be used.

I am already hearing fireworks in my neighborhood at night and I do not believe I am alone. Below is a reprint of the specific Fishers city ordinance on fireworks:

§ 99.01 Definition of consumer firework

For purpose of this chapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

Consumer Firework:

(1) A small firework that is designed primarily to produce visible effects by combustion and that is required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 CFR 1507. The term also includes some small devices designed to produce an audible effect, such as whistling devices, ground devices containing 50 milligrams or less of explosive composition, and aerial devices containing 130 milligrams or less of explosive composition. Propelling or expelling charges consisting of a mixture of charcoal, sulfur, and potassium nitrate are not considered as designed to produce an audible effect. Consumer firework includes but may not be limited to the following:

(a) Aerial devices, which include sky rockets, missile type rockets, helicopter or aerial spinners, roman candles, mines, and shells;

(b) Ground audible devices, which include firecrackers, salutes, and chasers; and

(c) Firework devices containing combinations of the effects described in divisions (1)(a) and (b) above.

(1) The following items are specifically excluded from the definition of consumer firework:

(a) Model rockets;

(b) Toy pistol caps;

(c) Emergency signal flares;

(d) Matches;

(e) Fixed ammunition for firearms;

(f) Ammunition components intended for use in firearms, muzzle loading cannons, or small arms;

(g) Shells, cartridges, and primers for use in firearms, muzzle loading cannons, or small arms;

(h) Indoor pyrotechnics special effects material; or

(i) M-80s, cherry bombs, silver salutes, and any device banned by the federal government.

(3) In addition, the following items are excluded from the definition of consumer fireworks but are

and shall continue to be subject to applicable permitting requirements and state statutes governing fireworks:

(a) Dipped sticks or wire sparklers;

(b) Cylindrical fountains;

(c) Cone fountains;

(d) Illuminating torches;

(e) Wheels;

(f) Ground spinners;

(g) Flitter sparklers;

(h) Snakes or glow worms;

(i) Smoke devices; and
(j) Trick noisemakers, which include:

1. Party poppers;

2. Booby traps;

3. Snappers;

4. Trick matches;

5. Cigarette loads; and

6. Auto burglar alarms.

(Ord. 041513C,

passed 4-15-13)

§ 99.02 Use of consumer fireworks within the town

It shall be unlawful to use or display or permit to be used or displayed within Fishers' municipal boundaries any type of consumer firework on any day or time other than the following:

(A) Between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and two hours after sunset on June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, and July 9;

(B) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on July 4; and

(C) Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. on December 31 and 1:00 a.m. on January 1.

(Ord. 041513C,

passed 4-15-13)

§ 99.03 Supervised public displays

This chapter shall not apply to supervised public displays of fireworks by municipalities, fair associations, amusement parks, and other organizations or groups of individuals, all of which are and shall contin-

ue to be subject to applicable permitting requirements and state statutes.

(Ord. 041513C,

passed 4-15-13)

§ 99.04 Enforcement

The Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Fishers Police Department shall be charged with enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 041513C,

passed 4-15-13)

§ 99.99 Penalty

Any person, firm or corporation who violates this chapter shall be subject to a fine of \$150 for the first offense and \$250 for each subsequent offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed upon each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. 041513C,

passed 4-15-13)

Reminder – Indiana law restricts the use of fireworks to the following:

- On the user's property
- On the property of someone who has consented to the use of fireworks on their property

Fishers Arts Council goes virtual for June

The REPORTER

The Fishers Arts Council will celebrate two artists in June in a virtual gallery tour. The artists are Michael Janosky and Jacque Hammond. A highlight of the month will be an online interview with Michael at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 12, and Jacque Hammond the following week, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19.

Janosky's exhibit is the premier of a portion of the body of work he created because of his 2018 Artist-in-Residence at Indiana Dunes National Park in 2018. The time to explore, observe, and contemplate was the foremost purpose of his residency and provided the inspiration for a series of oil paintings.

He is looking forward to share, from an artist's perspective, the unique, varied and distinctive characteristics of Indiana's first National Park. The exhibit will also feature other related works of the Indiana Dunes and Lake Michigan at fishersartscouncil.org/

Jacque is a 15-year resident of Fishers where she has exhibited in the past at The Art Gallery at City Hall. She is also the artist of the *Mille Bornes* and *Straight-On Monon* designs on the electrical boxes in the Nickel Plate District of downtown Fishers.

art-gallery-exhibit.

Hammond's exhibit is a whimsical journey. She sees herself as a "Jacque-of-all-trades," with many avenues and opportunities to draw on her creativity.

After attending Herron School of Art with a concentrated study of painting, drawing, and lithography, she pursued a career as a graphic designer. However, she didn't lose the desire to pursue what she calls her "fine arts side." To rekindle this love, she maintained a studio in Carmel for nearly 20 years. "I've found that the best way to continue to grow, create, and experience life as an artist is to say 'yes' to the opportunities that come across your path."

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Janosky



Hammond

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Campground hosts needed at state parks and forests

The REPORTER
Indiana's state parks and state forests are looking for volunteers to serve as campground hosts in exchange for free camping during their service.
Hosts work a minimum of 20 hours per week. The volunteer period varies at respective sites, based on the number of applicants and the amount and type of work required.
Properties are looking for dedicated campers who

enjoy working outdoors, with the public and with DNR staff.
A complete list of hosting duties is at on.IN.gov/DNRCampgroundHost or potential applicants can contact the property at which they would like to serve as host.
Completion of a volunteer application is required to apply. Download a volunteer application form at on.IN.gov/INStateParksVolunteer.

Public safety organizations endorse County Commissioner Steve Dillinger

Submitted
Steve Dillinger, current Hamilton County Commissioner, has been endorsed by the Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416 PAC and the Carmel Professional Firefighters Local 4444 PAC. Dillinger is running for re-election for County Commissioner.
"Steve Dillinger has proven he considers public safety a top priority. He knows the danger of our

modern world. Steve wants disasters prevented and emergencies responded to quickly and professionally," said Tony Murray, President of Hamilton County Fire Fighters.
Dillinger says he stands for a proactive approach to the growth of Hamilton County. Anticipating public safety needs to keep residents protected and safe is a number one priority.
"If we don't have a safe

community, we have nothing. To keep people safe, we have to provide our public safety professionals with the best equipment, resources and information, as quickly and efficiently as possible. That's why we continue to have one of the safest counties in the country," said Dillinger.
Dillinger has served Hamilton County as Commissioner since 1989. He won the 2019 AIC Outstanding County Commis-

sioner of the Year award. According to the Dillinger campaign, he has a proven history of executing a vision, building consensus and promoting teamwork. This combination of skills brings a tremendous asset to getting initiatives accomplished and working well with the team of commissioners.
To learn more about Steve Dillinger for Hamilton County Commissioner, visit stevedillinger.com.



Daniel Bragg

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Business owner, Carmel City Councilor Adam Aasen endorses Beth Henderson for Congress

Submitted
This week, Carmel City Councilor and restaurant owner Adam Aasen announced his endorsement of Beth Henderson for Congress in Indiana's 5th District.
"As a small business owner, I worry about the tough road ahead as we rebuild our economy. That's

why we need a proven job creator like Beth Henderson in Congress," said Adam Aasen.
This week's announcement is yet another piece of big news from the Henderson campaign, including being named to the NRCC's Young Guns program and being endorsed by Forrest and Char-

lotte Lucas. Henderson has also been endorsed by U.S. Senator Mike Braun, Indiana Right to Life, State Senator Luke Kenley (Ret.), State Representative Tony Cook, Madison County GOP Chairman Russ Willis, and many other conservative leaders in the district.
Henderson has proudly

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Purdue Extension announces virtual Exploring 4-H Day Camp

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Hamilton County 4-H will present its annual Exploring 4-H Day Camp in a virtual format June 16-17. Exploring 4-H Day Camp is open to youth in grades K-2 as of Jan. 15, 2020. Virtual "camp" activities will be self-paced and will include

online interactions with camp counselors.
The program is available at no cost. The deadline to register is Tuesday, June 9.
Topics will include basic activities in sidewalk art, salt dough, egg carton flowers, music and more.

For more information and registration visit bit.ly/4HDayCampInfo.
The Hamilton County 4-H Program and Exploring 4-H Day Camp is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council and Purdue Extension Hamilton County. For more

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Letter to the Editor

Why we need more mental health education in schools

Dear Editor:

Mental health has barely ever been discussed in my schools. As teens, we tend to get hurt a lot while playing sports. Whether it be a sprained ankle or a broken arm, cast and crutches are a common occurrence throughout the school. No matter the injury, we go to the doctor and make attempts to get it fixed so that we can continue playing our sport and live our daily lives.

Why is it that we don't see our mental health in that same light?

There are tests, exams, extracurriculars, volunteer work, future occupation planning, and SATs that we must worry about in a general perspective. That's on top of trying to create and maintain friendships and relationships with others, as well as making sure we have time to do the things we love to do.

We learn about substance abuse, drinking, and how it's bad for us. We learned about a few broad ways to improve and maintain our emotional/mental health. They talk about bullying and how we need to end it and they say how it can cause depression. We scratched the surface of self-esteem and body image. But mental health is so much more than that. In mental health, there are mental illnesses. Except we don't talk about them ... ever.

All the information I have on mental illnesses and ways to improve my mental health have come from my research. Essentially, there wouldn't be anything wrong with that; however, we are in school about six to seven hours a day. That being said, I strongly believe that mental health discussions need to happen inside the classroom.

Up until about fifth grade, this was my thinking: Depression is an extreme word for sadness, anxiety is just nervousness, social anxiety is shyness, and OCD was just perfectionism. These were the only mental illnesses I knew of and my interpretations of them were quite inaccurate. These are broad terms that don't

encompass all the feelings, emotions, and experiences that truly come along with those mental illnesses. There are hundreds of other mental illnesses as well.

Not only that, but it's important to know that there is such a wide range of mental illnesses that people suffer from. In the ages of 13 to 18, one out of five has a serious mental illness. With suicide being the third-leading cause of death in youth, 90 percent of those who died by suicide had a mental illness. A majority of the time, these mental illnesses go unseen and therefore untreated.

These topics are stigmatized to such an extent in my age demographic that I don't believe people process that it is an issue. A majority of the time, mental illnesses are mentioned as derogatory terms and used as adjectives in circumstances people don't like. Teens are commonly saying phrases such as: "I'm so OCD because I like things to be neat," "She's mental," and "My phone died so now I'm depressed."

Those phrases are unacceptable, and as a society, we should be working on destigmatizing mental illness. That starts in the schools. Since schools are a learning institution, it's the ideal place to start educating ourselves about mental illnesses and specific ways to better our mental health rather than generalized ideas that everyone can do. If we start learning how to take care of our mental health like our physical health in kindergarten, we can utilize those skills as we grow older.

It is possible to prevent the development of mental illness earlier on with the right coping mechanisms. Everyone will struggle with their mental health even if they don't have a mental illness. However, it important to keep in mind that having a mental illness doesn't make you inferior, or less than. It's time to start educating each other and make the world a more manageable one.

Khayla Williams
Fishers

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Indiana's online marketplace offers PPE help to small businesses, non-profits

The REPORTER

Local small businesses and non-profits can now utilize the state's new online marketplace to request personal protective equipment, according to Hamilton County lawmakers.

"Our small businesses are the heartbeat of our communities across the state," State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) said. "As many reopen, they must also meet certain requirements, which could include PPE, to help protect their employees and the public."

Cook said as businesses resume operations, those unable to source and procure PPE on their own can go online to backontrack.in.gov/ppemarketplace.htm to order masks, face shields and hand sanitizer. While the first round of available PPE has been reached, small businesses can still place orders online. House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said the marketplace anticipates being able to ship more protective gear in the coming weeks.

"Communities around the state depend on the goods and services provided by small businesses, and as they reopen, personal protection equipment will be used to keep both employees and patrons safe," Huston said. "Obtaining items like face masks and sanitizer can be difficult, and the online marketplace is a good alternate source."

Launched by the Indiana

Economic Development Corp., the Small Business PPE Marketplace serves as a secondary source for ordering Hoosier-made supplies. State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) said currently there is no charge but that could change depending on multiple factors.

"Local employers are facing the challenge of remaining open while ensuring staff and customers stay healthy," Goodrich said. "I encourage our small businesses to act swiftly to evaluate their situation and request PPE from this marketplace if they cannot acquire it on their own."

Businesses must be registered in Indiana with the Secretary of State's Office, employ fewer than 150 people, and require PPE to reopen and comply with workplace safety requirements. State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said examples of eligible businesses include restaurants, retail sales, personal services and office environments.

"These companies employ more than 900,000 Hoosiers across our state," Schaibley said. "It is critical they continue operating, and do so in a responsible and safe way by utilizing personal protection equipment."

According to the IEDC, all requests will be evaluated and fulfilled based on work environment risk profile,

stock availability and the number of outstanding requests. State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) said at times, partial or delayed fulfillment

of requests may occur.

"This new marketplace can help support employers as they adjust to this current situation," Torr said.

"We know doing business will look different moving forward, but we also know Hoosiers are resilient and will conquer obstacles that

may come their way as they navigate this pandemic."

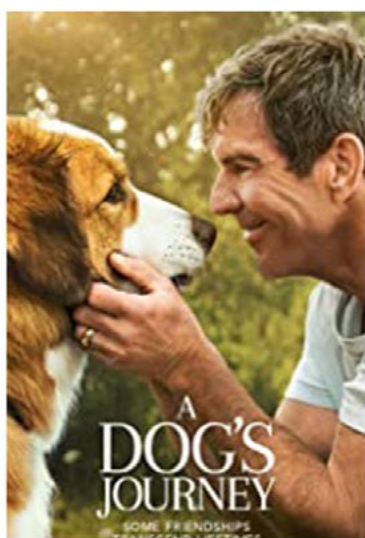
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Who designed the Indiana State Banner?

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This week in Indiana's history ...

1894 – In Richmond, Ind., Charles Francis Jenkins demonstrated what is considered the first motion picture projector. His "Phantoscope" used electric light and reels of film to cast moving images on the wall. Witnesses to the event were amazed to see animated pictures of a woman performing a butterfly dance. The rights to the projector were eventually sold to Thomas Edison, who marketed the machine under the name "Vitagraph." Jenkins went on to be granted over 400 patents, most of which involved motion pictures and television.

1912 – Members of the Women's Franchise League took an automobile tour of Hamilton County. Yellow banners reading "Votes for Women" waved from the car as members distributed flyers and made speeches in Nora, Carmel, Westfield and Noblesville, where children decorated the auto in pink and white peonies, roses and lilacs. The *Indianapolis Star* reported that the women returned home



"tired, triumphant, dusty, and delighted."

1917 – The Indiana State Banner, designed by Paul Hadley of Mooresville, was officially adopted by the General Assembly. Hadley's design won a competition sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The banner was designated as the official State Flag in 1955.

1939 – To celebrate Dairy Month, a cow-milking contest was held on the south lawn of the Indiana Statehouse. Dr. Herman Morgan of the Board of Health won first prize, producing 5 1/2 pounds of milk in the allotted three minutes. Lieutenant Governor Henry Schricker placed second with 5 pounds, and Governor M. Clifford Townsend came in third with 3 pounds.

1957 – Bill Haley and

the Comets entertained at Indiana Beach in Monticello. Their "Rock Around the Clock" was one of the first hit records of the rock-and-roll era. At the same time of their live appearance, they were starring in the movie "Don't Knock the Rock" playing at drive-in theaters around the state, including the Sky-Line in Madison, the Star-Dust in Seymour, the Bel-Air in Richmond, and the East Side in Terre Haute.

1990 – Indiana was hit with 37 tornadoes in one day. They roared through 31 counties, killing 8 people and injuring over 200. Governor Evan Bayh sent the National Guard to Bedford and Petersburg, the hardest-hit areas. State Police set up a temporary command post to assist injured and homeless residents.

Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

State Road 37

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

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

96th Street

96th Street between Sargent Road and Cumberland Road is currently closed. During this time, the Sargent Road roundabout will be constructed, the bridge over Mud Creek will be replaced with a widened structure and additional travel lanes will be added.

Local access will remain open from Lantern Road to the River Life Church. The Sargent Road roundabout is anticipated to reopen in mid-June. 96th Street east of Sargent Road to Cumberland Road will remain closed and is anticipated to reopen in early November. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Lantern Road or Cumberland Road to 106th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

Lantern Road

Lantern Road just north of Technology Drive will be closed for approximately two weeks, weather permitting, while road work is performed. The official detour route will direct drivers to use 126th Street to Allisonville Road to 116th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

Lantern Road is currently closed to through traffic between Appel Drive and Birch Street as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project to improve the storm sewer underneath Lantern Road. The detour route will be 116th Street down Hague Road to 106th Street. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

116th Street

Currently, there are lane restrictions on 116th Street

between Lantern Road to Fishers Center Drive from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Access remains open to local businesses along the route.

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ADA ramp reconstruction and road resurfacing is currently taking place and is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

South Street

South Street is currently closed between Fishers Center Drive and Lantern Road for approximately two weeks. Access to businesses will still be maintained.

Fishers Pointe Boulevard

Fishers Pointe Boulevard will be closed beginning on or after May 27 at the old railroad tracks for approximately nine days, weather permitting, while road work is performed. View the map [here](#).

While this list encompasses numerous project updates, it does not list all DPW projects throughout the city. The most recent projects are detailed, however please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting. The city appreciates motorists' patience and caution while driving through construction sites.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

Acts 13:32-33 (KJV)

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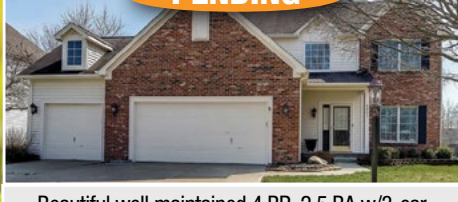
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Aleks Fansler ready to continue Noblesville swimming's tradition of success

By **RICHIE HALL**

Noblesville High School and the Noblesville Swim Club both have a new head swimming coach, but don't expect many changes to the Millers program.

That's because Aleks Fansler, the new head coach, worked closely with recently retired coach Rich Wolfred. Fansler intends to keep the methods and philosophies of Wolfred in place as he takes over the NSC and the Millers' high school program.

"When given the opportunity to come to Noblesville in the first place, being able to work with Rich and learn from Rich was a huge nugget to get me here," said Fansler. "He's done an amazing job of creating a steady and consistent and strong culture."

Fansler is going into his fourth year with the club and the high school. Before that, Fansler said he "was on a coaching tour of the United States." He had a brief stint coaching in Cleveland, and also coached at SwimMac, a successful club in Charlotte, N.C. Fansler is a Fort Wayne native, having graduated from Northrop High School, then from IPFW (now Purdue Fort Wayne) in 2011.

Now he's in Noblesville, ready to carry on the tradition of success there. He had a great mentor in Wolfred, who spent 16 years coaching at the swim club and NHS. Fansler said he and Wolfred have talked about elevating the club, as well as keeping the history and the camaraderie of it in place.

"That's something very important for me to keep around and keep strong," said Fansler. He said Wolfred is still a contact and a good friend.

"In a way, he's going to continue to influence the program," said Fansler. "That's unique also."

One of the things Fansler wants to continue is to inspire leaders, or swimmers that want to be leaders. The way to do that, he said, is to give those swimmers the tools to be good leaders. As for performance in the pool, Fansler said it's "looking for that next edge," whether it be making changes to a stroke or finding



Photos provided

Aleks Fansler is the new head coach for the Noblesville Swim Club and the Noblesville High School swim team. Fansler worked closely with previous coach Rich Wolfred, and wants to continue the methods and philosophies that have made Noblesville Swimming successful.

that next bit of speed. "That's a fun puzzle to figure out," he said.

"I'm excited for our boys team," said Fansler. "Our boys team is really fired up. We've got a lot of really good boys that have come in from our Age Group program."

The girls also have quite a bit to look forward to. They bring back swimmers such as Sophie Resner, a school record holder for the sectional.

"Our relays are really inspired to place higher," said Fansler. "For those girls, a big piece of the puzzle is inspiring the rest of the program, getting them excited, too. There's a really fun buzz of energy that we have right now."

Like other swimming programs, No-

blesville has been on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Swimmers usually are off for no more than one or two weeks, but now it's been for an extended period of time.

"It's definitely a unique situation," said Fansler. "It's one of the first times in my career that I've had to start coaching kids that have been out of the water for more than three months."

Fansler and his swimmers have spent their times in Zoom meetings, looking how to restructure and focus on what they can do. The coach pointed out that with no meets for the foreseeable future, the swimmers have "a pretty significant amount of time to make some amazing changes to their swimming" that will

benefit them in the long run.

Fansler said one of the hardest things to deal with as a coach is how to keep his swimmers in a racing mindset.

"We have to change how we are thinking about practices here and there. It's kind of embracing a unique opportunity we have and for me, being excited about the weird circumstances that we are coaching in and finding a way to be successful in that."

USA Swimming has put a hold on sanctioning meets for the time being, so unfortunately, Noblesville Swim Club's annual Enchanted Forest meet, which usually takes place in July, is postponed. Fansler said the club is looking to see if it will postpone the meet to August, or possibly have to cancel it for the year.

The club got back in the pool on Monday, with a resourceful way to practice social distancing and allow it to help out other clubs. The club converted Forest Park's main pool from 10 50-meter lanes to 21 25-yard lanes.

"It ends up being pretty cool because we can fit more teams in the water and allows us to utilize that space better," said Fansler.

Noblesville Swim Club has invited other clubs to practice at the converted Forest Park, as those clubs' facilities are still closed. Fishers has begun practices there, along with the Carmel, Westfield and Southeastern clubs.

"It's going to be a busy pool," said Fansler.



The Forest Park main pool has been converted from 10 50-meter lanes to 21 25-yard lanes. This will allow for social distancing and let other swim clubs practice at the pool.

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Four county players selected to North/South Senior Tennis All-Star Teams

Four Hamilton County tennis players were among those selected to the 22nd Annual North/South Senior Tennis All-Star Teams by the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association on Saturday.

Three of them are from Hamilton Southeastern: Adalyn De Witt, Audrey De Witt and Taylor Cleary. Guerin Catholic's Jenna Patton was also selected.

Typically, the players compete in an All-Star Cup, however due to the current pandemic, the teams will be recognized with a virtual ceremony. A video introducing the players will be available on the ICGSA website (www.icgsa.org) on Sunday, June 14.

NCAA baseball umpire details impact of work stoppage due to COVID-19

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD
WISH-TV

Back in high school, Danny Jimenez's first uniform involved flipping burgers.

"I did that one day and I went home and told my dad, 'Well, I will never do that again,'" Jimenez said.

A visit with the Frankton-Anderson, Indiana local Little League followed, and an offer soon came Jimenez's way: become a baseball umpire and \$10 per game is all yours.

At the time, Jimenez was happy to stick around the game he loved growing up and decided to give it a chance.

Now, nearly three decades later, he is

still calling balls and strikes. That can't-miss smile is still loving every minute behind home plate on diamonds across the Midwest.

"It is pretty intense," Jimenez said. "I always tell people, this is my 16th year of NCAA Division I baseball and my 26th year of umpiring overall. When I step on the field, I still get those butterflies during the national anthem."

"It is a pretty incredible experience."

This spring, umpires' game checks were completely wiped away. This year has been a painful time for every aspect of baseball and at every level of the game.

According to Jimenez, the lost income

of umpires this spring varies based on the level of competition.

"You are looking at an average (loss) from anywhere between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for a local IHSAA (Indiana High School Athletic Association) high school umpire," Jimenez said. "At the (NCAA) Division I level, it is anywhere between \$25,000 to \$35,000 to \$40,000 (per umpire) loss."

According to Jimenez, the majority of umpires in his circles at the NCAA, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and IHSAA levels do not rely on their game checks as their primary source of income.

Nonetheless, families across the industry are dealing with the burden of no baseball this spring due to the coronavirus pandemic. This is a tight-knit community that, at its core, protects the integrity of the game.

"As you start to get into that fraternity of the umpiring, it is just that camaraderie, those friendships, that you have gained over the years," Jimenez said. "That along with level of competition on the field is the best part."

Whenever you can get back to the ballgame, take a moment and cheer for the story that is standing right in front of us. It's been a tough 2020 behind home plate, too.



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

Danny Jimenez is in his 16th year of umpiring Division I baseball and 26th year of umpiring overall. He and other spring umpires had to deal with lost income as the COVID-19 pandemic forced games to be canceled this spring.

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