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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly sunny, hot and humid, with an isolated shower or storm possible in the afternoon.
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms possible.
HIGH: 94 **LOW:** 73



Mr. Muffin's is back on track



Photo provided by Mr. Muffin's Trains

The layout at Mr. Muffin's Trains, 165 E. Main St., Atlanta, is once again open to the public. Stephen Nelson, a.k.a. Mr. Muffin, is always adding to the display, which includes incredibly detailed miniatures, one of the largest O Gauge train collections in the country, and a 40-by-60 foot operating model train layout. Mr. Muffin operates the trains every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and hosts a Facebook Live event at 2 p.m. each week. Visit them online at Facebook.com/MrMuffinsTrains.

Let me just say . . .

It's 5:22 a.m. on Saturday when I look at the time on my phone. My bed hugs me tightly, but I know my column is due in a few hours. I have no idea what I am writing about.

I throw back the comfy covers and head to the kitchen table where the words start to flow on my keyboard.

All week long I have grasped for the right topic and the right words. Wait a minute ... the right WORDS.

Funny thing is that over the years I seem to have gained more knowledge and wisdom, yet, I use fewer words. My husband will probably argue that statement.

Maybe I just pick and choose my words more carefully.

Oh, the power of words. Words can calm a trou-

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

bled soul or engage the heart into a quarrel.

Words can be a balm when the world in which we live has hurt you to your the very quick of your soul.

When a friend reassures you that all will be OK

... someday, then you will know the treasure of a good friend with the right words.

Words can soothe a crying child or force him or her into submission. Choosing the first can create healing. Choosing the second can cause great harm. Either one will be heard over and over again in that child's mind.

Words cause division. Words are screamed on social media ... words that would never be said face to face. We block, delete, and ignore those who oppose our views. We reach a point where we are just DONE.

See Words . . . Page 2



Photo provided

Self-proclaimed introvert Geoff Davis is allowing Heartland International Film Festival viewers an intimate look at his life in a nine-minute short film.

Noblesville artist Geoff Davis featured in Indy Shorts film festival screening on July 24

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

Noblesville artist and educator Geoff Davis is allowing a very intimate look at this life to be part of this year's Heartland International Film Festival in form of the short film, "50 Little Birds."

The Reporter was given an opportunity to both watch film and speak with the director. It has an honest tone that shows Davis as an introvert who struggles with anxiety while learning to find balance and peace. As he says in the opening moments of the film, "I was anxious and angry all the time. I'd lost sight of the fact that we're all struggling. In order to feel 'part of the world,' I needed to get away from the world."

While this is classified as a short documentary, Director Hannah Lindgren calls a "docu-narrative" and says it is not what you will experience from other documentaries.

"This is not a talking head interview with Geoff," Lindgren told The Reporter.

A "talking head" is a broadcasting term for interview footage where only the head and shoulders are visible to the camera, as is

common in interviews and documentaries.

"Geoff and I did about four hours of interviews, then we decided it would be better if we actually wrote a script," Lindgren said. "The film itself feels almost like a visual poem or a docu-narrative concept. It is all his words and his story, so it is documentary, but we wrote the piece that he recorded, then we put the visuals with it."

The film was shot at locations including his studio in Noblesville, Potter's Bridge, Pendleton and on Sugar Creek.

The film festival "50 Little Birds" is a part of, Indy Shorts, is an offshoot of the Heartland Film Festival.

"Two years ago, they started having their shorts competition separately, in the summer, to allow themselves to screen more of them," Lindgren said. "It is hard to find that time when you are screening so many feature-length films at the

festival. This year, like a lot of organizations, they had to pivot figure out how to make it work. I was really excited that the program '50 Little Birds' is playing in - Indiana Spotlight 2 - one that is playing at Tibbs Drive-In."

You can watch "50 Little Birds" and other shorts at 9:25 p.m. on Friday, July 24 at Tibbs Drive-In, 480 S. Tibbs Ave., Indianapolis. You can order tickets online at [this link](https://www.tibbsdrivein.com).

You can arrange to see Indy Shorts online at [this link](https://www.indyshorts.com).

You can also go to [heartland-film.org](https://www.heartland-film.org) to learn more about the festival as a whole and Indy Shorts in particular.

Editor's Note: Hannah Lindgren is a producer and editor for Tilt23 Studios. This is her fifth documentary film. Tilt23 Studios is a Midwestern film content and digital ad firm creating cinematic storytelling to help its clients and the world around us all thrive. Learn more about Tilt23 at [wearetilt23.com](https://www.heartland-film.org).



Davis



Lindgren

Westfield Rotary announces new officers for 2020-2021

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Westfield recently voted in new officers for the 2020-21 fiscal year beginning July 2020. Melody Jones was elected as president. This will be her first term.

About Westfield Rotary

The Rotary Club of Westfield is a service club affiliated with Rotary International and open to all. The club provides

support and volunteer assistance to the Westfield community, including Meals on



Jones

Wheels, Westfield Student Impact and Open Doors Pantry, among others. Rotary Club of Westfield operates the Brat Grill at the Cool Creek Park summer concerts each year as its main

fundraiser. For more information or to join a weekly club meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at The Bridge-

Board Officers

Melody Jones, President
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Lance Wonderlin, Secretary
Cynthia Olson, Club Administrator
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David Mueller, At Large

water Club, see the Rotary Club of Westfield [Facebook page](https://Facebook.com/westfieldrotary) for more information.

Noblestories explores the origin of Noblesville's Carnegie Library

The REPORTER

Noblesville didn't get its Carnegie Library without a fight.

As industrialist Andrew Carnegie was offering grants all over the nation for small towns to erect their own libraries, a dedicated group of women set themselves to the task of getting the grant and erecting a proper library in Noblesville.

For the next Noblestories program, Hamilton County historian David Heighway will tell the story of how they did it. What's left of the original library building is incorporated into the current City Hall.

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance invites you to attend Noblestories at 4

p.m. on Sunday July 26 at Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St. This is the new date for the program that was originally scheduled for late March, but was postponed as a result of coronavirus pandemic. For this program, NPA will require all attendees to wear face masks and the windows will be open at Preservation Hall.

Noblestories is a program of the Noblesville Preservation Alliance that gives today's residents a glimpse into Noblesville's past. NPA is partnering with Hamilton County Television to present and preserve these memories to help inform and enrich the lives of current and future residents. The event is streamed live on Hamilton County TV

and available for viewing afterward at noblesvillepreservation.com.

Noblestories is free and open to the public, which is encouraged to participate with questions and commentary. The Noblesville Preservation Alliance purchased the former Logan Street Sanctuary last year, and is committed to scheduling community-oriented programming. The hall is also available to the public for rent.

This is the fifth in the series, which also presented memories of high school in the 1960s, the Firestone plant, a promotional film of the city made back in the 1930s and a glimpse of what life was like here in the 1890s.

Westfield Washington Schools moves forward on early learning center

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees voted 5-0 on Tuesday evening to move forward with plans for a dedicated early learning space for its infant through pre-K student program. The district's early learning

program currently occupies 21 classrooms over WWS' six elementary buildings.

A standalone facility, planned for land already owned by the district at Monon Trail Elementary, 19400 Tomlinson Road, will free up these elementary classrooms

to meet the needs of the schools' K-4 population.

Additionally, the new building will house the district's administrative offices, which currently occupy leased space at 1143 E. 181st St. This cost, \$120,000 annually, is money that can be returned to the classroom.



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WORDS


So many words, yet we are not listening. We are tired of the rhetoric. We are tired of the constant barrage of words that try to convince us that we are wrong in our beliefs or our feelings. Screaming never wins an argument, it just turns us away from listening. Silence does not mean that we agree. It simply means we choose to walk away. Enough said. Words can echo in the mind over and over again. Children need to be reassured that they are loved. They need to hear they are beautiful or handsome. They need to be reaffirmed that they are enough. Oh, the power of feeling that we are ENOUGH. If children are told they are smart, they will believe it. If children are told they are dumb, they will believe it. They become what they hear.

Words beautifully spoken into a life can change the world for someone. Words of criticism and belittling can also change the world for someone. Words build up or tear down a relationship. Just ask someone who is divorced or the victim of verbal abuse. A boss can make or break the success of his business by the words he speaks to his employees. Oh, the possibilities of a few words of appreciation. When an employee feels appreciated, he or she works harder. It's not rocket science. Some people have a gift for using the right words at the right time. Some people have the screwed up ability for using the wrong words at the wrong times. Choose your words carefully and remember the timing needs to be right as well.

Words, never spoken, can be a gift in a relationship. Words, never spoken, can do great harm in a relationship. Both sentences are true. Just because you think someone needs to hear your words does not mean you have to speak them. Silence really can be golden. Think about how you sound whenever you speak. Are you constantly criticizing or are you constantly building up? Your words determine the future of your relationships with people. The tongue truly is the weapon of mass destruction. The domino effect may go unseen, but it is there. Relationships may be built on love; however, your words are the glue that holds you together or the weapon that tears you apart. A thoughtless, careless, quick utterance of words can be heard as screams over and over in the mind of a hurting soul.

Don't argue with someone's feelings. You will never convince them they are wrong in feeling the way that they do with words that diminish how they are feeling. Read that again. Criticism or neglect of appreciation erases many an effort that someone is trying to make. They give up, leaving behind so many possibilities. Criticism is the key to the door of many an "I don't give a damn, anymore."

Finally, as the clock is pushing toward the seven o'clock hour and my deadline draws near, I just want you all to know what an honor it is to be allowed to share my thoughts and my words with you each week in the Hamilton County Reporter. I pray that my words will make a difference in your life. OK, enough said.



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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:

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



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The newly restored No. 426 will serve passengers for select excursions on the Nickel Plate Express. Photo provided

Cabooses return to Noblesville's Forest Park

The REPORTER

All aboard the little red caboose! Caboose rides are now available Saturdays and Sundays in Forest Park, courtesy of the Nickel Plate Express.

Passengers can climb aboard Nickel Plate Express' Monon caboose for a 30-minute ride along the former Nickel Plate Road. The caboose, built in 1956, seats 20 passengers comfortably. The caboose offers cupola seating, allowing passengers an elevated bird's eye view during the ride.

Caboose rides will depart every hour, on the hour, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on



Graphic provided

Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets can be purchased online in advance at NickelPlateExpress.com or on-site at Forest Park.

"We're thrilled to begin offering regular caboose rides in Forest Park," Nick-

el Plate Express Director Dagny Zupin said. "Caboose rides are an economical and family-friendly way to introduce a younger generation to the world of train travel. A child's first caboose ride is often something they remember for

years to come. We are sanitizing the caboose between each ride and practicing social distancing during rides. I encourage families to visit us and create memories in Forest Park."

The caboose rides will use the newly restored Nickel Plate Road locomotive No. 426, a 1953 diesel locomotive. The 426 was recently restored to full service thanks to generous donors and local businesses.

Caboose rides will continue through July and August, with a special ride schedule Saturday, July 25 for the annual Noblesville Main Street Duck Race.

Duke Energy details plans to help customers through changes ahead

Submitted

Editor's note: The following is a statement from Barbara Higgins, Chief Customer Officer at Duke Energy.

As our communities take careful and deliberate steps toward business as usual, we're doing the same. Here's what you can expect as we move into this next phase together.

Giving additional time

We realize that the financial impact of the pandemic is far from over. That's why we're taking a gradual approach, giving those customers who need extra time an opportunity to reach out for assistance.

At the onset of the pandemic, we had proactively paused many key credit actions. On Wednesday, we filed our intent to resume regular credit practices with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. This would keep disconnections for nonpayment and late payments fees

suspended through Sept. 15, one full month after the commission's moratorium is currently set to expire. Additionally, we will continue to waive fees for credit card and walk-in payments for residential customers through October.

Offering extended payment arrangements

We're also here to help anyone who may still need time after normal policies are reinstated. Many customers have already taken advantage of more flexible installment plans that allow them to catch up on their energy bill over time. Customers still facing economic hardship can request an extended payment arrangement of up to six months quickly and easily online. If you have a more complex issue and need to speak with us, we are available to help you Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 800-521-2232.

Creating awareness of scams

Unfortunately, we have seen a rise in fraudulent activity as scammers look to take advantage of the changes and uncertainty all around us. Please know that Duke Energy will never ask for personal information over the phone nor demand payment using money orders or prepaid debit cards. If you are unsure whether a call or in-person visit is legitimate, please hang up or decline service and contact our customer care center.

Providing guidance to financial assistance

The process of economic recovery and returning to business as usual will take time. We want to continue to support you with resources available to help with outstanding energy bills and other essential needs, should you need them. You can get more detail by visiting the [Customer Assistance page](http://CustomerAssistancePage) at dukeenergyupdates.com.

The last several months have been hard on everyone and we are grateful for the patience and support of our customers and communities. Above all, we remain ready to listen and work with you as we move forward – together.

Fishers road construction updates, week of July 20

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](http://click). 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.

Currently, the center lanes on eastbound and westbound 96th Street between Interstate 69 and Lantern Road will be closed for approximately two weeks to begin resurfacing and reconstruction of a median island. Check out the [project fact sheet](http://project) to learn more.

106th Street

Hamilton County Project: The intersection of 106th Street and Mollenkopf Road is under construction for an intersection improvement project. These improvements should tentatively wrap up on or before Thursday, Aug. 20. Temporary lane restrictions may be in place with flaggers directing traffic. Please

use caution while driving through this area.

116th Street

Beginning on the evening of Sunday, July 19 all eastbound lanes on 116th Street from Hoosier Road to Brooks School Road will be closed and is anticipated to reopen by 7 a.m. on Monday, July 20 while the Department of Public Works performs road repairs. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Hoosier Road to 126th Street to Brooks School Road. View the detour map here.

Allisonville Road

Beginning on or after Monday, July 20, the northbound right lane on Allisonville Road between 126th Street and 131st Street will be closed for utility work and is anticipated to reopen by Friday, July 24. A police officer will be on site to provide traffic control.

South Street

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

Lantern Road

Lantern Road, between Appel Drive and Birch Street, is closed to through traffic and is anticipated to reopen in July. 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](http://FactSheet) to learn more.

Spy Glass Hill Subdivision

Currently, ADA ramp reconstruction is taking place and is anticipated to be completed by early August.

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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On Friday, Community First Bank cut the ribbon on its newest location on Village Center Drive in Noblesville. The branch has been in operation since February, and the lobby is open to the public.

Community First Bank cuts the ribbon at new Noblesville branch

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana held a ribbon cutting celebration with Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen on July 15 for the newest branch location at 17661 Village Center Drive, which officially opened its doors in February. Community First Bank welcomed the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, local government officials, and staff to take part in the outdoor ribbon cutting event.

Also in attendance was the Noblesville Girls Softball Association (NGSA). NGSA is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide programs for girls to have fun and develop friendships while learning teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership, and athletic skills. Community First Bank was thrilled to present NGSA with a donation of \$2,500 to support the league.

Noblesville Branch Manager Joshua Faudree said, "It has certainly been a year that no one could have predicted, but we have been encouraged by



The Noblesville Girls Softball Association received a \$2,500 donation from Community First Bank following the ribbon cutting on July 15.

the relationships we have built in the community already – even in the midst of the pandemic and all of the precautions our bank has taken to keep our staff and customers safe. We are thankful that Mayor Jensen came out to show his support for this new branch and that the NGSA was able to bring their board of directors and players to share in the celebration with us. We look forward to developing our relationship with their organization, as well as carrying out CFB's history and

mission of being actively involved in making our community a better place to live and do business."

Community First Bank President and CEO Robb Blume said, "We are tremendously excited to open our first full-service banking facility in Noblesville and our third Hamilton County office. Our talented staff stands ready to assist you with your banking needs, whether personal or business. We look forward to deepening our ties to Hamilton County by serv-

ing your banking, mortgage and investment needs."

Community First's lobby is open for walk-in traffic and staff will be taking precautions to keep the area clean and sanitized. In addition, there are floor markers to help ensure social distancing is respected and plexiglass barriers to facilitate safe interactions. For those who prefer to bank remotely, information about Community First's Online & Mobile banking features can be found at cfbindiana.com/digital-banking.



What Hoosier woman won a gold medal at the 1924 Summer Olympics?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history . . .

1821 – James Blake arrived on horseback in the new city of Indianapolis. Originally from Pennsylvania, he became one of the founders of the new Indiana capital. During the next few years, he built the first plaster and frame house, opened the first mill, helped organize the first 4th of July Parade, and supervised construction of the first Statehouse in the city.

1907 – Dedication ceremonies were held for the statue of Governor Oliver P. Morton on the east side of the Indiana Statehouse. The army band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" as a 30-foot flag covering the monument was lifted to reveal the tall statue of Morton flanked by two Union soldiers. Indiana Governor James F. Hanly praised the former Governor for his leadership during the Civil War. Among others on the program were Vice President Charles Fairbanks and Sculptor Rudolph Schwarz.

1916 – Over 35,000 mourners filed past the casket of Hoosier Poet James Whitcomb Riley as he lay in state in the rotunda of the Indiana Statehouse. Many of those paying their respects were children, whom Riley had favored in his work. Surrounding the bier were thousands of flowers, including Riley's favorite,

red roses. A private funeral was held later at Riley's home on Lockerbie Street in Indianapolis.

1924 – In the Paris Summer Olympics, 19-year-old Euphrasia Donnelly from Indianapolis won a gold medal as a member of the United States Women's Swimming Team. Her team, which included the legendary Gertrude Ederle, set a new world record in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay. She later served on the faculty of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute.

1948 – The Freedom Train arrived in Vincennes and began its journey through Indiana. The seven-car train, dedicated to American democracy, contained over 100 priceless historical documents. Stops were also made in Terre Haute, Logansport, Indianapolis, Muncie, South Bend, and Fort Wayne.

1961 – The summer theater season was in full swing in Indianapolis. Big-name performers were on stage each week at Starlight Musicals on the Butler University campus and at Avondale Playhouse in the Meadows Shopping Center on East 38th Street. At Starlight this week was veteran actress Margaret Hamilton, reprising her role as the witch in "The Wizard of Oz." At Avondale, Hollywood legend Pat O'Brien and his wife Eloise were starring in "Our Town."

Pandemic taking financial toll on Indiana hospitals

The REPORTER

Indiana hospitals continue to care for all Hoosier patients, including those with COVID-19, but new data show that the pandemic is causing significant financial challenges for hospitals across the state. With the impact of increased costs of supplies and other expenditures, suspension of elective procedures, and many patients' avoidance of care, hospitals are operating at a significant financial loss.

Data reported to the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) show that Indiana hospitals experienced a negative operating margin of -8.3 percent for the month of April, the most recent period for which data is available. Indiana's critical access hospitals, which serve rural areas, reported an average negative operating margin of -27.7 percent.

Between March and

April 2020, as the pandemic took hold, inpatient volume in Indiana fell 26 percent, according to the IHA's statistics. Emergency care declined 40 percent, outpatient surgery was down 52 percent, and outpatient services overall fell 46 percent.

Meanwhile, Indiana hospitals incurred significant costs preparing for and addressing a surge in coronavirus patients, including doubling intensive care capacity and ventilator availability. Hospitals also struggled to acquire personal protective equipment, often paying highly inflated rates. As an example, some hospitals paid up to \$7 per mask that had previously cost 37 cents each during peak scarcity. More typically, prices were inflated by 10 times their original price or more.

Though hospitals have benefited from federal support through various stimulus and relief programs, the IHA estimates that all this assistance accounts for only about 4 percent of hospitals' typical annual net patient revenue. About \$62 billion remains in the national emergency relief fund for hospitals, and other providers including physicians, clinics, nursing homes, and dentists. The

American Hospital Association has projected that across the country, hospitals and health systems could lose more than \$320 billion this year.

"We hope that the federal government will act quickly to distribute the remaining dollars," IHA President Brian Tabor said. "We also hope that the State of Indiana will consider using some of its federal relief to establish a stabilization fund for rural and urban safety net hospitals, which remain especially vulnerable."

Tabor added that while the financial health of hospitals remains a worry, there is great concern about the ongoing impact on the well-being and long-term health of Hoosiers.

"Numerous studies have shown that people have avoided or postponed vital care since March," Tabor said. "We've heard many stories of people who wound up in the hospital, and in some cases, even the intensive care unit, because they did not get the preventative care they need. It is important for Hoosiers to know that it's safe to seek care – far safer than waiting until their health has deteriorated."

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Red Geranium Artisan Market set for Aug. 15

The REPORTER

Looking for some fun, want to enjoy the outdoors, and get in your shopping fix? Join the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville for the fifth annual Red Geranium Artisan Market.

This year it will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15 at the church, located at 1207 Conner St. Enter the market in the parking lot off of 12th Street. Admission is free, as always. More than 35 different artisans inside and out will be present. Free parking is available at the Noblesville City Hall lot.

Event organizers have taken all the necessary worries for your personal safety into consideration and will be recommending masks outside, along with social distancing. Masks will be required for the inside shopping experience.

The proceeds from the event help the church's mission projects both local and abroad.

For more information, visit Facebook.com/RedGeraniumMarket or fpc-noblesville.org. You can also check out Instagram or visit the Red Geranium Market website.



Photo provided
Anita's Curiosity Shop will be one of the new vendors at this year's Red Geranium Artisan Market.

Rep. Brooks' bill to strengthen national stockpile passes out of House committee

Submitted

Congresswomen Susan W. Brooks (R-Ind.-05) and Elissa Slotkin (D-Mich.-08) led a group of bipartisan lawmakers in introducing the Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act, which passed the House Energy and Commerce Committee unanimously Wednesday.

This major bipartisan package the House will consider will make substantial improvements to the U.S.'s Strategic National Stockpile while reducing America's dependence on foreign sources of critical medical supplies. These changes are critical, particularly in light of the dramatic depletion of our Stockpile as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

"This unprecedented pandemic has highlighted the shortcomings of our

Strategic National Stockpile and illustrated why we need to expand its mandate to include response to disasters with long-term, sustained demand like COVID-19," Brooks said.

"Members of Congress have communicated directly with stakeholders involved in the stockpile to find ways to increase its effectiveness and sustainability. I am pleased this bipartisan legislation passed committee, and I urge all my House colleagues on both sides of the aisle to vote in favor of helping restore our nation's faith in the Strategic National Stockpile in order to have a greater supply of medical countermeasures to protect more Americans in the future."



Brooks

"We, as a Congress and as a nation, need to dramatically increase our funding and support for public health preparedness initiatives like the Strategic National Stockpile," continued Brooks. "Too often those long-term investments are the first things to be sidelined when budgets get tight. We cannot allow that to happen any longer, which is why I will continue to call on my colleagues to increase funding for these life-saving programs."

Background

The Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act combines several bipartisan bills previously introduced to spur domestic manufacturing and

strengthen the stockpile. The Stockpile is a repository of critical supplies and medicines maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to respond to public health emergencies. While originally designed to stockpile medical countermeasures in response to terrorist threats, the stockpile's role has shifted over the last two decades. When the COVID-19 pandemic began spreading in the United States, the Stockpile was forced to provide masks, gloves, and other PPE in quantities heretofore unanticipated, and in ways never intended by its designers. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, has shone a light on the limitations of this system, and taught us that we need to be taking a much broader approach to how we run our stockpile.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out And the sergeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were Romans.
Acts 16:37-38 (KJV)

Jeffrey A. Fox

March 26, 1964 – July 17, 2020

Jeffrey A. Fox, 56, Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, July 17, 2020 at his home in Indianapolis. He was born on March 26, 1964 to Ron and Phyllis (Hylka) Fox in Joliet, Ill.

Jeff was a graduate of Joliet West High School. He was a co-owner of Fox Pools of Indianapolis. Jeff was a gun enthusiast and a member of the NRA and the USCCA. He enjoyed his job and going fishing. Most of all

Jeff loved his grandchildren and spending time with them building Legos.

He is survived by his children, Jamie (Levi) Mithoefer and Wes Fox; parents, Ron and Phyllis Fox; fiancée, Eva Bliss, and her son, Brandon Ramirez; brother, Ronnie (Cheryl) Fox; sister, Chrissy (Matt) Leinheiser; and grandchildren, Kylie Fox and Jordyn Mithoefer.

Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Father Kevin Haines officiating. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278, or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675.

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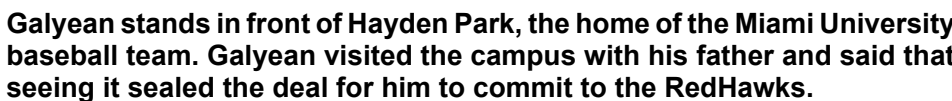
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Leading 214 laps . . .

Newgarden ends Iowa pole jinx with dominant victory to ensure Penske weekend sweep

Defending NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Josef Newgarden proved Iowa Speedway might just be his best racetrack on the schedule as he put on a dominating performance Saturday night to win Race 2 of the Iowa INDYCAR 250s Doubleheader.

Newgarden became the first INDYCAR driver to win at Iowa Speedway from the pole, easily driving to his first win of the season and 15th of his career in the No. 1 Hitachi Team Penske Chevrolet. It's the first time Newgarden has won a race since capturing last year's race at Iowa 363 days ago.

Two-time series champion Newgarden beat teammate Will Power's No. 12 Verizon Team Penske Chevrolet to the checkered flag by 2.7869 seconds. He averaged 135.900 mph.

Newgarden's win completed a sweep of the doubleheader on the 7/8th-mile oval by Team Penske, as Simon Pagenaud won Friday night after starting last.

"Feels really good," said Newgarden, who finished fifth in last night's Race 1 despite leading 68 laps. "I don't know what we've got to do to keep the bad luck off us, but hopefully this is a good start."

"Our guys did an amazing job yesterday. I was so disappointed for them. I was angry for them because I thought they had the winning car. They put in the work and weren't able to get rewarded for it. I was so determined to come back today. I think everyone was determined to come back and have a really good race, and we just ran hard. We ran hard all day."

Newgarden is no stranger to success at Iowa Speedway. He earned the third win at Iowa of his career, with his previous wins coming in 2016 and 2019. The track is now tied with Barber Motorsports Park as Newgarden's winningest racetrack. He also solidified his position as the all-time lap leader in Iowa with 1,115, a total padded by leading 214 of 250 laps Saturday



Photo by Joe Skibinski

Josef Newgarden dominated Race 2 of the Iowa INDYCAR 250s Doubleheader Saturday night at Iowa Speedway. Newgarden started from the pole, then led 214 of the 250 laps on his way to his first victory since last year's Iowa race.

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Rounding out the top three behind Newgarden and Power was Graham Rahal, scoring his second podium of the season in the No. 15 Hy-Vee Honda.

Pagenaud finished fourth in the No. 22 Menards Team Penske Chevrolet after starting last, and five-time series champion Scott Dixon, last night's runner-up, finished fifth in the No. 9 PNC Bank Chip Ganassi Racing Honda after starting 18th in the 23-car field.

Newgarden's determined drive to Victory Lane started from the drop of the green flag. He led the first 56 laps and only relinquished the lead during a green flag pit stop cycle. He retook the lead on Lap 63 and held on until the next round of green flag pit stops came at Lap 106.

Two-time NTT INDYCAR SERIES champion Newgarden faced his strongest challenge from Pato O'Ward, the 2018 Indy Lights champion. O'Ward started the race 12th and quickly charged to the front, settling into second position on Lap 67.

O'Ward kept his No. 5 Arrow McLaren SP Chevrolet in Newgarden's rearview mirror for a large chunk of the night, closing the gap to within half a second just past the halfway point in the race. But O'Ward had a slow pit stop on Lap 172 that ruined his chances of challenging Newgarden for the win.

O'Ward and his team attempted to undercut Newgarden and pit early, hoping the fresh Firestone tires would put O'Ward ahead of Newgarden. During the stop, the car was dropped from the jack before the left rear tire could be secured. O'Ward drove off and stopped just past his box. His team rolled him back into the

pit box to secure the tire, but any chance he had at challenging Newgarden for the win was over. He finished 12th, the first driver one lap down.

Shortly after O'Ward's pit road mishap, the second caution of the night came out on Lap 180 as three-time Iowa winner Ryan Hunter-Reay lost control of his No. 28 DHL Honda exiting pit lane and hit the inside wall. The 2012 series champion's night was ended, and he finished 22nd.

Hunter-Reay's incident didn't deter Newgarden as he easily drove away from the field on the Lap 193 restart and never looked back.

Noblesville's Conor Daly finished 13th in the race. He led four laps.

The performance elevated Newgarden into third in the series standings, 53 points behind points leader Dixon and four points behind second-place Pagenaud.

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES drives into a two-week break after a grueling stretch of five races in three weekends. The series will be back in action Sunday, Aug. 9 for the Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

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