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# Carmel shooting leaves two dead, one injured

## The REPORTER

On Monday morning, Carmel police responded to a 911 call at a residence in the 14300 block of Riverrock Court regarding a subject threatening suicide.

According to police, the original 911 caller reported the suspect had a gun, and during the call, dispatchers heard gunshots in the back-ground.

As police arrived, officers found two people had been shot. Taylor Leigh

Cox, 28, Carmel, died as a result of gunshots and a 66-year-old female who was not identified by police was treated at a local hospital for gunshot wounds.

Officers later located the suspect, identified as Julio Cesar Virula, 26, Carmel. Reports indicate Virula attempted to flee from officers, and during a short foot pursuit, a Carmel police officer shot and killed Virula.

Sgt. D.J. Schoeff, a spokesperson for the Carm-

el Police Department said, "The officer responded and took action."

A press release provided to the Reporter from the City of Carmel stated, "In order to prevent any further danger to our community or officers, one officer discharged their service weapon."

Police have not identified the officer involved in the shooting. Police also did not indicate if the suspect fired shots at police officers.

Investigators say they are in the preliminary stages of conducting a professional and thorough investigation regarding the circumstances of the incident.

Police ask that anyone with information or evidence, such as video surveillance recordings, who can help with the investigation of the incident to please call CPD's non-emergency dispatch telephone number of (317) 571-2580 and ask to speak with an officer.

# Noblesville Schools delays start date

## The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools has announced the district will delay the start of the school year by one day.

A statement issued by the district said, "In this unique year, our teachers and staff have told us they need a bit more time to prepare classrooms and materials for students. Based on this, we will be pushing back our school year start date from Monday, Aug. 3 to Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020. To account for this change, Jan. 4, 2021 will now be a student school day on our calendar."

"The flexibility we've provided parents to choose their preferred learning option, and then to change their mind about that option, has both increased the complexity of our planning and reduced our time to plan."

An update to the 2020-2021 school calendar can be seen at [this link](#).

The district encourages parents and students to check [noblesvilleschools.com/return](http://noblesvilleschools.com/return) for the most up-to-date plan information and language to clarify our plan for masks and what to do if your child is ill.

# Riverview's Chief Medical Officer supports mask mandate

## The REPORTER

Last week, Hamilton County experienced a spike in COVID-19 cases that resulted in 274 new cases reported by the Indiana State Department of Health.

A mandatory mask mandate issued by Governor Holcomb began on Monday and many local health officials are optimistic the mandate will help curb additional new cases.

Doctor Eric Marcotte, Chief Medical Officer at Riverview Health, supports Holcomb's mandate and says wearing a mask helps protect others.

"I'm glad to see Governor Holcomb mandate masks," Marcotte said. "Doctors and hospitals have known for a hundred years that wearing masks protect others. It is never optional for a surgeon to wear a mask during surgery. We know how risky that would be for the patient. Most physicians have no doubt that masks prevent the spread of germs. I'm glad that our state politicians wisely listened to the experts."

Marcotte believes much of Indiana's increased case counts in the last six weeks is likely due to excellent testing capacity.

"Thanks to foresight and good communication

between Indiana government and healthcare, we are able to test at a much higher rate than many states," Marcotte said. "The goal is to decrease the 'test positivity rate' to under 7 percent. Test pos-

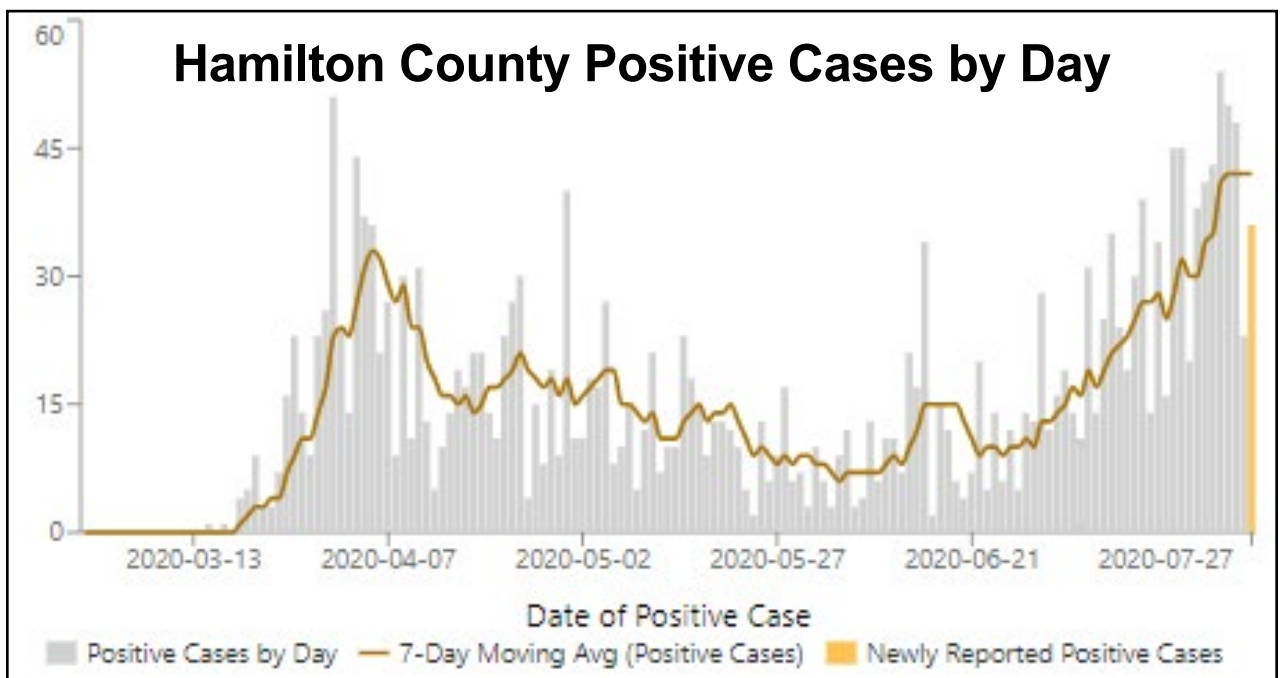
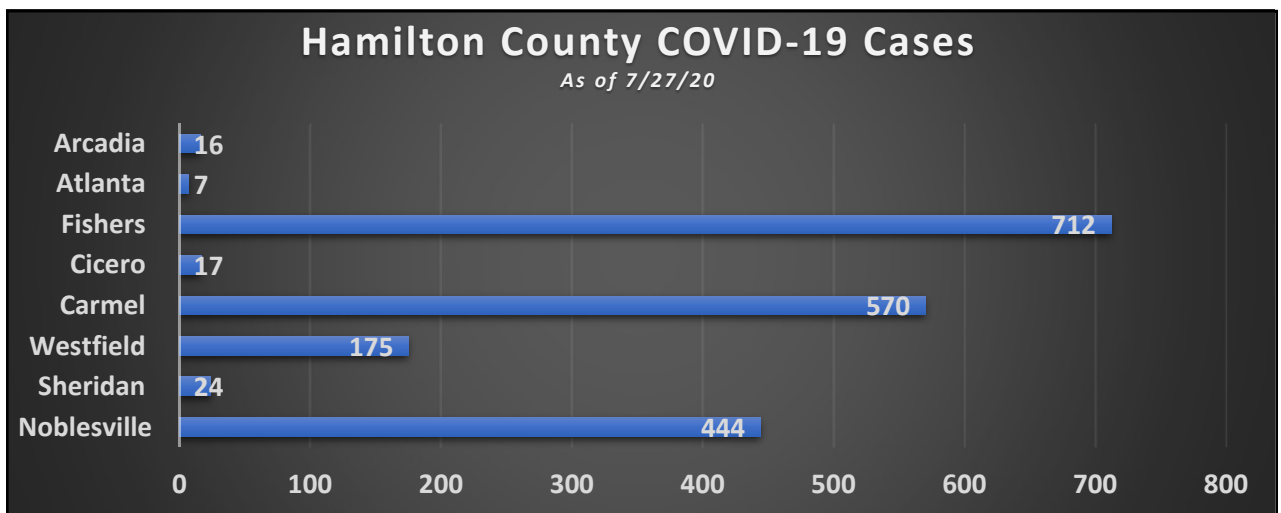
itivity means how many of all the tests we do show that someone has COVID-19. Scientists think that the higher this number is, the more people with an infection are being missed. Indiana has been able to bring the positivity rate down, unlike many states in the south ... Florida, the Carolinas and Arizona are experiencing a very different sort of surge."

Although the state and county are experiencing spikes in number of cases, hospitalizations are down.

"It seems most likely that a combination of wise



Marcotte



# Carmel cancels numerous events due to COVID-19 safety concerns

## The REPORTER

To ensure the health and safety of the Carmel community, the City of Carmel has canceled several events due to continued challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These events have drawn large crowds in congested areas, making it difficult to respect physical distancing recommendations by the CDC, thus raising the risk of spreading the virus.

The following events have been canceled for 2020:

- Artomobilia
- Art of the Dog
- Carmel on Canvas
- Late Night on Main
- Chinese Mooncake Festival
- Music on the Monon
- Oktoberfest
- Holiday at Carter Green
- Holiday in the Arts District

"After much thought and consideration of many options, we have had to make a tough call and cancel these large events," said Nancy Heck, Carmel's Director of Community Relations and Economic Development. "These community events are loved by so many and we are grateful for the ability to provide an outlet to gather with friends in the community each year. However, it's important for us to prioritize the long-term health



Heck

## Carmel Christkindlmarkt, Ice at Center Green canceled

### The REPORTER

The popular Carmel Christkindlmarkt and winter season of ice skating at the Ice at Carter Green have been canceled due to the continued challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision was made by mutual consent of the Christkindlmarkt Board of Directors and the City of Carmel, which owns and operates the seasonal outdoor ice skating rink – two winter traditions which drew more than 300,000 people over a four-month winter season in 2019-20.

Both events had been scheduled to begin in mid-November with the German-themed Christmas market ending on Christmas Eve and the ice-skating season continuing through March. While the ice rink will not be installed this year, other winter activities and the possibility of seasonal events in early 2021 are still being discussed.

and safety of our vendors, sponsors, attendees and event coordinators.

"The possibility of virtual events to occur on Social Media through a streaming device or on the government channel, Carmel TV, is still being considered on a case-by-case basis. Follow the City of Carmel on

"It might seem strange to be making this announcement in July, but due to the great deal of advance work needed to install the ice rink and to work with Christkindlmarkt vendors and suppliers, we needed to act sooner, rather than later," said Dan McFeely, president of the Christkindlmarkt Board of Directors. "By canceling now, both the holiday market and the City of Carmel will save thousands of dollars by not having to prepare for events that were likely to be canceled or faced with restrictions on crowd size."

The cancellations do not mean the celebration of the holiday season has been canceled in Carmel. There are still many smaller and less congested events that will take place. In addition, Christkindlmarkt planners are working on establishing a way to offer popular official merchandise for sale online and at a local retail store.

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to get the latest updates.

"We remain committed to providing the community with top-notch entertainment and events in the future and look forward to a brighter and healthier 2021 for the return of our live event lineup," Heck said.

# Masks – mandatory? Plus, Fishers Health Dept. COVID testing

The Fishers city public health order mandating the wearing of masks went into effect Friday. In addition, a mandatory Indiana state order from the governor was implemented Monday. But are these orders really mandatory?

It has generally been my understanding that when a legal mandate is ordered, there is some kind of penalty attached. It could be a fine or some jail sentence, but if one willfully and consistently violates the legal mandate, you could, at some point, face some consequences.

Nobody wants a face mask police force or arbitrary enforcement of such a legal order. However, with no specific penalty one would face for willfully violating these orders, it would be more accurate to describe the city and state actions as strong suggestions rather than mandates.

Now, understand, I



LARRY LANNAN  
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I am no expert in communicable diseases and have no scientific background other than a few high school courses and one science class in college. So, I read and listen to those with all the credentials to advise us on issues like wearing a mask.

Those experts are nearly unanimous in their advice – in most situations where you are around other people, wear a mask. Do that for the sake of the people around you to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

There may be no legal penalty for failure to wear a mask, but it is my view, based on these experts who have spent their lives studying viruses and have the credentials to write and speak authoritatively about the novel coronavirus, we should heed the strong suggestion to wear a mask when around others outside family members living in our households.

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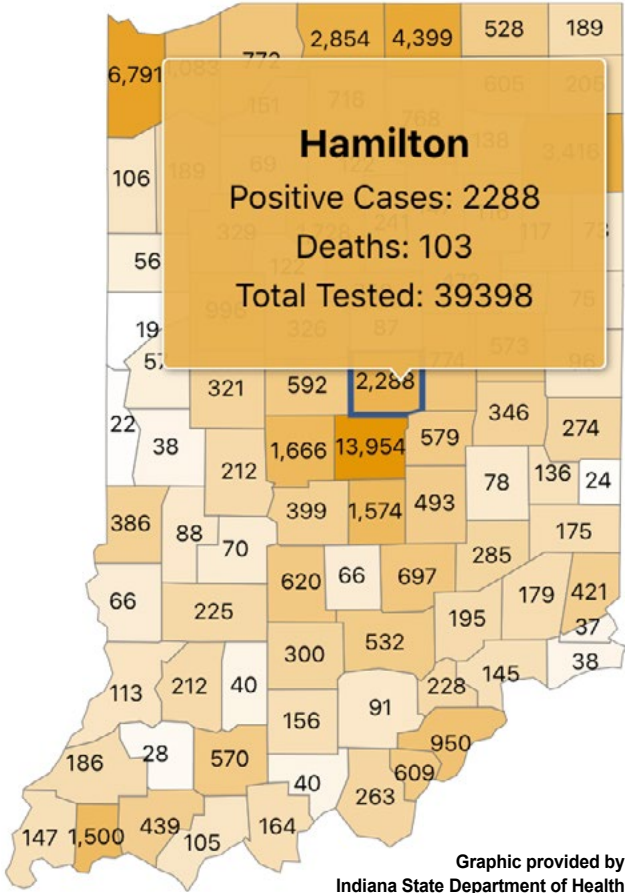
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decisions is giving Indiana a temporary lull in our hospitalization rate," Marcotte said. "The badly hit states with high test positivity rates also have very high hospitalization and intensive care rates. They are also seeing substantial death rates, unfortunately. We know several things now that we didn't in March that are big help to Indiana in our current stage."

According to Marcotte, healthcare officials have a better understanding of:

- How to better test and quarantine infected people,
- How to better protect vulnerable seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities,
- How to better predict which patients are likely to do badly with COVID-19; and,
- How to treat someone when they are hospitalized so they can go home much sooner.

"With universal masking, I expect our infection



rate to drop rapidly," Marcotte said. "That is also our best hope that we will

not have a Florida- or Arizona-like situation develop here in the Hoosier state."



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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
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## Carmel firefighters distributing masks, hand sanitizer today at IMCU

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Department has scheduled another COVID-19 information booth to hand out information on virus prevention and safety and answer questions from the public. Firefighters will offer free bottles of hand sanitizer and disposable face masks while supplies last. The type of masks being distributed are similar

to what you would find in a doctor's office waiting room.

CFD will be at Indiana Members Credit Union, 4790 E. 96th St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. The booth will be set up outside the store entrance.

During the event, representatives from CFD will wear masks and keep to physical distancing guidelines to avoid possible

spread of the virus. The event is open to the public and visitors should also wear masks and maintain proper distance from others as they approach the booth.

The goal of this booth is to provide the community with COVID-19 information, including handouts showing the City of Carmel and Carmel Fire Department "Best Practices" for dealing with the virus.

## LARRYINFISHERS

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I commend Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness and Governor Eric Holcomb for making strong statements that citizens must be "educated" on the need to wear masks. I still worry about the people in our state not interested in being educated.

Allow me to take up a related issue. Last Monday, the Fishers City Council was set to hear a presentation from the Fishers Health Department about the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. I verified with city staff this work session would be livestreamed on video. I am in a high-risk health category and have limited the events I attend in person.

I was assured the work session would be available on livestream. However, there was a major technical malfunction. You could see the video, but there was no audio – you could not listen to any of the presentation.

I was very disappointed, but later learned I was not alone. There were other journalists planning to use that livestream. I even received two phone calls later from former local officials asking me if I attended the work session so I could brief them on what was said.

I must be honest. I was

very sad to see the city let people down. In more than eight years of covering Fishers municipal government, I have always found it very competent. Perhaps I just expect too much from our city government. Having worked in the broadcasting industry for over 14 years, I do understand technical glitches will happen. This one just came at a particularly inopportune time.

The city has tried to make up for it by posting the PowerPoint presentation and uploading videos, but anyone in communications will tell you that does not make up for the letdown on Monday night.

I also wrote about the delay in COVID-19 test results. Fishers has been way ahead of the curve on this one. It is my view that one major reason Mayor Scott Fadness chose to establish a city health department, a rare move for a city in the state of Indiana, was to provide free and timely testing for city residents and tests available to business owners for a fee.

Fishers has a contract with a lab to process the testing and provide results. The city health department issued a statement a few days ago saying the normal turnaround time of two to

three days for COVID-19 test results were now 10 days due to the uptick in cases resulting in more demand for tests.

I wrote that a novel coronavirus test with results 10 days later is not of much use to the individual being tested and does not allow for contact tracing. I realize that was not the city's fault, just a reality.

I rarely attend any meetings in person anymore, but I did about 10 days ago because I was invited and felt the session was of great importance to my local community. Everyone did their best to adhere to CDC standards, wearing masks and distancing as possible.

I received several messages following that meeting that one member of the group was COVID-19 positive, although some follow-up messages indicated the diagnosis might not have been correct.

To be on the safe side, as a resident of Fishers, I scheduled a test, which took about three business days. I received my test results roughly 72 hours later, which is a good sign that the testing results are coming in more quickly than expected.

In case you are curious, my results were negative.

## Indiana added to list of travel advisories for East Coast states

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Multiple states on the East Coast will now require people traveling from Indiana to quarantine for two weeks.

The governors of New

York, New Jersey and Connecticut added Indiana to the list of states included in their travel advisories, according to their Twitter pages.

The news came after Indiana experienced the

second highest number of confirmed cases since the pandemic began.

All three states say the advisory must be followed by both in-state residents and visitors.

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## James Russell "George" Kemp July 30, 1943 – June 28, 2020

James Russell "George" Kemp, 76, Sheridan, passed away on Sunday morning, June 28, 2020 at Majestic Care of Sheridan. Born July 30, 1943 in Marion County, he was the son of the late Russell B. and Carrie Opal (Wright) Kemp.

George attended Sheridan High School and honorably served his country as a soldier in the United States Army.

For many years George worked for Waitt Farms. He loved helping Grover with the planting and harvesting and assisting him with the horses. After a long hard day of work, you could usually find him resting in the shade of a tree out on the farm.

He loved mushroom hunting and never turned down a bowl of chili and corn bread, a can of Pepsi, or an ice cold PBR. George was a 51-year member of the K.V. Elliott American Legion Post 67 in Sheridan. He loved everyone at the Legion and considered many of them part of his family.

George is survived by his cousins, Marcia Doty (Raymond), Fortville, Louanna Parr (Kenneth), Monroe, Wis., and Denzil Shoe (Regina), Westfield; nieces and nephews, Andrew, Kimberly and Melissa Dwiggin; his extended family; Lisa Trump (Gary), Kathy Small (Bill), Ashley Santasiero, Matt Dollard (Anne), Andrew Dollard, Kenny Waitt and Kent Waitt; and by his Legion family, Renai King and Alan Brock.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Patricia Louise Turpen; and by his aunt and uncle, Homer and Eva Wright.

George's family would like to thank Majestic Care of Sheridan for the wonderful care and the love they provided him over the years.

A Celebration of Life with Military Honors will take place on George's birthday, July 30, 2020 at 3 p.m. at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 2 p.m. until the time of service.

George will be laid to rest at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Pastor Harrell Wilson and Pastor Chad Fultz will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the K.V. Elliott American Legion Post 67 in Sheridan.

Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

## School Board Candidates

*There are 14 board seats at stake this year in the six Hamilton County school districts. Winners in the non-partisan elections on Nov. 3 will take office on Jan. 1, 2021. Filing ends at noon on Aug. 21 at the county elections office.*

### Carmel Clay Schools

Katie Browning (At large)

### Hamilton Southeastern

Clinton Wilson (Fall Creek Twp.)  
Sarah E. Parks-Reese (Wayne Twp.)

### Hamilton Heights

David Adam Sheller (White River Twp.)  
Kevin J. Cavanaugh (Jackson Twp.)

### Westfield Washington Schools

Carl (Mike) Steele (District 3)

## Obituaries & News

# Senate GOP unveils next COVID-19 relief package

### The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) has secured several key provisions in the proposed coronavirus relief package released Monday by Senate Republicans, known as the *Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection, and Schools (HEALS) Act*. The proposal includes some principles from Senator Young's *RESTART Act*, and his legislation to address **unemployment insurance reform, child care and telehealth**.

The *HEALS Act* also contains the *TRUST Act*, which Senator Young co-authored with the intent to help **rein in the national debt** and set in motion a bipartisan national plan to begin tackling the long-term drivers of the country's national debt once the U.S. gets through the coronavirus pandemic.

"As we continue to confront the coronavirus pandemic, we must ensure our schools and employers can safely reopen and our health care providers have the resources they need to fight this virus," Young said. "I'm pleased that the *HEALS Act* contains critical measures to protect jobs, schools, and health care — including several provisions I have been championing, such as unemploy-

ment insurance system reform, financial assistance to help child care providers reopen, and telehealth legislation that will lead to greater affordability and access."

Young continued, "I'm also glad that the *HEALS Act* includes some concepts from my *RESTART Act* by recognizing the need for long-term working capital loans and targeting the relief toward businesses that have suffered significant revenue decline. However, I believe more of the *RESTART Act* must be included in order to truly assist the hardest-hit small- and mid-sized businesses that have fallen through the gaps of previous relief programs. I'll continue working with my colleagues to improve upon this proposal and ensure we are caring for those who have suffered the most through no fault of their own."

The *HEALS Act* proposal includes principles from Senator Young's *RESTART Act* in its small business recovery component, formally titled the *Continuing Small Business Recovery and Paycheck Protection Program Act*. However, ac-



Young

The *RESTART Act* would provide a partially forgivable loan to a wider range of businesses and non-profits with a revenue decline of 25 percent or greater. Young says this assistance is critical to the more than 500,000 manufacturing employees in Indiana, the 200,000 Hoosier restaurant employees laid off or furloughed since March, the **small music venues** in Indiana that are **facing permanent closure**, and the countless restaurants, gyms, salons, hotels, retailers and other small businesses that are important pillars of Indiana's communities.

The *RESTART Act*, introduced by Senators Young and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) in May, has gained the support of 39 additional bipartisan Senators, including Senators Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Cory Book-

cording to Young, this proposal does not go far enough in assisting many of the small and mid-sized businesses and non-profits that are important to the nation's economy.

er (D-N.J.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Angus King (I-Maine), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Jack Reed (D-R.I.), Pat Roberts (R-Kan.), Mitt Romney (R-Utah), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Tina Smith (D-Minn.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.).

Additionally, the bipartisan legislation is supported by nearly 40 national organizations and more than 50 Indiana businesses. [Click here](#) to view a full list of supporters.

[Click here](#) to view a one-pager on the *RESTART Act*.

## Harold "Ron" Holliday

December 13, 1942 – July 18, 2020

Harold "Ron" Holliday, 77, Westfield, passed away July 18, 2020. He was born on December 13, 1942, to the late Harold M. Holliday and Thelma (Lohr) Holliday Ethridge Wright in Noblesville. He married on December 12, 1961, to his high school sweetheart Beverly Ann (Badger) Holliday. They were married 57 years before his passing.

In addition to his parents, Ron was preceded in death by his brother, William "Bill" Etheridge.

He will be greatly missed by his wife and family, sons Timothy Holliday and Thomas (Rae Anne) Holliday, both of Sheridan, and daughter Tammy (Dallas) Fugett, Noblesville. Ron also leaves behind six loving grandchildren, Jessica, Jeremy, Cristy, David, Cory and Adam; as well as seven great-grandchildren, Makiya, Karissa, Jacob, Vikram, Lillian, Everleigh and Emmett. He will also be missed by his sisters, Bonnie Lambert, East Peoria, Ill., and Linda Antrim, Gas City, Ind.

Memorial services for Ron will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2020 in the basement at First Christian Church, 107 W. 3rd St., Sheridan. In order to keep everyone safe, the family is asking that everyone wear masks.

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## Alford Chapman

October 19, 1940 – July 27, 2020

Alford Chapman, 79, Fishers passed away on July 27, 2020 in his home following an extended illness. He was born in Russell County, Ky., on October 19, 1940 to Lawrence and Mary (Lawless) Chapman.

Al is a graduate of Noblesville High School (1959) and worked for many years as a manager at Standard Grocery in Noblesville. He enjoyed watching football and was an avid fan of the Indianapolis Colts. Al was a simple man who will be lovingly remembered as a kind, quiet soul.

Al is survived by one daughter, Lisa Chapman, Noblesville; one son, Mark Chapman, Noblesville; two brothers, Gene Chapman, Fishers, and Kenny (Kim) Chapman, Noblesville; two sisters, Nelda (Terry) Ballenger, Noblesville, and Carol (Jack) Ott, Noblesville; and one grandson. Many loving nieces and nephews also survive.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Jonell Wooldridge; and one brother, Jimmy Chapman.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Refuge Christian Church, 11772 E. 196th St., Noblesville, with Pastor Stan Sutton officiating. Friends may call from 2 p.m. until the time of service. Social distancing will be observed and face coverings will be required per the Governor's Executive Order. A mask will be provided for those who need one.

A committal service will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Bethel Cemetery in Russell Springs, Ky., with Pastor Darrell Coe officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Al asked that memorial contributions be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Keller Mortuary Services. Online condolences may be offered at [KellerMortuary.com](http://KellerMortuary.com).

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*But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came thither also, and stirred up the people. And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.*

*Acts 17:13-15 (KJV)*

## Donald Wayne Crowder Sr.

March 28, 1942 – July 27, 2020

Donald Wayne Crowder Sr., 78, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on March 28, 1942 to Jessie and Rose (Chastain) Crowder in Clinton, Ind.

For over 25 years, Donald was a church caretaker and kind keeper for Calvary Apostolic Church where he unlocked doors, announced prayer time, and was known as the Cough Drop Guy.

He is survived by his children, Thelma (Mark) Campbell, Ethel (Dennis) Warner, Rick (Megan) Kelley, Charlotte Jones, Donald (Rachael) Crowder, Amanda (Rob) Cook and Patrick Bastain; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and one on the way; three great-great-grandchildren; and his brother, James Crowder.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Ladean Crowder; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister, Hazel M. Wood; and brother, Jessie W. Crowder Jr.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Calvary Apostolic Church, 16400 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to the time of service at the church. Bro. Bryan Tanton officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

The family requests no smoking at the church.

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## Rebecca Jane "Becky" Ellis

December 10, 1929 – July 26, 2020

Rebecca Jane "Becky" Ellis, 90, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at her home. She was born on December 10, 1929 to Carl and Grace (Beals) Cox in Deming, Ind.

For 33 years, Becky worked for Indiana Bell Telephone, retiring in 1980 as the Methods Assistant & Office Supervisor. She was very active in Westfield Friends Church and attended Westside Christian Church in Okeechobee, Fla. Becky was active in Pioneers of America, Purdue Home Extension, Open Doors of Washington Township, Cancer Board, Yellow Pages Organization, and a quilting club. She formerly served as secretary/treasurer of West Grove Cemetery. Becky volunteered with Buck Head Ridge Volunteer Fire Department in Florida and was a TOPS life member.

She is survived by her stepdaughter, Martha (Dan) Jones; siblings, George (Marilyn) Cox, Bill Cox, Sue (Bob) Bulthaupt, Maedean (Ron) Tower and Norman (Libby) Cox; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Becky was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Ellis; stepson, Fred Ellis; and siblings, Steve Cox, Ruby Hair and Arthur Cox.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Todd Hair will officiate. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Beals/Cox Mission or Marion Ellis Preaching Funds and mailed to Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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## Betty Lee (Heinbaugh) Williams

August 27, 1927 – July 26, 2020

Betty Lee (Heinbaugh) Williams, 92, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020 at Alli-sonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born on August 27, 1927 to William and Orybeth (Myers) Heinbaugh in Plainville, Ind.

Betty was a 1945 graduate of Plainville High School was a member of Legacy Bible Church. She worked for 40 years as a U.S. Postal Service rural route carrier, retiring in 1997.

Betty is survived by her two sons, Ted L. Williams and Terry D. (Kimberly) Williams; two grandchildren, Jennifer A. (Chris) Dougherty and Matthew P. (Jessica) Williams; and four great-grandchildren, Ethan (Jennifer) Dougherty, Damon (Chris) Dougherty, Carter (Jessica) Williams and Elanor (Matthew) Williams.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Paul E. Williams, in 1993; and daughter-in-law, Cheryl A. Williams, in 2014.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at the funeral home, with Dr. Keith Kunda officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Plainville First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 173, Plainville, IN 47568; or Mephiosheth Ministries, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero, IN 46034.

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*Three county players in the field . . .*

## Western Amateur begins play at Crooked Stick Golf Club



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The Western Amateur began play Tuesday at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, the latest prestigious tournament to be hosted there. Noblesville's Clay Merchant (above, far left) and Carmel's Jeff Doty (below) and Luke Prall are among the competitors in the field.



Another prestigious tournament has come to Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel.

This time, it's the Western Amateur. The tournament began on Tuesday and will run through Saturday. The Western Amateur dates back to 1899 and has some legendary names as past champions, such as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Jack Nicklaus.

Three Hamilton County players are among the field of 156. Noblesville's Clay Merchant, soon to be a freshman at Indiana University, who made four birdies on his way to a 75 for his first-round score, finishing three over par.

"I played okay," said Merchant. "I had a hot middle of the round there. Made four birdies in a row there, which felt good."

After today's second round, the field

will be cut to the top 44 and ties. There is currently a large tie for 41st place with a score of an even 72, so Merchant is three shots back from the cut. He found out just three days ago that he would be playing in the Western Amateur.

"The goal is to make the cut tomorrow and then figure it out," said Merchant.

Carmel's Jeff Doty, playing at the University of Kansas, finished with a 77, making three birdies along the way. Another Carmel golfer, soon-to-be Purdue freshman Luke Prall, scored 80, with one birdie.

Second-round play begins at 7:30 a.m. today; Doty will be teeing off No. 10 at that time. Prall will start off the first tee at 9:30 a.m., while Merchant begins off the 10th tee at 12:30 p.m.

## Five tied for first-round lead

Turk Pettit, of Sugar Grove, N.C., holed a 15-foot putt for par on No. 18 to shoot 4-under 68 and finish Tuesday's first round at the 118th Western Amateur in a five-way tie for the lead at Crooked Stick Golf Club.

A senior at Clemson, Pettit was alone in first at 5 under after an eagle at the 11th and birdie at the 15th, but he bogeyed No. 17 to fall back to the pack. It was the highest opening-round score since 67 led in 2015 at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, Ill.

"You never want to bogey the last two," he said. "There are some tough holes, especially down the stretch. I didn't hit bad shots, but you have to hit good shots out here. It's a tough track."

"I think the lowest round all week will be about 5 under, maybe 6."

Joining Pettit atop the leaderboard are Connor Creasy, of Abingdon, Va.; Maxwell Moldovan, of Uniontown, Ohio; Joseph Pagdin, of Sheffield, England; and Matthias Schmid, of Moxhuette, Germany.

After making bogey on his first hole — he started on No. 10 — Creasy bounced back with a birdie at the next. He closed the first nine with a birdie and carded three more on the second nine.

"You're definitely going to make a couple of bogeys out here, and I happened to get mine out of the way early," said Creasy, a sophomore at Georgia. "After that, it was smooth sailing. I didn't drive it in the fairway that much, but I never got in much trouble. I hit a lot of wedges close and made my short putts."

A freshman at Ohio State, Moldovan is the only one of the leaders who didn't make worse than par. He carded all four of his birdies on his final eight holes. Schmid, a senior at Louisville, made four birdies and one eagle, while Pagdin, a freshman at Florida, had six birdies.

Two of the 10 players tied for sixth at 3 under are last year's medalist Davis Thompson, of Saint Simons Island, Georgia, and 2017 Western Junior champion William Mouw, of Chino, Calif.

"I liked how I played, liked the result," Mouw said. "I stayed patient and had fun. It's such a long tournament that you have to pace yourself the best you can."

Another one at 3 under is Angus Flanagan, of Woking, England, who played at the PGA TOUR's 3M Championship last week. His six birdies were offset by a double bogey and bogey.

"I would have taken a 69 at the start of the day, especially the way I was hitting it during the practice round," he said. "It's nice I can turn it on whenever. It was a tough finish, I played solid."

Defending champion Garrett Rank, of Ontario, Canada, posted 2-over 74. Cole Hammer, of Houston, Texas, opened with 71. He won the tournament in 2018.

David Ford, of Peachtree Corners, Ga., aced the 201-yard, par-3 sixth hole on his way to 75.

This is the first time since 1951 that one of the world's oldest and most storied amateur golf championships is being played in the state of Indiana. South Bend Country Club hosted that year's Western Amateur, which was won by famed golfer Frank Stranahan. The Western Amateur has never been played in the Indianapolis area.

Crooked Stick has hosted several elite golf championships, including the 2012 BMW Championship won by Rory McIlroy and the 2016 BMW Championship won by Dustin Johnson.

Crooked Stick also has been a supporter of the Evans Scholars Foundation, a nonprofit established by the Western Golf Association that has awarded full tuition and housing college scholarships to more than 11,000 caddies since 1930.

Twenty-four of those caddies were from Crooked Stick, including Joe Conway, who is currently enrolled at Purdue University.

For more information, including pairings and live scoring, visit [www.thewesternamateur.com](http://www.thewesternamateur.com).

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## Indianapolis Indians might be changing name . . .

# Native Americans join discussion; fans divided on change

By DAN KLEIN  
WISH-TV

The Indianapolis Indians baseball team said Tuesday that after more than a century, a name change might be needed.

The announcement got support from Native Americans but a divided response from fans.

A committee to explore the idea will include the executive director of the American Indian Center of Indiana, Carolina Castoreno-Santana.

The Indians have been the mascot of the Indianapolis baseball team since 1902. While logos have evolved through the decades, those who are Native American, including Castoreno-Santana, say those changes aren't enough.

"I'm really glad to hear they're listening to what we're saying," she said.

She adds that the name isn't the problem. It's the imagery that goes with it that is offensive, with fans wearing war paint and headdresses, doing mocking cheers like the "tomahawk chop," all of which reinforce harmful stereotypes.

"It's the idea of taking a group of people and making them a mascot for entertainment," Castoreno-Santana said.

Back in the 1980s, one of the team's logos was an Indian caricature shown wearing Native American clothing and getting ready to throw a baseball. An earlier logo also merged baseball with Native American imagery.

Things changed in 1993 with new team colors and a new logo unveiled to go along with a new affiliation with the Cincinnati Reds.

But the name stayed.

While Castoreno-Santana credits the team's incremental changes, "It's 25 years later; maybe it's time to take that next step."

Some fans certainly agree.

"It's really about time," said Kevin Robertson, wearing a Cubs hat downtown Tuesday as he walked his dog. He's been to a handful of games over the years. "Indians is just a ridiculous name anyways. They're Native American, for



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

**Victory Field has been the home of the Indianapolis Indians, but the team could be changing its name soon. A committee has been formed to explore the idea, and it will include the executive director of the American Indian Center of Indiana.**

one. They're only Indians because Christopher Columbus thought he was in India."

But other fans, like Steve Groce, who have grown up with the Indians, who has attended dozens of games over the years, aren't so sure.

"I don't see what the problem is, it's just a name. No one is making fun of anyone," Groce said. "They've been that way for so long, everybody will still call them the Indians anyway."

Jaimie Maple estimates he's attended close to 100 games.

"It's good to have discussions about things, but at the same time, let's not jump to conclusions," Maple said.

But others like Robertson are ready to see immediate change.

"They are native to this land and if they feel it's racist to them or rude to them, it's definitely something we should look into," he said. "It's a long time coming and probably overdue."

Castoreno-Santana said her mission on the committee will be one of educating the other members. But she will be disappointed if the name sticks.

"They are some native people who don't find offense. They are definitely in the minority," she said.

The team declined to be interviewed Tuesday but released a statement:

*"Indianapolis Indians baseball dates back to 1902 and it's been the organization's goal to be low-cost family entertainment for all fans in an inclusive environment. We take this mission very seriously. We also feel strongly about the relationship we have with our fans, community and corporate partners.*

*Knowing that the appropriateness of our team name is being questioned, we will be forming a committee to explore it while also gathering community input. As background, the name is derived from our state, Indiana, which means "Land of the Indians" and our city, Indianapolis, which means "City of Indians."*

*"We are prepared to collaborate with our community and appropriate stakeholders. We understand that our team name has not been endorsed by some but trust they understand the historic and respectful context in which it has been used over the years. We are committed to engage, listen and exchange ideas."*

The team also said forming a committee is just the first step, and it's too early to know who else will fill the committee and when they will begin to meet.

A team spokesman was not sure what prompted the logo change in 1993, if it was public pressure or simply conveniently timed as the team switched from the Expos to the Reds. He said he would be looking in the archives Wednesday and promised to have an update. When we hear back, we'll update this story.

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Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3		L.A. Dodgers5, Houston 2
Toronto 5, Washington 1		Colorado 8, Oakland 3
Tampa Bay 5, Atlanta 2		L.A. Angels 10, Seattle 2
Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 5		San Diego 5, San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 6		Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3		N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, postponed
N.Y. Mets 8, Boston 3		Baltimore at Miami, postponed
Minnesota 6, St. Louis 3		

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	4	1	.800	-
Baltimore	2	1	.667	1.0
N.Y. Yankees	2	1	.667	1.0
Toronto	3	2	.600	1.0
Boston	1	4	.200	3.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	4	1	.800	-
Minnesota	3	1	.750	0.5
Detroit	3	2	.600	1.0
Kansas City	2	3	.400	2.0
Chi. White Sox	1	4	.200	3.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	3	2	.600	-
Oakland	3	2	.600	-
L.A. Angels	2	3	.400	1.0
Texas	1	3	.250	1.5
Seattle	1	4	.200	2.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	2	1	.667	-
N.Y. Mets	3	2	.600	-
Atlanta	2	3	.400	1.0
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	1.0
Washington	1	4	.200	2.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	4	1	.800	-
St. Louis	2	2	.500	1.5
Milwaukee	2	3	.400	2.0
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	2.0
Cincinnati	1	4	.200	3.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Diego	4	1	.800	-
Colorado	3	1	.750	0.5
L.A. Dodgers	3	2	.600	1.0
Arizona	2	3	.400	2.0
San Francisco	2	3	.400	2.0

# WNBA standings

<b>Tuesday's games</b>	
Washington 94, Connecticut 89	
Chicago 96, Los Angeles 78	
Seattle 90, Minnesota 66	

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	2	0	1.00	-
Washington	2	0	1.00	-
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	0.5
New York	0	1	0.000	1.5
Indiana	0	1	0.000	1.5
Connecticut	0	2	0.000	2.0

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	2	0	1.00	-
Los Angeles	1	1	0.500	1.0
Minnesota	1	1	0.500	1.0
Las Vegas	0	1	0.000	1.5
Dallas	0	1	0.000	1.5
Phoenix	0	1	0.000	1.5

# NBA standings

<b>The NBA is scheduled to resume games on Thursday, July 30. There will be 22 teams playing; 16 of them (eight per conference) are in playoff positions, and six teams are six games or fewer behind the eighth seed in their conference.</b>	
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Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Milwaukee	53	12	.815	-
x-Toronto	46	18	.719	6.5
x-Boston	43	21	.672	9.5
x-Miami	41	24	.631	12.0
x-Indiana	39	26	.600	14.0
x-Philadelphia	39	26	.600	14.0
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	22.5
Orlando	30	35	.462	23.0
Washington	24	40	.375	28.5
Out of playoff contention				
Charlotte	23	42	.354	30.0
Chicago	22	43	.338	31.0
New York	21	45	.318	32.5
Detroit	20	46	.303	33.5
Atlanta	20	47	.299	34.0
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34.0
x - Clinched playoff berth				

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	-
x-L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5.5
x-Denver	43	22	.662	7.0
x-Utah	41	23	.641	8.5
x-Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	9.5
x-Houston	40	24	.625	9.5
Dallas	40	27	.597	11.0
Memphis	32	33	.492	18.0
Portland	29	37	.439	21.5
New Orleans	28	36	.438	21.5
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21.5
San Antonio	27	36	.429	22.0
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24.0
Out of playoff contention				
Minnesota	19	45	.297	30.5
Golden State	15	50	.231	35.0

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