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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.  
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Better chance overnight.

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# One-of-a-kind Hamilton County pageant

## Noblesville's Rachel Read reigns as your 4-H Fair Queen

The REPORTER

The 60th Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant was a bit different than any that had come before. Host Adam Goode called it an "unusual year" as social distancing protocols prevented the public from attending the event.

On Friday afternoon, judges interviewed each contestant individually. By the end of the night, they named 19-year-old Rachel Read of Noblesville (Giddy Up Gang) as your 2020 Hamilton County 4-H Queen. Rachel is the daughter of Ryan and Jennifer Read. She has completed 37 projects during her time in 4-H. She is a sophomore at Butler University.

First Runner-up is 17-year-old Laura Vaughan of Noblesville (Lucky Robots). Laura is the daughter of George and Lisa Vaughan. She has completed 119 projects during her time with 4-H. Laura is a home-schooled senior.

Second Runner-up is 17-year-old Anneliese Jessee of Noblesville (Heartland 4-H'ers). Anneliese is the daughter of Anthony and Kimberly Jessee. She has completed 45 projects during her time with 4-H. Anneliese is a senior at Noblesville High School.

Third Runner-up is 18-year-old Caitlin Hartwick of Cicero (Husky 4-H'ers). Caitlin is the daughter of Chad and Cheri Hartwick. She has completed 44 projects during her time with 4-H. Caitlin is a freshman at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Fourth Runner-up is 16-year-old Delaney Howard of Noblesville (Stringtown Pikers). Delaney is the daughter of Brad and Pam Howard. She has completed 22 projects during her time with 4-H. Delaney is a junior at Noblesville High School.





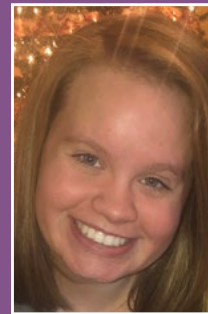
The award of Miss Congeniality is voted on by the queen pageant contestants, rather than the judges.

Miss Congeniality is 17-year-old Alexandra Matthews of Noblesville (Llama Trekkers). Alexandra is the daughter of



Rachel Read (center) smiles moments after being crowned Hamilton County's 2020 4-H Fair Queen Friday evening.

### Hamilton County's 4-H Queen & Her Court

					
<b>Rachel Read</b> QUEEN <i>Giddy Up Gang Noblesville</i>	<b>Laura Vaughan</b> 1 <sup>ST</sup> RUNNER UP <i>Lucky Robots Noblesville</i>	<b>Anneliese Jessee</b> 2 <sup>ND</sup> RUNNER UP <i>Heartland 4-H'ers Noblesville</i>	<b>Caitlin Hartwick</b> 3 <sup>RD</sup> RUNNER UP <i>Husky 4-H'ers Cicero</i>	<b>Delaney Howard</b> 4 <sup>TH</sup> RUNNER UP <i>Stringtown Pikers Noblesville</i>	<b>Alexandra Matthews</b> MISS CONGENIALITY <i>Llama Trekkers Noblesville</i>

Rick and Stacy Matthews. She has completed 40 projects during her time with 4-H. Alexandra is a senior at Hamilton Heights

High School. She was given the award because she is known for being friendly, helpful, cheerful and enthusiastic.

Our friends at Hamilton County Television provided a live webcast of the pageant, which you can see on Facebook at [this link](#).

## 4-H update: Fair open to 4-H families

The REPORTER

*Editor's note: The following information was provided by the Hamilton County 4-H Council, County Extension Director Susan Peterson, and 4-H Youth Development Extension Education Kathleen Bohde.*

Hamilton County 4-H Families, 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-H'ers, their families, staff and volunteers.** There will be many individual project changes to ensure a safe experience for our youth, but we know by the outpouring from our 4-H community that we can rise to the occasion with everyone's help.

We WILL be following the Purdue University requirements for having an in-person event and we are currently working through the logistics for implementation. We also have the support of the Hamilton County Health Department and are working closely with them to follow state and local guidelines, including complying with the Indiana's Back on Track plan. Please know that we 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 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Exhibit will go forward if the county continues to progress through the stages outlined by Governor Holcomb. Stage 5

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## Riverview Health Foundation, Third Phase Inc. to receive \$1K in COVID relief money

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation are together providing \$25,000 in relief funds to non-profit organizations across the state as part of the Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund. The funds are being allocated to 14 non-profit organizations in communities served by Indiana American Water across the state.

Locally, Riverview Health Foundation and Third Phase Inc. will each receive \$1,000.

The funds provided to Riverview Health Foundation will be used to purchase COVID-19 related supplies and protective

equipment for staff and first responders

Third Phase Inc. will use the funding to help with operating expenses for providing social services in the Noblesville area.

"We are an active participant in every community we serve in Indiana," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "Giving back is an important part of who we are as a company."

"During these unprecedented times, it's more important than ever for us to help the organizations that are assisting residents impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency," Prine said. "We appreciate the work they are doing and are proud to collaborate and support their efforts."

In addition to the grants provided as part of the COVID-19 Response Fund, the American Water Charitable Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization funded by American Water, also contributed \$100,000 in March to Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization. Since 2012, the American Water Charitable Foundation has invested more than \$5.5 million in programs and organizations that are important to American Water employees and the communities it serves.

Each of the Indiana non-profits that received an award experienced an increased demand for their services due to COVID-19.

## HSE school board issues statement on racism

By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](mailto:LarryInFishers.com)

As the Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) school board began its July 8 session, Board President Michelle Fullhart read a statement on behalf of the entire board about racism. She cited an Instagram account, Black at HSE, which features a series of anonymous posts about what the writers describe as racist incidents during their experience as a student at HSE Schools.

"Student voice is a powerful thing," the statement says. "We applaud our students who will not tolerate discrimination of any sort in our schools and are using the platform to advocate for change."

The statement also refers to a petition submitted and signed by over 1,000 local residents asking that school officials "openly address the issue" of racism and "implement real change."

The entire statement read at the school board meeting is below:

On behalf of the board, I would like to

address recent discussions that have taken place nationwide, as well as in our community and on social media concerning racism. An Instagram account was created recently called Black at HSE where current students and alumni are anonymously sharing their experiences of racism they've felt while being in our schools. Student voice is a powerful thing, and we applaud our students who will not tolerate discrimination of any sort in our schools and are using the platform to advocate for change.

We had students speak to the board about racism during the non-discrimination policy discussion last year and have had quite a bit of feedback on the topic, as well. A petition signed by over 1,000 people in our community was sent to us last week, advocating to more openly address this issue and take a stance to implement real change. A few weeks ago our principals sent out heartfelt messages to their communities in support of an



Fullhart

anti-racism agenda.

We, as a district have been working on making this a priority over the past few years, beginning with the hiring of a Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer, Dr. Erica Buchanan-Rivera, who has been elevating this discussion and working with staff and students to bring about positive changes. However, as board members, we

must also do our part.

Next week the board will meet to discuss district goals for the coming school year, and this will be a topic. We, as board members, must do everything we can to ensure that our schools have systems in place that promote anti-racism, equity and inclusion, and are welcome and safe places for our students and staff, and to hold those accountable who don't live up to these ideals. It is our hope that we will have measurable goals for our schools on these topics and that they will bring about positive change for the coming school year and beyond.

## Songbook Academy summer intensive highlights can be seen online

The REPORTER

For the first time ever, the Great American Songbook Foundation will provide streaming online coverage of key events from its annual Songbook Academy® summer intensive, the nation's only youth music intensive focused on the timeless standards of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood.

Next week, 40 select high school vocalists from 16 states coast to coast will experience instruction and mentoring from arts educators, Broadway stars and other entertainment professionals including five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, founder of the Songbook Academy Foundation; pianist-arranger Scott Bradlee, founder of Postmodern Jukebox; Tony and Grammy Award-nominated actress Ashley Park; Tony Award-winning singer-actress Faith Prince; and nine-time Grammy winner Janis Siegel of The Manhattan Transfer.

"Part of the magic of Academy Week is

watching the spontaneous exchanges that occur as these veteran performers pass on their knowledge to a younger generation," said Christopher Lewis, Executive Director of the Great American Songbook Foundation. "Now, in our 11th year, we can share those special moments with the world."

The following events will stream live on the Songbook Academy [Facebook page](#) and be posted for later viewing on the Songbook Foundation's [YouTube channel](#):

**Vocal Technique Lecture – Catherine Walker, University of Michigan**  
Monday, July 13, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Catherine Walker, associate professor of music in the University of Michigan's Department of Theatre, explores the anatomical structure of the voice, the definition of "body mapping," and warmup and cooldown techniques that support overall vocal technique.



Broadway star Laura Osnes and Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein offer advice to Bobby Barksdale of Buffalo, N.Y., during the Public Masterclass at the 2019 Songbook Academy in Carmel.

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## 4-H UPDATE

must be reached by July 4.

We will be developing a virtual component alongside the in-person plan for 4-H members who are unable or choose not to participate in the live event. Please contact the Purdue Extension Hamilton County as soon as possible in order to make arrangements for virtual or other options.

Please be patient with us as we determine exactly how exhibits will look. 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 judg-

ing.” 4-H members will not be present during judging.

- Livestock shows will be a “show and go” format. Many will show off trailers as pen space will be limited as we observe social distancing. 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 vol-

unteers 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.

Hosting an in-person event is going to require extra effort by everyone involved. If you are willing to volunteer during the event, please contact the Extension Office.

Reminder: Completion of your 4-H year is accomplished when your 4-H leader signs off on your record sheets and project manuals. You do not have to participate in an exhibit option.

Thank you for being flexible as we navigate this ever-changing and evolving process. We will be sharing more information as soon as we can.

## SONGBOOK

**Songbook 101 – Michael Feinstein, GASF Archivist Lisa Lobdell and special guests**  
*Tuesday, July 14, 1:45 to 2:45 p.m.*

This session, led by Michael Feinstein and moderated by Songbook Foundation Archivist Lisa Lobdell, will include a behind-the-scenes look at the Foundation’s historical archives and preservation efforts, as well as reflections from friends and relatives of Songbook legends such as Duke Ellington, Meredith (The Music Man) Willson and songwriter Jimmy Van Heusen.

**Public Masterclass sponsored by Ruth’s Chris Steak House – Michael Feinstein and Broadway star Faith Prince**  
*Wednesday, July 15, 3 to 5 p.m.*

Feinstein and Prince critique the performances of 10 randomly selected finalists of the 2020 Songbook

Academy. Questions for Feinstein and Prince to answer at the end of the class can be submitted on the Songbook Academy Facebook page.

**Final Showcase sponsored by Ruth’s Chris Steak House – Michael Feinstein and the 40 finalists**  
*Saturday, July 25, 1 to 8 p.m.*

The Academy culminates in this all-day festival of music, hosted by Feinstein and featuring performances by all 40 finalists. The stream also will include faculty testimonials and special guest appearances, including a duet between Feinstein and Siegel.

Educational opportunities during Songbook Academy are made possible by Ruth’s Chris Steak House, Salon 01 and the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation’s Mentor Champions.


Learn more at [TheSongbook.org](http://TheSongbook.org).

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

– **Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**

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

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

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



# What's new for 2020? The Atlas Cross Sport.



All **Atlas Cross Sport** models come with a touchscreen infotainment display with both Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration. Navigation is optional, as is a reconfigurable digital gauge display and SiriusXM satellite radio. The Volkswagen Car-Net connectivity app allows for remote starting and analytics while a 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot allows occupants to remain connected to the internet with their smart devices while on the go.

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# Noblesville Lions induct Charlie McMillan Jr.



Photo provided

This past Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions held their meeting outside at Forest Park due to COVID-19 concerns. Charlie McMillan Jr. was inducted as a new member. His sponsor is Steve Craig. The club also announced the decision to cancel the Dodgeball Tourney for this year. The club felt the risk of spreading the virus was too great. The event has been rescheduled for Sept. 11, 2021. The club will gladly return any fees and donations to supporters of the tourney. Lion Dave Marsh was recognized for his work chairing the Dodgeball Committee. (From left) Club President Julia Kozicki, Charlie McMillan Jr. and Steve Craig.



Photos provided

## Carmel toothbrush bandit pulls off oral hygiene heist

### The REPORTER

At 4:49 a.m. Tuesday, the suspect pictured entered Walgreens, 1224 S. Range-line Road, Carmel. The suspect stole four Oral-B electronic toothbrushes and two Waterpik flossers.

The suspect is a black male, wearing either gray

sweatpants or very baggy gray jeans, a black T-shirt, a white ball cap and a blue face mask. The suspect's vehicle is a gray Chrysler 300.

Anyone with suspect information is asked to contact Officer Rodriguez at [crodriguez@carmel.in.gov](mailto:crodriguez@carmel.in.gov).

### Meeting Notices

The Arcadia Town Council will have a special meeting to discuss the 2021 budget at 4 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020, at Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Hamilton Heights School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the Walnut Grove Community Center, 12701 E. 256th St., Cicero.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel. An executive session will precede the public meeting at 5:30 p.m.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet for a special session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, in Room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020, in the Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan. An executive session will follow at 7 p.m.

## Community First Bank announces recent promotions and new hire

### The REPORTER

Robb Blume, President and CEO of Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB), is pleased to announce the new roles of Natalie Morrow, Bonnie Riley and Brandon Jeffries.

#### Natalie Morrow

Natalie Morrow has been promoted to Branch Manager of the Junction Crossing Branch. Most recently at CFB, she held the position of Pebble Village Assistant Branch Manager. She was born and raised in Kokomo and began her banking career there in 2005. She started with CFB in 2007 as a part-time float teller for CFB's Howard County branches.

After stepping away from banking in 2011 to raise a family, Morrow came back to work for CFB in May 2018 joining the Hamilton County team and has assisted in opening all three new branches. She currently lives in Noblesville with her husband and five children.

Morrow sits on the board for Noblesville Softball rec league as a Division Commissioner, Umpire in Charge and Public Relations officer. She also helps coach her daughters Isabel and Abigail. She is very excited

to take on this new role with CFB and looks forward to continuing working with the Hamilton County team in growing the bank and carrying out its mission.

#### Bonnie Riley

Bonnie Riley has moved to the role of AVP, Executive Banker. Most recently at CFB, she held the position of Oak Ridge Branch Manager. Bonnie's banking career spans 25 years with her experience beginning at Kentland Bank in Kentland, Ind. She learned the industry starting as a teller, leading her to Assistant Credit Supervisor in Ag-Commercial lending.

After 10 years, Riley joined Regions Bank where she served Indiana, Florida and Texas markets. In 2008, she joined The National Bank of Indianapolis in the Westfield/Carmel market where she served as management and operational leader for 11 years, actively participating in marketing and development efforts.

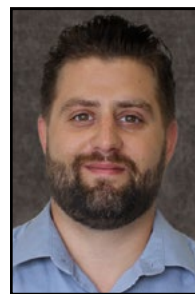
Riley has built a reputation on excellence in client service and fostering strong relationships with her business partners. She joined Community First Bank of Indiana in 2019 to lead the opening of the first Westfield branch. She has been actively involved in the



Morrow



Riley



Jeffries

community, including the local Chambers of Commerce, serving two terms on the Carmel Chamber Membership Committee and 8 years as an ambassador.

Riley is a past student mentor with Starfish Initiative, a former board member of Prom Genie, Inc., and a 2017 graduate of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy. She enjoys running, hiking, biking, and yoga as well as time with her two children, four grandchildren, friends and her Australian Shepherd Max.

#### Brandon Jeffries

Brandon Jeffries has been hired as AVP, Branch Manager of the Oak Ridge Branch. He has been working in the banking industry for 10 years and has held a variety of management positions within Hamilton County.

Jeffries says he enjoys helping individuals develop in their careers and helping

them accomplish their professional goals. He also enjoys being an active member in his community and developing personal relationships with business leaders throughout Hamilton County. He resides in Hamilton County with his wife Leah and their two dogs.

Jeffries is an avid basketball fan and played for Indiana University Kokomo while attending school there. He also enjoys volunteering and has worked with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Kids Against Hunger, Gigi's Playhouse and Stand Up to Cancer.

#### About Community First Bank

Community First Bank was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo, where there are three branches, along with two branches in Westfield and one branch in Noblesville. Additional information can be found at [CFBIndiana.com](http://CFBIndiana.com). Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*

*Acts 16:12-14 (KJV)*

### Steven Kent Allen

February 21, 1952 – April 10, 2020

Steven Kent Allen, 68, Noblesville, went to be "in the hands of the good Lord" on Friday, April 10, 2020. He was born on February 21, 1952 to the late Charles "Punk" and Emma "Jean" (Robbins) Allen in Noblesville.

Steve honorably served in the United States Navy. He was the 1972 Sailor of the Year and nominated Sublance Sailor of the Atlantic Fleet in 1974. He retired in 2010 from Delco/Delphi after 30 years of service. Steve was also a lifelong farmer, jack of all trades, animal lover and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He was a loving husband, brother, stepfather, friend and PROUD Papaw. Steve attended Eagle Creek Evangelical Friends Church and was a member of the Westfield Friends Church and the American Legion.

He is survived by his loving wife, Colleen Allen; twin sister, Susan Allen; stepchildren, Marla Stroup, Brad (Michelle) Stroup, Alysha (Andrew) Currie and Laura (Logan) Bowers; 10 precious grandchildren; as well as many close friends and extended family.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. The family requests social distancing precautions and masks to be worn for those attending.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice in Steve's honor.

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### Spencer Lee Carr

October 11, 1963 – July 9, 2020

Spencer Lee Carr, 56, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on October 11, 1963 to Jerrell and Mary (Scircle) Carr in Noblesville.

Spencer was a Sheridan High School graduate, where he was a proud Blackhawk swimmer. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Butler University where he ran track and cross country and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Spencer was an avid cyclist, Indy Car fan, Notre Dame sports fan, and Corvette lover. He was involved in many clubs throughout his years. Spencer loved his kids and family. In his death, Spencer was a hero by donating his organs so others could continue living.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Jennifer Carr; son, Jacob Spencer Carr; daughter, Madeline Jane Carr; brother, Dennis (JoAnn) Carr; and nephews, Micah Carr and Owen Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Donald Bartemus officiating. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. The family encourages the wearing of masks and the practice of social distancing at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to The National WW II Museum, 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, LA 70130, [nationalww2museum.org/give](http://nationalww2museum.org/give); or Trips for Kids (children's bicycle advocacy group) at [tripsforkids.org](http://tripsforkids.org).

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### Eric L. Rumschlag

September 24, 1957 – July 8, 2020

Eric L. Rumschlag, 62, Westfield, passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at his home. He was born on September 24, 1957 to Cletus and Kathleen Rumschlag in Decatur, Ind.

Eric was a graduate of Purdue University where he received his bachelor's degree in supervision. Eric also received his master's degree in health administration from Indiana University. Throughout his career he spent time working for IU Med Center, Marion General Hospital, Progressive Insurance, and owned a Mail Boxes Etc. store. Eric loved to spend time deep sea fishing, cooking, reading, and was an avid collector of coins and pottery.

Eric is survived by Nancy Rumschlag and their children, Ryan Rumschlag and Maria (John) Frazee; sister, Sue (James) Zschernitz; brother, John (Denise) Rumschlag; brother, Bill (Beth) Rumschlag; brother, Joe (Kris) Rumschlag; and many nieces and nephews.

Eric was preceded in death by his father, Cletus Rumschlag; and mother, Kathleen Rumschlag.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of the mass at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, IN 46074, or the American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250, [diabetes.org/donate](http://diabetes.org/donate).

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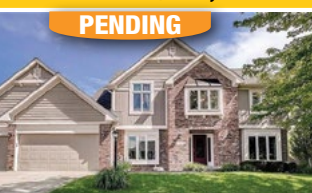
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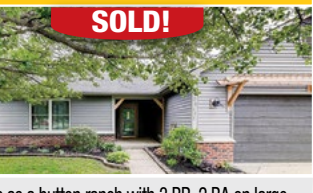
Adorable 2 bedroom move-in ready condo. Corner unit with lots of natural lighting, open floor plan, eat-in kitchen has center island, SS appliances. Washer & dryer stay. Amenities/clubhouse, pool, playground. BLC# 21720239

**7110 Oakview Circle**  
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Stunning 4 BR, 2.5 BA in Oakbay. Updated kitchen with new SS appliances, wine fridge. Master BA redone 2020, finished basement, park-like backyard, 3-car garage with workshop. BLC# 21714855

**20645 Alpine Drive**  
**Noblesville • \$219,900**



Cute as a button ranch with 3 BR, 2 BA on large professionally landscaped lot, large family rm w/ fireplace, new luxury vinyl flooring + new carpet, windows, siding and appliances, many other recent updates. BLC# 21706935

**6184 Maple Grove Way**  
**Noblesville • \$354,900**



Fabulous two-story home w/4 BR, 3.5 BA, kitchen w/granite, center island, breakfast bar, dining nook, family rm w/fireplace, finished basement w/rec room, bath & exercise rm, charming deck & stamped concrete patio. Truly a "10". BLC# 21721730

**13180 San Vincente Blvd.**  
**Fishers • \$209,900**



Cute brick ranch, move-in ready w/3 BR, 2 BA & no HOA fees, eat-in kitchen w/good counter space, great room w/vaulted ceiling, fenced backyard & patio, new carpet in bedrooms, GR & hallway, fresh paint & new baseboards. Stunning master BA remodel! New well & septic system 2017, Roof 2018. BLC# 21723066

**2618 Inlet Drive**  
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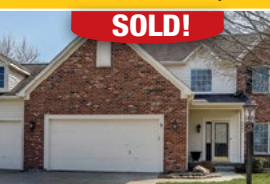
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**10218 Carmine Drive**  
**Noblesville • \$189,900**



Really cute ranch w/3 BR & 2 BA. Open floor plan w/cathedral ceiling in great room, all kitchen appliances stay, fresh paint, new carpet and vinyl. 1-year home warranty. Neighborhood pool & playground. BLC# 21717124

**8861 Lavender Court**  
**Noblesville • \$329,900**



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## ‘Godby Forum’ could set template for pandemic sports broadcasting

I had many nice comments regarding my column where I shared memories of growing up in The Homesteads, the not-so-famous country suburb of Sheridan; however, many questioned why no mention of basketball.

After all, the Godby name was once prominent in Sheridan basketball during the glorious Hobbs Era.

Well, we played a lot of basketball in The Homesteads. Dad set up a nice little gravel surface basketball court in the driveway. Funny how the iron started out the regulation 10 feet high, but as the years passed, more gravel was added and finally asphalt topped the gravel and I believe the iron is about nine feet high now ... or maybe less.

I still can't touch the rim. Of course, I don't jump as high as I did 40-some years ago either.

Back in the day there were many memorable basketball courts in local barns. Uncle John and Aunt Daisy Bowen had a basketball goal in their barn on the farm in which former Sheridan great and Hamilton County Hall of Famer Bill Bowen honed his skills ... when it wasn't filled with hay. Bob and Marilyn Welch moved from Carmel to Sheridan on a farm west of town with a barn and a basketball goal. We dubbed it The Cow Palace and played some intense ball there.

But some of the most memorable basketball games I recall were played in a two-car garage in a house in The Homesteads: The Godby Forum, we called it. We wrote it on top of the backboard, too.

It was either Ben Franklin's or Pickett's Five and Dime on Main Street, Sheridan – I don't remember which – where we purchased a metal Nerf basketball goal and ball set. We secured the goal to a 2-by-3 piece of plywood that had to be lying around somewhere – probably in a house under construction in The Homesteads – and mounted it to the west wall in our garage. Maybe it was six feet high. It couldn't have been much higher than that. It was originally intended for shooting hoops in an unheated garage during the winter, but it

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**CHUCK GODBY**

soon became the site of some pretty intense competition.

That goal, as I mentioned, was metal. No dunking was allowed as we probably couldn't afford a backup goal. To day, all I see are plastic Nerf goals. I'm not sure they would have worked in The Forum. Too much flex.

I don't recall who all played in the Godby Forum, but I know Mike Shelburne played more games there than anyone, other than me and my brothers Bob and Joe.

A lot of the games were played around the same time as the Indiana high school basketball tourney. It definitely set the mood. We had four-team (player) tournaments with blind draws for first-round pairings.

The basketball was always competitive. Bob Godby, Joe Godby and Mike Shelburne were three of the most competitive people I grew up with. Me? I was less athletic and more interested in other stuff, like game-day preparation.

That's why we all agree we might have been 40-plus years ahead of our time.

Part of playing in The Godby Forum meant being introduced before the game. With no audience per se, we had to create one.

If you are around my age, you might recall the day when there were four, perhaps five channels to watch on your television set. And those broadcasting stations did not stay on 24 hours. When they would sign off, the television became a sea of static.

I'm not sure how we thought of doing this, but one night when a station we were watching went off the air and the static came on, we turned up the volume and recorded the static sound with a tape recorder for several minutes.

When it was time to announce the starting lineup of one person, the tape recorder was running and when we introduced the player, we'd increase the volume and it sounded just like a crowd of people erupting in applause.

I'm trying to recall if we used the manufactured crowd noise during a game when baskets were scored. I'm thinking we probably tried once or twice.



Photo provided by Chuck Godby

**A young Mike Shelburne cuts the net (actually a shoestring tied to the rim to save the net) after beating Joe Godby in a Godby Forum tournament championship game.**

Mike, Joe and I recently discussed the possibility of sports teams that play in front of zero fans due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, possibly adopting our crowd noise idea for future use. It worked 40-plus years

ago, although I'm wondering if any TV stations go off the air anymore, and if they do, is there static?

I can't stay up late enough these days to find out.

The Godby Forum era

ended when Mom and Dad got this mammoth, upright freezer that unfortunately plugged in along the right baseline. If you drove the baseline, you'd better be careful not to knock the plug out. And if you did,

you'd better remember to plug it back in.

Well, one night we forgot to put the plug back. And that's how The Godby Forum era came to an end, along with several pounds of once-frozen meat.

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# INDYCAR drivers hail facility upgrades, clean new look to IMS

## The REPORTER

Indianapolis 500 drivers expected high quality from Roger Penske's transformation of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, yet they were still surprised and impressed by its appearance when the facility upgrades were on display during the Fourth of July convergence of INDYCAR/NASCAR racing events.

From the beautification through landscaping to a reimagined Georgetown Road to the 250 new racing flags raised along the property, it had a striking look. Clearly, it made a good first impression.

"Typical Penske fashion," 2014 Indianapolis 500 champion Ryan Hunter-Reay said. "Clean and bright."

"Spotless," 2013 Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan said. "Like his team, his race cars, his trucks. Up to Roger's standards in every way."

"Like I remembered it as a child," three-time 500 pole winner Ed Carpenter said. "It's all the little details — like it should be."

Due to health protocols, the drivers didn't get the chance to see all of the fan-facing upgrades Penske has focused on: Concession stands and restrooms, the reimagined and expanded fan gathering areas and the wider Georgetown Road. But most of them described studying the drone footage distributed Friday and appreciated Penske's attention to detail, another legendary hallmark of his business operations.

"For a facility that is 111 years old, she looks brand new — fresh, updated and beautiful," Charlie Kimball said. "IMS has always been about history, tradition and quality, and it's all still there, just younger and fresher."

James Hinchcliffe received a tour of Pagoda



Photo provided

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway now has numerous upgrades in time for the 104th 500 race on Aug. 23.

Plaza and saw the massive new video board — the Pagoda Plaza Media Wall — that is now its centerpiece. The 2016 500 pole winner was excited to learn of plans still to come when spectators attend the 104th

Indianapolis 500 on Aug. 23.

"I also saw that area around the (Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum)," he said. "It looks so much better and cleaner. The whole look of the facility is like that. It's a breath of fresh air."

Kanaan said: "IMS has always had this vintage look, but now it looks so new. It looks like the track was just built a month ago."

Kimball noted the new trees planted around the property. Kanaan mentioned how parking lots have been paved and those that haven't yet been now have proper space mark-

ings. Carpenter said all the grass just looks greener than in recent years.

"It's just beautiful, and things like the bathrooms have a nice mix of being nostalgic and clean," Carpenter said. "The Pagoda (video board) is awesome ... and what they've done with Georgetown Road is really amazing, especially as far as getting people in the facility with more social distancing. It's all the little details you'd expect from Roger."

Other drivers highlighted the five miles of new gate fencing, three acres of new sod, three tons of new concrete, 400,000

square feet of new asphalt and 30 new video screens. There also are lights on the IMS sign at Gate 1 and 5G Connectivity that is cutting-edge technology.

"The elevated (car) lift at Victory Circle is a really cool touch, too," Hunter-Reay said. "I've never seen that before."

Said Kanaan: "IMS is such a big place that you think Roger might miss something. But it's like, 'Nope, he got that, too.'"

Spectators are scheduled to get their first look at the facility when Indianapolis 500 practice opens for NTT INDYCAR SERIES drivers Tuesday, Aug. 11.

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