

Jack Russell named president of OneZone Chamber of Commerce

The REPORTER

Jack Russell, interim president of OneZone, Inc., has been named to the permanent president role by the OneZone Board of Directors following a regional search.

According to OneZone Board President Kathy Krusie, "Jack's commitment, energy and creative ideas for how to support the business communities in Carmel and Fishers set him apart from the other candidates. His connections with key stakeholders across Central Indiana will provide a solid foundation for our col-

laborative efforts moving forward."

Russell was named interim president following the retirement of Mo Merhoff in March. He served as president of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce for two years before being named chief operating officer of OneZone in May 2018. Russell is a graduate of Indiana University and currently serves as a board member for the Indiana Chamber Executive Association and as a member of the



Russell

Hamilton County Workforce Recovery Task Force.

About OneZone

Launched in 2015 with the merger of the Carmel and Fishers Chambers of Commerce, OneZone serves the business interests of its 1,300 collective members. OneZone is a stronger voice, has a significant presence and acts as a business advocate in an ever-changing marketplace on behalf of its members. For more information, visit onezonecommerce.com.

For the love of gummy worms

If laughter is good for the soul then I have a good soul. My mother not only led me to find Jesus but she has led me down the paths of laughter ... and she still is doing so.

Mom may have lost her ability to walk without great pain and lost much of her ability to hear well, but she has not lost her sense of humor. Believe me when I say her ability to laugh is alive and well.

The quarantine during the pandemic has been challenging to say the least. On Fridays, Mom's speech pathologist, Julie, has been having her FaceTime with me.

The first time Mom saw me on the screen she said, "Well, there you are! Are you sick? If you are sick then you need to tell me. You would tell me if you are sick, wouldn't you?"

Mom, I'm fine. It's 9:00 a.m. and I have not put on any makeup since I am not planning to go anywhere.

"Jan, you don't need to be going anywhere with this virus thing going on. You are old and if you get it, you could die. Stay home, but if you do go to the store would you get me some sour candy? I'd sure love some. Maybe you could find someone to go to the store for us."

Mom, I can go. I'll put on my makeup and my mask and zip into the drug store. I should be fine.

I ran into CVS and found Mom some sour gummy worms. She always liked gummy worms. I went to pay for them and was met by a sign that told me how to proceed and to stay within the guidelines of the CDC.

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COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

Carmel urging small businesses to take pledge, 'shop healthy', protect employees, customers

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel is launching a new initiative with the aim of keeping the community safe from the spread of germs by asking local businesses and retailers to sign on and "Take the Pledge" to implement a number of precautions designed to protect both employees and customers.

Among the measures are wearing face masks, requiring frequent handwashing, providing hand sanitizers and practicing proper physical distancing. Businesses who take this pledge will receive a window cling that can be displayed to assure customers of all the steps taken to ensure their health and the health of employees.

In addition, the city will post a list of businesses on its [COVID-19 information page](#) that have agreed to sign on to the pledge.

"As we begin to reconnect as a community and the summer weather kicks in, it is important that we remain dili-



gent about stopping the spread of the COVID-19 virus in hopes of avoiding a resurgence of this potentially deadly disease," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "This pledge will show that our local business community cares about the health and well-being of our community and our visitors who come to patronize our shops."

Below are the pledges that businesses are being asked to take:

- Require employees to wear a mask/face covering per CDC guidelines

- Require all guests over the age of 4 years to wear a mask/face covering; masks will be made available for customers who do not have their own
 - Require frequent handwashing for all employees with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not available, businesses will provide at least a 60 percent alcohol-based hand sanitizer per CDC guidelines
 - Provide hand sanitation for all customers
 - Require workers with a fever or flu-like symptoms to stay home
 - Practice physical distancing
 - Follow Hamilton County and CDC guidelines for commercial, retail and restaurants
 - Provide contactless pay
 - Provide general COVID-19 awareness training for all employees
- Business owners interested in taking this pledge should [click here](#).

NHS student pays it forward for 20 years

The REPORTER

Charlie Ratcliffe, 18, is an incoming Noblesville High School (NHS) senior whose passion for community service has earned him the Levinson Family Lifetime Philanthropy award. The award goes to one young man and one young woman who show not only excellent academic achievement but also passion for making an impact through community involvement and volunteerism.

Ratcliffe was anonymously nominated by NHS teachers for his academic performance, volunteerism and other factors that made him stand out.

Ratcliffe has volunteered his time to the White River Food Pantry; he has worked at Good Samaritan holiday events helping serve food to people in need; he has packaged meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas for people in need; and has given his time to Meals on Wheels on Thanksgiving, bringing meals to people who could not leave their homes.

As part of the process, Ratcliffe had a social-distance friendly Zoom interview with a three-person award panel about his community involvement and his thoughts on improving Noblesville. Ever the fan of the outdoors, some of his suggestions included more greenspace in the community.

Having won the award, Ratcliffe's \$500 will be donated to the charity of his



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Last winter in Peru, Charlie Ratcliffe hiked to a pod on side of mountain and spent the night in the great outdoors.

choice for the next 20 years, a total of \$10,000. Each year Ratcliffe will pick a charity to receive the donation in his name.

"During a time of unrest I couldn't be more proud of his heart!" said Rebecca Gordon, Ratcliffe's mother.

Feeding Neighbors will keep serving local families



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Feeding Neighbors is excited to announce that, due to recent donations, the initiative has enough money to serve for at least for another six months. You can still donate by inquiring at info@feedingneighbors.org. Feeding Neighbors was launched by Carmel City Center restaurant divvy by partnering with Pedcor Companies. divvy is owned by Carmel City Councilor, Kevin 'Woody' Rider.

HSE board approves contract extension for Supt. Allen Bourff

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

The Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board voted unanimously Monday night to extend the contract with Superintendent Allen Bourff for an additional year, through June 30, 2022.

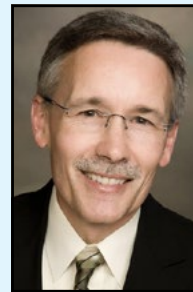
In the year beginning July 1, 2020, Dr. Bourff will receive a base salary of \$195,658, plus benefits. At Dr. Bourff's request, he will waive incentive pay to which he is contractually entitled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

One wonders whether the superintendent is already planning for retirement. The board approved an addendum to Dr. Bourff's contract allowing him to confer

high school diplomas to his grandchildren in the HSE School District after his retirement.

In another board matter, Executive Director of Staff and Student Services Kim Lippe says the HSE High School principal position closed Friday. Dr. Bourff told the board the administration will move expeditiously but carefully in making that selection, but could put forth a recommendation to the board at the next meeting in two weeks.

Chad Cripe resigned as HSE High School principal in order to accept an offer to serve as a school superintendent for the Oak Hill School Corporation in the northern Indiana community of Converse.



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GUMMY WORMS ———

County veterans offered transportation

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The cashier told me just to use the self-serve check out. (Have I mentioned how challenging a self-serve check out is for me?)

I scanned the gummy worms. I told the cashier I had a coupon and asked how to use it. I followed her instructions and the screen told me that my coupon was invalid with my CVS Care Card. I had Chuck's coupon and MY Care card. I paid full price for the gummy worms. It was fine as I spare no expense when it comes to making my mom happy.

I drove to her health campus and just felt in my heart and soul that I was a good daughter. I had risked

my life to go to a store and get her what she wanted. I had wrestled with the self-serve check out.

I drove home and waited to hear that she was happy with her gummy worms. I heard nothing.

The next day I called her and asked, "How were the gummy worms?"

Mom responded with, "Well they burnt my mouth so I gave them to the lady across the hall. I hope that was okay."

I laughed and told her it was fine. I am 64. She is 94. She is still telling me what to do. And ... she is still making me laugh and taking care of my soul.

By **FRED SWIFT**
ReadTheReporter.com

In the next several weeks, a new van will be available for Hamilton County veterans in need of transportation to Veterans Hospital or other medical appointments. County Commissioners agreed Monday to pay half the cost of the vehicle, estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Any county resident who is a veteran of U.S. military service is eligible for the free service by calling the Veteran Service office at (317) 776-8278.

Interim service officer Lisa Charles said the program actually started last year with an older vehicle. It was utilized by only a few hundred veterans throughout the year.

The transportation program, offered in a number of counties, is administered by the Indiana Veterans Administration which calls upon volunteers to do the driving Monday through Friday.

While the county will pay half the cost of the new vehicle, the Disabled Veterans organization will pay the other half of the cost.

Cool Creek Summer Concert Series suspended

The REPORTER

In light of the uncertainty and lingering threat posed to the public by the COVID-19 pandemic, Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, with direction provided by its park board members, has made the difficult decision to suspend its popular Cool Creek Summer Concert Series. The safety and well-being of the community, park staff and volunteers remain the park department and board's priority.

Christopher Gullion, the park department's Event Coordinator, has arranged for bands that had been scheduled to play in the summer series to perform free makeup concerts, as part of the Concerts in the Centerpiece "Extended Series" at Coxhall Gardens this fall.

The special concert series is slated to take place on Sundays, from Sept. 6 to Oct. 11, with the two





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The free fall makeup concerts will be held at The Centerpiece at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel.

makeup concerts being performed by The Flying Toasters on Oct. 4 and The Doo! Band on Oct. 11. Performance times are 5 to 7 p.m.

Coxhall Gardens is located at 116th Street and Towne Road, Carmel. Complete concert details can be found by visiting myhamiltoncountyparks.com, at the County Parks department's [Facebook page](#), or by calling (317) 770-4400.



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


– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

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

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.





What's new for 2020?

The Atlas Cross Sport.



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Noblesville Parks & Rec releases Summer Concert Series lineup

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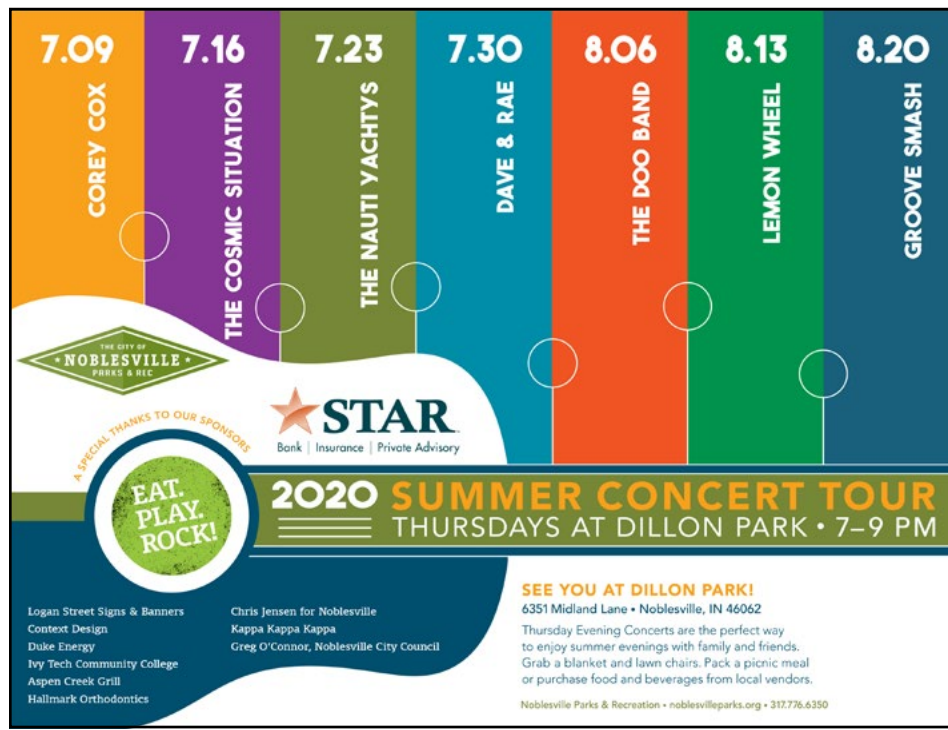
The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department has released its 2020 Summer Concert Series lineup. The series typically starts in June, but due to restrictions on mass gatherings, this year's annual Thursday night concert series will run July 9 through Aug. 20.

The series kicks off with Indiana native Corey Cox at 7 p.m. on July 9 at Dillon Park, 6351 Midland Lane. STAR Bank returns as the presenting sponsor of the series.

Like last year, all seven concerts will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings at Dillon Park, where an average of 1,000 people from Noblesville and its surrounding community enjoy each show.

The CDC social distancing guidelines will remain in place during the concert series and attendees are asked to plan for those changes, including keeping a distance of six feet from others. The event lawn at Dillon Park has a capacity of 4,000 people, which allows space for attendees to spread out and enjoy the concerts.

The City of Noblesville follows the Governor's Back on Track plan and will continue monitoring



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for any changes that could impact future events or the concert series.

"We always look forward to the summer concerts, but this year we needed to delay the start of the season and we're thankful the bands were able to reschedule some dates. We are excited to welcome STAR Bank back again this year and appreciate their generosity and commitment to offering free concerts to the Noblesville community," said Noblesville Parks

Director Brandon Bennett. "The Noblesville Summer Concert Series is the longest running series of its kind in Hamilton County and one of our most popular parks events. This free series allows friends and families alike to enjoy live music accompanied by fun, food and festivities right in their own backyard."

The annual Noblesville Summer Concert Series is funded 100 percent from donations. In addition to presenting sponsor STAR

Bank, the city would like to thank fellow sponsors: Logan Street Signs and Banners, Context Design, Duke Energy, Chris Jensen for Noblesville, Hallmark Orthodontics, Ivy Tech Community College, Kappa Kappa Kappa, and Noblesville City Councilman Greg O'Connor.

Those interested in becoming a sponsor and supporting the series should contact Kristi Spiehler at (317) 776-6350 or kspiehler@noblesville.in.us.



Who was the first woman to graduate from Hanover College?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

1867 – The Soldiers' and Sailors' Home opened in Knightstown. The institution became home to not only disabled military veterans, but also their widows and children. The facility is now the base for the Indiana National Guard Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy.

1883 – Calla Harrison became the first woman to graduate from Hanover College. Women had attended classes at Hanover as early as 1869, but she was the first to graduate with a diploma. She went on to serve as a missionary in Japan and later worked with Japanese immigrants in Hawaii.

1906 – The new Army post in Indianapolis was officially named for President Benjamin Harrison, who had died five years earlier. The designation came at the suggestion of Harrison's son, Russell, and the approval of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had worked in the Harrison administration. The official announcement came from Secretary of War William Howard Taft.

1930 – The official dedication ceremony was held

for the Evansville Municipal Airport. The facility was built on 260 acres along Highway 41. Concrete runways were 100 feet wide and 1,200 feet long. Over 3,000 people came to the opening ceremonies to view air races, parachute drops, and other demonstrations.

1947 – The Wilking Music Store in Indianapolis advertised the Emerson Model 537 console radio-phonograph. It was one of the first on the market to have both AM and FM bands. FM was brand new technology which offered static-free high-fidelity sound. The Model 537 had 11 tubes and could play both 10-inch and 12-inch records. The sale price was \$299.95, which is over \$3,000 in today's dollars.

1964 – A private plane carrying Indiana Senator Birch Bayh and his wife Marvella crashed into an apple orchard in Southampton, Mass. Bayh pulled fellow Senator Edward Kennedy from the wreckage. Bayh and his wife were not seriously injured. Kennedy suffered a broken back. Pilot Edwin Zinny and Kennedy aide Edward Moss were both killed.

Fishers road construction updates, week of June 15

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 east of the Sargent Road roundabout to Cumberland Road is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in early November. During this time, the bridge over Mud Creek will be replaced with a widened structure and additional travel lanes will be added. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Lantern Road or Cumberland Road to 106th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

116th Street

All westbound lanes on 116th Street from Brooks School Road to Hoosier Road is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen by Monday, June 15 while the Department of Public Works performs road repairs. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Brooks School Road to 126th Street to Hoosier

Road. View the detour map [here](#).

North Street

Currently, North Street at the Nickel Plate Trail Crossing is closed while road work is performed and is anticipated to reopen on Wednesday, June 17.

South Street

South Street is currently closed to thru traffic between Fishers Center Drive and Lantern Road until July 8. Access to businesses will be maintained.

Lantern Road

Lantern Road between Appel Drive and Birch Street is closed to through traffic until July 8. Access for local traffic will be maintained. The detour route will be 116th Street down Hague Road to 106th Street. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

Auburn Springs Subdivision

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

Fishers Connect App

The new Fishers Connect app offers a one-stop shop for your City of Fishers services. Broken street light? Pothole in the road? Fallen tree limbs in the street? The free app provides an easy way for you to report nonemergency issues within the community related to city-maintained roadways, street signs, water, sewer, street lights and park infrastructure elements. The app also provides quick links to city information and forms related to city services. Download the app in the App Store or on Google play.

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.

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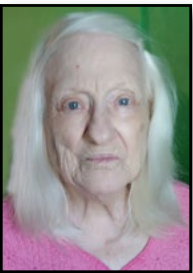
Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

Acts 14:14-16 (KJV)

Lorene Wells

November 23, 1927 – June 12, 2020

Lorene Wells, 92, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on November 23, 1927 to Estill and Virginia (Hughes) Carter in Lee County, Va.



Private graveside services will be held at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Lorene's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

James Michael “Mike” Held

November 27, 1945 – June 10, 2020

James Michael “Mike” Held, 74, Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at his home. He was born on November 27, 1945 to Jim and Marian (Schmalstig) Held in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Mike was a proud graduate of Xavier University, and was a faithful member of Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church. Always the life of the party, Mike never met a stranger, and impacted countless friends and families with his story-telling, quick wit, and his infectious laugh and smile. His wife Patti was his best friend, and the apple of his eye. He was a proud dad and “crapaw” to his grandkids who treasured his family every sport there was, being outdoors, and mostly, making others smile.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Patti Held; daughters, Karly (Adam) Stevenson, Lindsey (Jeff) Carmichael and Michelle Held (Jason Allen); siblings, Dave (Jane) Held, Marilyn (John) Wittman, Jude Held (Don Bengel), Sue (Don) Bryant, Di Icenogle-Held, Joe (Nancy) Held and Barbee (Keith) Beito; grandchildren, Luke and Kinley Stevenson, Zoey Carmichael, Jakob Anderson and one little granddaughter on the way; in-laws, Bob and Virginia Ruehle; sisters-in-law, Sherry Bednarik (Bill Clary) and Lynn (Patrick) Broderick; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandchild, Clay Stevenson, in 2014.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, with Rev. Michael Bower and Rev. Dan Gartland officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Indiana Chapter, 11550 N. Meridian St., Carmel, IN 46032, or American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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Prepare for severe weather, don't wait until it's too late

The REPORTER

Indiana storms in the spring and summer can produce potentially damaging weather. Knowing what to do before and after a storm can help protect your family and your property.

“Far too often residents of Indiana are not aware if they have adequate coverage from their insurance policies, especially when it comes to damage as a result of storms that produce heavy rains and cause flooding. The Department urges Hoosiers to review their insurance policies, including rental insurance to make sure they understand their coverage before a disaster hits,” said Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson.

The Indiana Department of Insurance offers tips on disaster preparedness, including what to do before and after a storm hits, and how to protect yourself from fraud.

Understanding extreme weather hazards

Check the weather online or a broadcast outlet every morning to better understand what the day may bring. Unpredictable weather means storms can come on quickly, taking you by surprise. Consider the following:

- Tornadoes can hit anywhere, anytime. Of the 50 states, 49 have experienced a tornado since 2005. Make sure to identify a shelter and practice an annual family tornado drill.
- Lightning is common, even if getting struck is rare. Stay inside during a lightning storm and take precautions such as unplugging your appliances and avoid talking on a phone.
- Flash floods are the cause of the most deaths associated with severe weather. Just one inch of water can cause \$20,000 in damage to your home. If you live in a 100-year floodplain, there's more than a 25 percent chance that you'll be flooded during a 30-year mortgage. In that period, you are 27 times more likely to experience a flood than have a fire. It takes just 12 inches of rushing water to carry away a car. Don't ever drive or walk into flood waters and never underestimate the power of flowing water.

Create a home inventory
To make the claims process easier, create a home inventory of your belongings. Include identifying information about your possessions (brand name, price, purchase date, model, serial number and receipts) and take photos. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) has created a free smartphone app that will help you create a database of your possessions. The app is available for **iPhone** and **Android**. A simple-to-use printable **home inventory checklist** is also available.

If you don't have time to create a full list of the items in your home, consider videotaping and/or taking photographs in every room. The more detail you include, the easier it will be for your insurer to evaluate your loss. When making your list, open drawers and closets, and don't forget to document what's in your basement, garage and storage buildings.

Once you've created your inventory, send the information to your insurance agent and/or keep it on your app.

Collect your insurance information
Before a storm hits, review your insurance policies. Make sure you know what is and is not covered. If you have questions, contact your insurance agent or insurer.

Store electronic copies of your insurance policies with your home inventory and keep paper files in a safety deposit box. Make sure to have a copy of your policy declarations page listing all of your coverages, as well as your insurance cards. Collect the 24-hour contact information for your insurance agent and insurer and enter it as a contact on your smartphone. Make a list that includes your policy numbers, insurer and insurance agent's phone numbers, website addresses and mailing addresses. Also, check to see if the company or agent has an emergency information hotline. It is a good idea to store this information — and your home inventory — in a waterproof, fireproof box or safe. If you evacuate your home, take this information with you.

Note: Flood damage is generally not covered by a standard homeowners or renter's insurance policy. If you have a separate **flood insurance policy**, remember to include a copy of the policy and the contact

details for the insurer on your list. Flood is a covered event in most auto insurance policies. If you need flood insurance, you'll want to purchase it now because typically there is a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before the policy goes into effect. For more information about flood insurance, **check out this consumer alert** issued by the Indiana Department of Insurance.

Prepare for the worst
To help lessen the damage caused by a storm, take stock of your home. Clear your yard of debris that could become projectiles in high winds and trim dead or overhanging branches from trees surrounding your home. Ensure the roof sheathing is properly secured. Fasten end gables to the roof. Latch doors and garage doors properly. Secure shutters and outdoor furniture.

For personal safety, identify the nearest storm shelter and have an emergency or evacuation plan for your family. Practice your evacuation plan, making sure everyone knows where emergency supplies are stored. Have a storm survival kit that includes bottled water, a first-aid kit, flashlights, a battery-operated radio, at least three days of nonperishable food items, blankets, clothing, prescription drugs, eyeglasses and personal hygiene supplies.

If you must evacuate your home, turn off all utilities and disconnect appliances, reducing the chance of additional damage and electrical shock when utilities are restored.

For more information about how to prepare your family and home for weather threats, visit the **American Red Cross**.

After the storm
The days following a natural disaster can be confusing and stressful, but report your insurance claim(s) as quickly as possible to help protect your financial future. Contact your insurer and/or agent with your policy number and other relevant information. Be aware that your policy might require that you make this notification within a certain time frame.

Document damage by taking photographs/video before you begin any clean-up. After you've documented the damage, make repairs necessary to prevent further

harm to your property (cover broken windows, leaking roofs and damaged walls). Don't make permanent repairs until your insurer has inspected the property and you have reached an agreement on the cost. Be prepared to provide the claims adjuster with records of any improvements you made prior to the damage. Save all receipts, including those from temporary fixes.

If your home is damaged to the extent that you cannot live there, ask your insurer or insurance agent if you have coverage for additional living expenses.

Work with your insurer to learn what documents, forms and data you need for your claim. Keep a diary of all conversations you have with the insurer and your insurance agent, including names, times and dates of the calls or visits, and contact details. Provide your insurer with all of the requested information, as incorrect or incomplete information may delay your claim.

If the first offer made by the insurer does not meet your expectations, be prepared to negotiate. If there is a disagreement about the claim, ask the insurer for the specific language in the policy and determine why you and the insurer interpret your policy differently. If you believe you are being treated unfairly, contact the Indiana Department of Insurance.

Protect yourself from fraud

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Focusing on reps and fun . . .

Grand Park to host 7-on-7, lineman camps beginning Monday

By RICHIE HALL

Beginning on Monday, the sounds of football will be heard at Grand Park.

The campus is hosting two camps over the next four weeks. First is the Grand Park 7-on-7 Football Camp, which is for players in grades 3-12. Then there is the Grand Park Lineman Camp, in which prospective linemen in grades 7-12 will



Trnian

work with former NFL players, including Indianapolis Colts star Robert Mathis.

Both camps take place on Mondays and Wednesdays. Session 1 is June 15 and 17, Sessions 2 takes place June 22 and 24, Session 3 is set for June 29 and July 1, and Session 4 wraps up the camps on July 6 and 8.

The intent of the camps is to allow young players to get back out on the field after having spent spring inside due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We wanted to make sure that we offered a camp that would allow kids to get out and just play and have some fun," said Matt Trnian, the Facility Operations Manager at Grand Park. "We wanted to allow that avenue for those kids to partake in football activity before the season got started this upcoming fall."

"Right now, we're at about 300 registrations for camp," said Trnian. "We are still anticipating a large group to still walk up. We are allowing walk-up registrations. At any point, kids are welcome to join. You can sign up for multiple weeks, or just one week at a time."

Walk-up registration is available at the cost of \$50 per week. Athletes can participate for as many weeks as they wish, from one week to all four.

"We wanted to make this as inclusive as possible," said Trnian. "So we wanted to make sure that we allowed for folks that may have already had scheduled vacations to be able to still be a part of the camp."

The camps will take place on three fields, F6, F7 and F8. That will allow for plenty of space for the athletes and coaches.

"We have the ability to spread out on our campus," said Trnian. "We're limiting the three fields that we are using at this time to 250 per time slot. So as of right now, I feel pretty good with where we're at in regards to the numbers, how they break up between the two time slots that we have. But if we were to exceed that, then we would just need to extend our camp into more fields on campus."

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Grand Park's fields F6, F7 and F8 will be the site of two football camps beginning on Monday. The Grand Park 7-on-7 Football Camp is for grades 3-12, with the focus on giving players many reps and fun. Also, the Grand Park Lineman Camp, for grades 7-12, will see former Indianapolis Colts player Robert Mathis and other NFL stars help young linemen develop their technique and hone their skills.

coach Lance Scheib is the Director of Operations at the camps, and said he has been working with Grand Park, saying that he was "blown away" by their professionalism and dedication to keeping every athlete safe.

"That has been something that I've been very impressed with," said Scheib.

SAFETY, REPS AND FUN

The 7-on-7 camp has two times: Grades 3-8 will have their camp from 6 to 7:15 p.m., and high school campers (grades 9-12) participate from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. The lineman camp is also from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. for grades 7-12.

For the 7-on-7 camp, The two different age groups (grades 3-8 and high school) will have slightly different formats. The grades 3-8 campers, Scheib said, will play "both sides of the ball" and get "rep after rep after rep" — that's his

mantra for the camp.

"The biggest key for this, we're following all the guidelines in front of us so we keep the kids safe, first," said Scheib. "Secondly, they get a lot of reps and thirdly, they have a lot of fun. If those three things happen, then I feel like we've had a successful camp for them."

As for the high school campers, they will be playing true 7-on-7, either offense or defense. But the goals is the same as it is for the younger campers, said Scheib: To "keep them safe and to have fun and get tons of reps." It will also help those older players to get back on the field and begin acclimating themselves to football-type situations, as high school practices are not too far away.

"There is a component of coaching," said Scheib. "We are going to coach on the fly, we are going to make our correc-

tions as a staff on the fly. It's never going to disrupt the flow of the 7-on-7. The parents and kids are incredibly surprised on how many quality reps they're going to get."

The lineman camp will operate among the same lines. This camp will be led by Mathis, the former Colts defensive end who holds the record for most strip-sacks with 47, and has 123 career sacks. Also attending are Nick Hardwick, a Pro Bowl center and former player with the San Diego Chargers, and Daniel Muir, a former defensive tackle.

Scheib said the lineman camp is about technique, in addition to having fun and getting "lots of reps."

"If you're looking to get back to hone your skills to be an offensive and defensive lineman, then you want to attend," said Scheib.

Also at Grand Park . . .

Two baseball tournaments on deck for this week

Activity is continuing to ramp back up at Grand Park, as the campus will host two baseball tournaments this week.

The Midwest Prospect League will play from Tuesday through Saturday. Teams in five divisions, ranging from

13u to 17u, will be competing. The event will be in a round-robin format and is designed for players to "showcase their talents in front of colleges," according to information on the Bullpen Tournaments website.

On Thursday, the Youth Amateur Baseball Championships begin. This tournament runs through Sunday and will feature teams from across the Midwest. Divisions range from 8u to 12u, with teams playing four pool games before

proceeding to bracket play. A total of 80 to 90 teams are expected to participate.

Information on upcoming events is available at the Grand Park website, www.grandpark.org.

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County golf results

Noblesville's Kenny Cook part of three-way tie for first at Northern Open

Noblesville's Kenny Cook was part of a three-way tie for first place at the Indiana PGA Northern Open, which took place Monday at Delaware Country Club in Muncie.

Cook shared the championship with Connersville's John Gordon and West Lafayette's Cole Bradley; all of them shot a three-under par 67 in the one-round tournament. Cook had six birdies in his round.

Ty Gingerich of Russiaville, a Guerin Catholic graduate, tied for sixth place with a one-under 69. Gingerich, now playing at the University of Cincinnati, made four birdies.

Carmel's Daven Bhagar made an eagle on hole No. 3; he finished tied for 26th with a score of 72.

Here is a list of other Hamilton County finishers:

T12. Austin Vukovits, Noblesville, 70; Zach Dryer, Noblesville, 70; Jeremy Sims, Carmel, 70, T22. Nels Surtani, Noblesville, 71; Joe Butto, Noblesville, 71, T26. Lee Crannell, Carmel, 72; Daven Bhagar, Carmel, 26, T38. Parker Deakyne, Noblesville, 73; Steve Norris, Carmel, 73; Evan Bone, Westfield, 38, T46. Rick Witt, Noblesville, 74; Kevin Stone, Carmel, 74; Fred Mattingly, Noblesville, 74, T56. Mike O'Toole, Noblesville, 75; Brad Mays, Pebble Brook GC, 75, T67. Mike Bell, Carmel, 76; Thomas Lewis, Westfield, 76, T72. Mike Cline, Carmel, 77, T82. Jacob Deakyne, Noblesville, 78, T87. Jack Barnes, Noblesville, 79; Doug Meade, Carmel, 79; T93. Jeff Adamson, Fishers, 80, T101. Jaxon Stutz, Noblesville, 81, T106. Beau Bricker, Noblesville, 82, T110. Michael Admire, Noblesville, 83, T114. Kaleb Freshwater, Fishers, 85, T120. Luke Mattingly, Fishers, 87.

Birdies made: Vukovits 5, Sims 5, Dryer 4, Surtani 4, Butto 4, Bell 3, Lewis 3, Barnes 3, Deakyne 2, Norris 2, Witt 2, Stone 2, O'Toole 2, Mays 2, Cline 2, Crannell 1, Bone 1, F. Mattingly 1, Adamson 1, Stutz 1, Bricker 1, Admire 1, Freshwater 1, L. Mattingly 1.

Two county duos played in the Girls Team Championship, which took place Monday at Hillview Country Club in Franklin.

Carmel's Averie Reiter and Westfield Brette Hanavan tied for fifth with an 81, while Noblesville's Bella Deibel and Taylor Caldwell finished seventh with an 83.

More results will run in later editions of the Reporter.



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