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Reporter photographer named county GOP Woman of the Year

The REPORTER

The Reporter and the Hamilton County Republican Women's Club (HCRW) are proud to announce that Denise Moe of Carmel is the HCRW 2020 Indiana Federation of Republican Women (IFRW) Tribute to Women, Woman of the Year.

The Republican Party and IFRW has been a big part of Moe's life since she was a precinct committeeman and a member from her hometown of Merrillville.

Former IFRW Board members Ruth Springman and Beverly Decker mentored Moe as a college student. She was the IFRW Rainey McCormick College Scholarship winner in 1997. Moe has been serving the Republican Party and IFRW ever since.

Currently, Moe is a Certified Utility Coordinator for locally-owned engineering firm Beam, Longest and Neff, LLC, where she is responsible for relocating utility facilities impacted by infrastructure improvement projects in Indiana.

Moe grew up in Northwest Indiana where she worked on several campaigns in "The Region." She moved to the Indianapolis area after taking a job with Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith. Later she worked with the Indianapolis Fire Department as a Systems Analyst.

Moe moved to Hendricks County when her sons were little where she was a Young Republican officer and Chair for many years, and she ran several campaigns and served on the Avon Redevelopment Commission and Parks Board.

Denise and her sons, Chris, 19, (IUPUI sophomore and pantry cook at Woody's Library Restaurant) and Jack, 15, (Carmel High School freshman and self-proclaimed Fortnite expert), have lived in a townhome in downtown Carmel for the last five years.

Moe has been exceptionally helpful with the Hamilton County GOP's social media presence. She manages 16 social media pages for elected officials, candidates and party organizations in Hamilton County and is an administrator for several different county groups with tens of thousands of members. She personally has over 30,000 social media connections on the various platforms and is a great help in spreading the word about events, candidates and the party message.

Moe helps with events and fundraising and is the HCRW resident photographer



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Denise Moe stepped in front of the camera at Carmel's 100th roundabout celebration, but The Reporter prefers to think this photo is about our favorite event photographer being 100 percent committed to everything she does.

with her camera ready at all Republican and local events. Her pictures and articles frequently appear in the Hamilton County Reporter, where she is a volunteer photographer and columnist.

Moe has a bachelor's degree from IU-PUI and is a black belt in Karate from Adamson's Karate Studios, a PADI Certified

SCUBA Diver, and a USPA Advanced Skydiver with 427 jumps, including one bridge jump.

In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and says she would love to meet Gordon Ramsey. She also likes playing with her talking green parrot Ollie and winning in euchre.

Teachers could strike if schools open unprepared for coronavirus

By RICHARD ESSEX
WISH-TV | wistv.com

An Indiana teachers union is demanding all public schools have basic safeguards in place before bringing teachers and students back into the buildings or they will call for a strike.

As teachers and students attempt to get back into school, the virus has found a way to follow in their footsteps.

High school football players at New Palestine and Warren Central high schools have tested positive. A student at Avon and another Greenfield-Central, along with

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Carmel Police Department awarded CALEA reaccreditation

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department (CPD) on Monday received its eighth accreditation award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) for continuing to meet the highest professional standards for public safety.



Barlow

CALEA serves as the premier credentialing association for public safety agencies across the United States. The purpose of CALEA's accreditation programs is to improve the delivery of public safety services by maintaining a body of standards covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives, establishing and administering an accreditation process and recognizing professional excellence.

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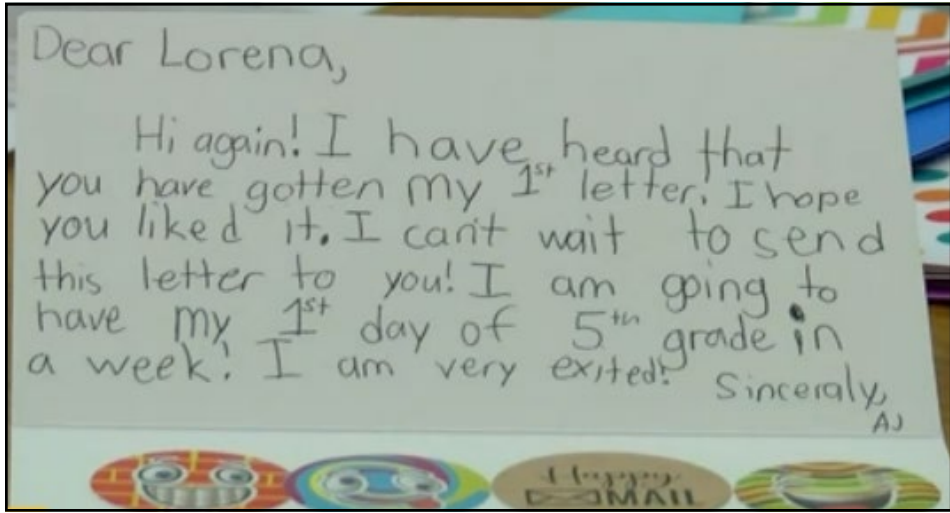


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Westfield Public Library creates pen pal program to help seniors during pandemic

By KATIE WISELY
WISH-TV | wistv.com

A handwritten note can go a long way, especially to those at nursing homes unable to see visitors or family amid pandemic restrictions. The Westfield Public Library is asking young people to sign on as pen pals.

A combined total of 60 teens and seniors have signed up for the program.

A handful of letters have already been sent to three different nursing

homes in Westfield.

A senior outreach patron informed the library movies were no longer allowed at his facility, community dining had been suspended and all group activities were canceled, which is why the library created the program. A handful of seniors were suffering loss from the pandemic and social interactions.

Anthony Sparano, 10, signed up for the program and is excited to make a new friend via mail.

"You can talk to them about things," he said. "My grandma used to work at a nursing home and we used to go there and see how they're doing and it was really fun. I want to meet this person and be friends with them. If you do a lot of pen pal programs then you can have a lot of friends."

The library supplies starter kits for teens interested in signing up.

If you'd like to sign up for the program just call the Westfield library at (317) 896-9391.



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Clay Terrace plans scaled down

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

The widely-acclaimed Clay Terrace shopping center is facing a redevelopment that includes replacing several retail stores and restaurants with apartments. Eventually, a hotel, office buildings and a parking garage may also be built as part of the outdoor mall's changing landscape.

However, Mike Holibaugh at the Carmel Community Development Department confirmed that in the past week, a scaled-down version of the redevelopment, first announced in March, was submitted to the department. It calls for demolition of buildings on the eastside of Clay Terrace Boulevard south of the center's midpoint, including the once-popular Mitchell's Fish Market and Biaggi's Italian restaurant, both of which have closed.

Clay Terrace, located just off U.S. 31 south of 146th Street, is owned by Washington Prime of Columbus, Ohio, a subsidiary of Simon Properties. The mall was built about 20 years ago and billed as the latest in fashionable shopping concepts.



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CPD

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CPD received its initial accreditation through CALEA in 1996 and has been accredited continuously since that time.

CALEA accreditation is a recognition of distinction. CPD is one of only 20 agencies in the State of Indiana to achieve accreditation through CALEA. Likewise, only 5 percent of law enforcement agencies across the United States are accredited through CALEA.

“Law enforcement conduct continues to be a dominant topic of conversation in the news and on social media,” Police Chief Jim Barlow said. “We are proud that the Carmel Police Department continues to meet the highest standards of professionalism in the nation. This accreditation award is a testament to the quality services and commitment to excellence that our employees provide to the Carmel community every day. It is also a testament to the support we receive from our City Council and Mayor Brainard, who recognize the importance of public safety in the overall goal of creating a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

The accreditation assessment process consists of a rigorous and extensive self-assessment, annual remote web-based assessments and quadrennial site-based assessments.

The 2020 on-site assessment included 45 interviews with agency members, employees and members of the community. The interviews were conducted to gauge compliance to current policy, gain insight on agency commitments and programs, and areas of deficiency. CPD had no areas of deficiency noted in the 2020 assessment process. Many of CPD’s programs were shown as exemplary on the final report.

The 2020 on-site assessment report noted several areas of achievement for the department:

- **School Resource Unit** – The assessors recognized that Carmel Clay Schools and the School Resource Officers (officers assigned to work in the schools) have a “truly enviable relationship, which can only result in the students’ betterment.”
- **Community Outreach** – The assessors acknowledged the commitment that CPD has to the Carmel community, residents and visitors alike. Programs such as the CPD Citizen Academy, Teen Academy, Police Explorers, National Night Out, Crime Stoppers, Safety Lane, Vacation Watch Program, Crime Watch, Holidays with Heroes, a Community Health Forum, CarmelFest and Pack the Cruiser were all noted by assessors as “far reaching.”
- **Wellness Program** – Assessors recognized CPD’s programs that attribute to physical and mental health of its employees, specifically Critical Incident Stress Management, Chaplain services, peer support, psychologist and a physical therapist. “There can be no doubt that the agency is fully committed to the health and safety of its employees. Overall, this is an exemplary agency incorporating CALEA into all that they do for their citizens, visitors, and themselves.”
- **Special Events** – Assessors noted the attention to detail in CPD’s planning and approach to special events.
- **Crime Scene and Property and Evidence** – Assessors described CPD’s commitment to the collection and preservation of evidence as “second to none.”

Chief Barlow added, “We appreciate being recognized for our efforts to be leaders in law enforcement management and implementation of services. Carmel Police Department employees are among the best in the world and are dedicated to serving and protecting the entire Carmel community.”

The 2020 Carmel Police Department CALEA Assessment Report can be found at [this link](#).



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?

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Fishers Arts Council holding reception Friday for James Anderson

The REPORTER

The Fishers Arts Council (FAC) will celebrate the Art of James Anderson: Vacations and Abstracts for its August exhibit in The Art Gallery at Fishers City Hall. The exhibit runs through Aug. 29. A free, public reception for Anderson will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7 at The Art Gallery at City Hall.

If you are not ready for an in-person reception, FAC will hold a virtual reception with a live artist interview at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14 on [Facebook](#). And, if you aren't ready to visit the gallery in person, see his work on the [Fishers Arts Council website](#).

Anderson says he has always enjoyed capturing photos and creating art from his youth. He received a prestigious L. S. Ayres Gold Key for one of his watercolor cityscape works in high school.

"I never understood what was so special about that one watercolor until nearly 50 years later when I saw a Matisse exhibit at the Indianapolis Museum of Art," he said. "That one work I created was very Matisse-like."

During a physical for college, Anderson discovered that he was red-green-brown shade colorblind.

"It is not that I don't see those colors, but I have trouble distinguishing between them in certain lighting situations," he said. "I always wondered why it was difficult for me to blend colors to achieve a desired color when painting with acrylics. Therefore, my wife has become my color advisor."

James set aside his artistic talents to follow a career as a programmer analyst/network engineer/business analyst/systems test engineer/systems support engineer in Information Technology. Then, "shortly before retirement, God opened my eyes again to those dormant artistic talents as He showed me what I missed during my IT career. He brought artist friends back into my life who urged me to display the scenes I captured for others to view as well."

Buffalo Creek flows beside his home.

"In the spring of 2013, God reminded me that the middle portion of the bank was overgrown," he said.

"I agreed and began 'trimming' the overgrowth."

After four and a half hours of trimming, James saw an amazing view into the middle of the creek with scenes he had missed for 34 years.

"While He has taken me to cityscapes, landscapes, quiet nature scenes, flowers, people, and animals everywhere, my favorite creation of His are the natural abstracts I find in Buffalo Creek," he said.

Over the years, Anderson has varied his cameras, but always uses the same lens makers: Sony and Zeiss. He feels they provide the finest optics. Currently, his camera is a Sony a7R IV. He says its wide variety of capabilities fit his needs well from macro to zoomed telephoto. However, he says, it is the Sony FE70300G/OSS optics that put the icing on each shot.

"Now I use all the gifts God gave me from the creativeness of high school art, to the logic of IT, combined with the eyes of age and memories to capture scenes that I hope others enjoy as much as I enjoy them," he said. "He has given me a portfolio of over 4,200 photos."

Carmel firefighters distributing masks, hand sanitizer today at Market District

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 Market District, 11505 N. Illinois St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today. The booth will be set up in the southeast parking lot.

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.

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staff members in Elwood have also tested positive for the virus.

GlenEva Dunham, president of the American Federation of Teachers in Indiana, said she is willing to call a solidarity strike if schools reopen without adequate safety measures. In Indiana, it's against the law for teachers to go on strike.

"We want the schools to open safely," Dunham said. "We see that that is not happening. We want the schools to open where our teachers wouldn't get infected, where children wouldn't get infected. We know we don't have the money to provide what we need."

The union points to the students who have returned to school this week while infected with the virus. Dunham says that many schools have not prepared

classrooms to meet Centers for Disease Control guidelines for social distancing or provided personal protective equipment for all students and staff.

"Some schools have promised desks for each individual child and we know that there are still tables, and we know that when children work together collectively at tables, that is hard to social distance," Dunham said.

The union also is not in favor of hybrid schedules that have students and teachers in class a few days a week and in virtual classrooms the remainder of the time.

"That means two separate lesson plans, that means cameras in the classrooms, things that have not been negotiated, not been approved," Dunham said.

They are asking school corporations across the state to meet CDC sanitation guidelines that do not require teachers to do the cleaning and to provide PPEs for the entire school calendar.

"If you can continue to provide that and I don't have to go into my pocket and buy it for myself, and if you can't provide that, we are asking for virtual," said Dunham.

The union says it represents 4,500 teachers in 27 districts, but they do not represent Indianapolis Public Schools or any teachers in Marion County. They do not at this time have any strikes planned, but if the infection rates continue to climb and school districts do not provide adequate safety measures, that could change.

Forbes names Centier Bank 'best bank' in Indiana

The REPORTER

Michael E. Schrage, CEO and Chairman of Centier Bank, said he is pleased to announce *Forbes* has recognized Centier Bank as the No. 1 bank in the state of Indiana for the second consecutive year.

Forbes conducts its second annual Best-In-State-Banks survey through market research firm Statista. Over 25,000 customers are surveyed to rate banks they have belonged to for overall satisfaction, but also considering trust, terms and conditions, branch services, digital services, and financial advice. In Indiana, only five banks were ranked.

"This recognition has once again reinforced our dedication to our clients as

a true community bank," Schrage said. "We are continually recognized as a top bank for the high quality services we provide and for our personalized, relationship-style banking. We are proud to receive this accolade as a result."

This is the second year that Centier Bank has ranked as the No. 1 Best Bank in Indiana by *Forbes*' "Best Banks in Each State" survey. Out of 5,117 banks in America, just 135 banks made the list. Among them, Centier placed 10th highest overall in the nation.

"As Indiana's largest private, family-owned bank celebrating 125 years in business, it is wonderful to see Centier out-rank larger, well-known banks which operate across the

country," Schrage said. "We know that our dedication to growing and nurturing Indiana's communities is what sets us apart."

Centier Bank is a \$4.8 billion asset bank and continues to grow, having opened new branches in Fort Wayne, Elkhart and Indianapolis in the last year. With over 900 employees and 64 branches, also holds the Indiana Chamber's Hall of Fame status for "Best Places to Work" and was recognized last year as the sixth-ranked Best Bank to Work for in the U.S.A. by American Banker magazine.

To see the full list of *Forbes* Best in State Banks, [click here](#). For more information about Centier Bank, go to [centier.com](#).



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Back-to-school eye exams are important

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This year, going back to school may mean attending class physically or virtually, with states and districts deciding on a case-by-case basis. Wherever your child attends school this fall, eye exams are essential for a successful academic year. Here's what to know:

When should I get my child's eyes checked?
The American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend having vision checked regularly, starting in infancy.

Not only will an eye exam help provide the clear vision necessary for a child to see the blackboard and work on digital devices without straining, but this essential visit can also detect a broad range of issues related to eye health and overall wellness.

Kids – and adults for that matter – don't always know they are experiencing a vision problem. As a result, they may be compensating for vision issues by turning their head to the side, squinting or holding reading material up close or far away.

What information should I share at the appointment?

Be sure to share any behaviors or symptoms with your child's doctor that could be related to eye

health. You should also mention all the activities and sports your child participates in which may be impacted by vision.

Are contacts right for my child?

Contact lenses may give the wearer a full field of clear, focused vision and many eye care professionals believe that children who demonstrate responsibility are excellent candidates for them. With many teens preferring contact lenses over glasses, this upcoming eye exam may be a good time to get your child fitted.

Contact lenses that provide comfortable vision when working for long hours on digital devices can also prove to be beneficial. Research has shown that half of teens are almost constantly online – between smartphone usage, video games, and school work – it's important to know that digital devices can contribute to reduced blink rates, which can lead to dryness. Ask your eye doctor about lenses that have a high moisture content, feel comfortable throughout the day and are easy to insert.

Make the most of the back-to-school season by scheduling an eye exam for your child. With healthy eyes and good vision, you can set your child up for a successful academic year.

Local healthcare workers can win a bedroom redesign

The REPORTER

Kit Magazine and Indiana Design Center (IDC) showrooms are teaming up to offer a Bedroom Refresh to a deserving Healthcare Hero in Central Indiana. Local showroom owners wanted to show their appreciation to all of the healthcare professionals who have tirelessly worked on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic, and have united with *Kit Magazine* to offer a contest for a chance to win a bedroom design refresh.

The winner of the contest will work with a professional to select from an assortment of bedroom décor options from the IDC showrooms, new wall paint colors and a new mattress to transform their room into a restful retreat. The contest runs until Aug. 31 with the design and installation taking place this fall. The final bedroom project will be featured in the November/December 2020 issue of *Kit Magazine*.

Official contest rules and the online nomination form can be found on the *Kit Magazine* website, kitindy.com.

"The Bedroom Refresh contest is a tangible way to honor a local healthcare professional who has been devoted to taking care of those who need it most during the pandemic," said Indiana Design Center Executive Director Andrea



BEDROOM REFRESH

Nominate a **HEALTHCARE HERO** for a chance to win a bedroom refresh compliments of our promotional partners.

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details

Go to Kitindy.com to nominate and for contest rules.

The contest runs August 1–31, 2020, so be sure to get your nomination in before the deadline!

The Bedroom Refresh will take place in the fall and be featured in the November/December Issue of *Kit Magazine*.

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Kleymeyer. "All of the talented partners involved are hopeful this collaborative design project will create a beautiful space where the winner can relax and re-charge."

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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 election office.

Carmel Clay Schools
Katie Browning (At large)

Hamilton Southeastern
Tony Bagato (Delaware Twp.)
Chauna Leigh Holder (Fall Creek Twp.)
Sarah E. Parks-Reese (Wayne Twp.)
Clinton Wilson (Fall Creek Twp.)

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Kevin J. Cavanaugh (Jackson Twp.)
Gretchen Pennington (White River Twp.)
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Carl (Mike) Steele (District 3)

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Sen. Young: Free speech must never be erased

The REPORTER

On Thursday, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) spoke on the Senate Floor about the importance of free speech in the United States of America. Read his full remarks below:

Mr. President, freedom, is the freedom to say two plus two makes four. If that is granted, all else follows, so wrote novelist George Orwell.

In the late 1980s I traveled to the Soviet Union as part of a junior high school soccer program.

Decades have passed since the trip, but the memories are still vivid. Shelves were barren, citizens drank from communal water fountains.

The items most in demand, and hardest to find, were American: Blue jeans and bubble gum.

Of course, those were not the only common things in Indiana that were contraband behind the Iron Curtain.

For decades, news, literature, art or entertainment not broadcast or approved by the state was scarce and available only by bootleg; the monuments towering over Russia were built to honor those who controlled it – the same men who regularly erased parts of its history to suit their political purposes.

This was a society where ideas and dialogue existed only underground.

Where watching American movies was a jailable offense.

Where free thinkers were not found in newspa-

pers or airwaves, but locked away in labor camps.

Where information protected the state instead of empowering individuals.

Where history was constantly purged and revised.

By the time I visited, though, Soviet leadership, in self-preservation mode, had gradually allowed citizens access to information and media as new technologies emerged.

It was only a ray of sunlight through a small crack; but through it people all across Russia and the Eastern Bloc could see and hear what was hidden from them.

Jazz and rock n' roll, *Star Wars* and Chuck Norris, *Doctor Zhivago* and *Robinson Crusoe*.

History once erased was restored, the truth of Stalin's murders revealed.

Inevitably the weakness of the fatal conceit of a centrally planned communist economy was exposed and larger numbers of Russians realized how poorly their quality of life compared to the western alternative. And they were even permitted rights to express their dissatisfaction with it.

A totalitarian regime's greatest ally is darkness and silence. Keeping a people in the dark is the surest way to guarantee they never demand God-given rights.

But just a trickle of information, a small offering of differing perspectives and a touch of freedom of expression helped lead to the Soviet Union's demise.

Free people become and stay free because of open dialogue, because of

the free exchange of information and ideas, even ones we disagree with because of patience with perspectives that are not our own, because we study our history and celebrate its highs and learn from its lows.

That is why it was painful to read recently that over 60 percent of Americans are now scared to admit their beliefs or air their opinions for fear of offending others and the consequences that come with it.

Painful to learn, but easy to understand.

This is the logical reaction when Americans are regularly 'canceled' for things said or written decades ago with no chance of grace or allowance of growth.

It's not just people who are being canceled. It's words and music too.

Classrooms and libraries are banning *Huckleberry Finn* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* rather than encouraging students to examine or understand their authors' words.

Hamilton is falling from grace for the sin of acknowledging America was created in 1776.

And whole parts of our history are being wiped away.

Communities have a right to lawfully determine who and what adorns their squares and streets.

But that is a world away from toppling statues of George Washington and

U.S. Grant in the same manner those of Lenin and Stalin were removed at the end of the Cold War.

And our entertainment industry is getting in on the act too:

Young

American movies once inspired freedom seekers. Today they are self-censored to appease another authoritarian regime in Beijing as it puts them down.

America is a good nation. Those who call it home are decent and kind. We are not perfect, but our imperfections are not irredeemable.

2020 has made it clear though that work remains in the task of building a more perfect union.

That effort is ongoing; every generation since our founding has worked towards it. And every generation has made hard-earned progress.

And our own work to create a more just future will be no less difficult – certainly more so than knocking down bronze and marble men, or waging war on books or on each other across social media.

Every time our nation has moved closer to better realizing the promise at the heart of our Declaration of Independence that all men

are created equal, endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, it's been because the founders dared to dream that was possible and left us the means to make it so.



Young

founder and a good American friend.

A man who lived behind the Iron Curtain and knew well the dangers of censorship and the power of free expression. As a playwright and musician, he suffered under censorship, as a leader he helped his nation gain the latter.

It was exactly 30 years ago that Vaclav Havel, then president of Czechoslovakia, spoke in this building.

"You have thousands of problems of all kinds, as other countries do," he observed of America.

"But you have one great advantage," he reminded us, "you have been approaching democracy for more than 200 years, and your journey toward that horizon has never been disrupted by a totalitarian system."

America's journey continues on towards that horizon – and only we have the power to disrupt it.

In this nation, two plus two must always equal four.

We can take a positive step forward in one respect.

Here's how: Beginning today, I will be regularly recognizing notable pieces of Indiana's history. It may be through a floor speech, or a resolution, or social media. To celebrate and better understand my state's part of America's story, and the Hoosiers who, through and because of freedom of action, speech, and expres-

sion, wrote it. They will not be erased. ***

[Click here](#) to watch Sen. Young's remarks on the Senate floor.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

Acts 18:1-2 (KJV)

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Girls golf

Golden Eagles, Shamrocks pick up tournament victories

The Guerin Catholic girls golf team has played three tournaments in the first three days of the season, and all of them have gone pretty well for the Golden Eagles.

Guerin Catholic hosted its own Invitational Wednesday at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Noblesville, winning the six-team event by a comfortable margin. The Golden Eagles carded a team score of 341, with Evansville Mater Dei the runner-up with 358. Other scores were Cathedral 368, Bishop Chatard 392, Brebeuf Jesuit 397 and Cardinal Ritter 433.

"It is nice to get a win," said GC coach Mark Mathews. "Proud of my girls, because they didn't play very well in the front side and they all played very well on the back side. That's a good sign for what we have to come with the future tournaments."

Christina Pfefferkorn led the way for Guerin Catholic with a 73, good for medalist honors.

"Christina Pfefferkorn played extremely well," said Mathews. "Seventy-three with a 7 and an 8. I've never seen that before."

Other GC scores were Jenny Zerla 88, Audrey Kunce 89, Isabella Pinion 91 and Mia Thompson 102.

The Golden Eagles will take a break until Saturday, when they play in the State Preview meet at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

Westfield, ranked fourth in the state, also got a tournament victory Wednesday by taking the Seymour Invitational at



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Guerin Catholic girls golf team celebrated after winning its own Invitational Wednesday at Pebble Brook Golf Course in Noblesville. The Golden Eagles scored 341 to triumph in the six-team field.

Shadowood Golf Course.

The Shamrocks totaled 305 as a team. Freshman Sam Brown was the meet medalist with a two-under par 71, while So-

phie McGinnis was the runner-up, going one under for a 72.

Other Westfield team scores were Brette Hanavan 80, Allie Hildebrand

82 and Cate Jensen 86. Two Shamrocks played as individuals: Allie McKeown carded 78, good for fifth place, and Mallory Mortl scored an 83.

Hamilton County boys tennis schedules

Boys tennis teams across Indiana can begin playing regular-season meets on Saturday, Aug. 15, and a handful of Hamilton County schools are among those getting on the court right away.

Guerin Catholic hosts Fishers the morning of Aug. 15, while Hamilton Heights will have its own Husky Invitational. Another big all-county meet will open the season for two schools on Aug. 18: Carmel hosts Hamilton Southeastern.

Westfield begins its season on Aug. 18 with a meet at North Central. Noblesville hosts Brebeuf Jesuit on Aug. 19 for its opener, and University starts off its season Aug. 22 at Muncie Burris.

Here is a list of schedules, with information from the schools' athletic websites.

CARMEL

Aug. 18: Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 19: at West Lafayette, 5:30 p.m.
 Aug. 20: Cathedral, 4:45 p.m.
 Aug. 25: at Lawrence North, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 29: John Shirley Invitational, 8 a.m. at North Central
 Sept. 3: at North Central, 4:45 p.m.
 Sept. 8: Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 10: at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 12: Brownsburg, 9 a.m. at Noblesville

Sept. 12: Floyd Central, 11 a.m. at Brebeuf Jesuit
 Sept. 12: at Zionsville, 1:30 p.m.
 Sept. 16: Brebeuf Jesuit, 4:45 p.m.
 Sept. 17: MIC tournament, 5:30 p.m. at Ben Davis
 Sept. 19: MIC tournament, 8:30 a.m. at Ben Davis
 Sept. 25: Homestead, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 26: at Center Grove, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 26: Jasper, noon at Center Grove

FISHERS

Aug. 15: at Guerin Catholic, 10 a.m.
 Aug. 19: North Central, 4:30 p.m.
 Aug. 20: at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
 Aug. 22: Park Tudor, 10 a.m.
 Aug. 25: Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
 Aug. 27: Brownsburg, 6 p.m.
 Aug. 29: at Noblesville Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 1: at Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 3: Avon, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 8: at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 10: at Westfield, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 17: HCC tournament, 4 p.m. at Fishers
 Sept. 19: HCC tournament, 9 a.m. at Fishers
 Sept. 22: at Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 26: Brebeuf Jesuit, 10 a.m.

GUERIN CATHOLIC

Aug. 13: at Westfield (scrimmage), 5 p.m.
 Aug. 15: Fishers, 10 a.m.
 Aug. 18: Park Tudor, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 20: at Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 22: CCHS Round Robin, 10 a.m.
 Aug. 27: at North Central, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 29: John Shirley Invitational, 8 a.m. at North Central
 Aug. 31: at Westfield, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 1: Bishop Chatard, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 5: Roncalli, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 8: at Carmel, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 10: Heritage Christian, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 12: at Cardinal Ritter, 10 a.m.
 Sept. 14: Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 17: at Cathedral, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 19: at Homestead Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 22: Noblesville, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 23: at Zionsville, 5 p.m.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS

Aug. 12: Tipton (scrimmage), 5 p.m.
 Aug. 15: Husky Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Aug. 18: Elwood, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 20: at Pendleton Heights, 4:30 p.m.
 Aug. 22: at New Castle, 9 a.m.
 Aug. 25: at Kokomo, 4:30 p.m.
 Aug. 26: Eastern, 4:30 p.m.

Aug. 29: at Harrison Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 1: at Lewis Cass, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 2: Taylor, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 3: at Northwestern, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 8: at Frankton, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 9: Western Boone, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10: Alexandria, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 15: Hoosier Conference tournament, 5 p.m. at Twin Lakes
 Sept. 17: Hoosier Conference tournament, 5 p.m. at Twin Lakes
 Sept. 19: Hoosier Conference tournament, 10 a.m. at Twin Lakes

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN

Aug. 18: at Carmel, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 20: Brownsburg, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 24: at North Central, 4:30 p.m.
 Aug. 25: at Zionsville, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 27: Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.
 Aug. 29: John Shirley Invitational, 8 a.m. at North Central
 Sept. 1: at Westfield, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 3: Noblesville, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 5: at Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 8: Fishers, 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10: at Avon, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 14: at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 16: Lebanon, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 17: HCC tournament, 4 p.m. at Fishers
 Sept. 19: HCC tournament, 9 a.m. at Fishers
 Sept. 21: at Carmel freshmen, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 23: at Cathedral, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 26: Royals JV Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 28: at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.

NOBLESVILLE

Aug. 19: Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 21: Avon, 5:30 p.m.
 Aug. 24: Lawrence North, 5 p.m.
 Aug. 25: at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
 Aug. 27: Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
 Aug. 29: Noblesville Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Aug. 31: Lapel, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 1: at Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 3: at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 8: Westfield, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 10: Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 16: at Anderson, 5:15 p.m.
 Sept. 17: HCC tournament, 4 p.m. at Fishers
 Sept. 19: HCC tournament, 9 a.m. at Fishers
 Sept. 21: Heritage Christian, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 22: at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 23: University, 5 p.m.
 Sept. 24: at Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.

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Players and fans react to Big Ten's decision to compete in fall sports

By SIERRA HIGNITE
WISH-TV

Big Ten student-athletes want the conference and the NCAA to review its current safety protocols. The Big Ten is moving forward with the college football season, but some players are disappointed in what they call a "lack of leadership."

More than 1,000 football players are represented in a letter published by the Players Tribune.

"Given that the NCAA and conference leadership have not asked for our input, we feel compelled to call for clarity, commitment, and action regarding our common-sense proposal," part of the letter stated.

On that proposal there are five areas they'd like to see more regulations. Among those are calls for testing three days a week, mandatory masks in all ath-

letic facilities and whistleblower protections.

Big Ten games are set to start as early as Sept. 5.

Back in March, when the Big 10 announced they were canceling the remainder of the men's basketball tournament in Indianapolis, sports fans were at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. Now as the conference heads towards fall sports and another tournament planned here in Indianapolis in December, fans worry they will be met with the same disappointment.

This week Big Ten sports teams can start pre-season practice with football games scheduled in less than a month. With professional leagues struggling to keep players and staff healthy, college sports fans wonder how the college teams are going to make it work.

"There is just a lot of inconsistency

whether it is like disinfecting the locker rooms, it is just really hard to get everything set in stone when there is not a bubble situation," said Joseph Thomas who plays on a club soccer team at Ball State University.

As part of the announcement the Big Ten said, "While the Conference remains hopeful for a September 2020 start in all fall sports, including football, issuing a schedule does not guarantee that competition will occur."

"I want it to happen but I feel like we need to take more precautions with it," said Jojo Raccanello, college student and sports fan.

On Wednesday the NCAA released requirements schools and conferences must meet to move forward with fall sports. Divisions have to decide by August 21 if their seasons will happen.

"No one knows what is going to happen tomorrow or the next day so why risk anybody else's lives? I think you just take the year off and build up from there," said sports fan Evan Brown.

Teams in the Big Ten will have a 10-game conference-only schedule. With the Big Ten Football Championship game scheduled at Lucas Oil Stadium on December 5.

Optimism is running short for some fans wondering if the league will make it to December.

"I don't think so not at all. I think there is going to be another outbreak that is probably going to happen that is going to stop everything else for the entire year," said Brown.

"I want to be optimistic and say yes," said Thomas.

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TENNIS

Sept. 28: Pendleton Heights, 5 p.m.

UNIVERSITY

Aug. 22: at Muncie Burriss, 9 a.m.
Aug. 24: at Danville, 5 p.m.
Aug. 26: at Zionsville, 4:30 p.m.
Aug. 31: at Heritage Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2: Speedway, 5 p.m.
Sept. 9: at Shortridge, 5 p.m.
Sept. 10: Covenant Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 12: Pioneer Conference tournament, 9 a.m. at Cardinal Creek Courts, Muncie
Sept. 14: Carmel freshmen, 4:45 p.m.
Sept. 16: Cardinal Ritter, 5 p.m.
Sept. 19: Hot Dog Invitational, 9 a.m. at Frankfort
Sept. 23: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.
Sept. 24: at Western Boone, 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26: at Guerin Catholic JV tournament, TBA
Sept. 28: Lawrence Central, 5 p.m.

WESTFIELD

Aug. 13: Guerin Catholic (scrimmage), 5 p.m.
Aug. 18: at North Central, 5 p.m.
Aug. 20: Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 22: at South Bend St. Joseph tournament, 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 25: at Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 26: at Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.
Aug. 27: at Avon, 6 p.m.
Aug. 31: Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
Sept. 1: Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
Sept. 3: at Zionsville, 5 p.m.
Sept. 8: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.
Sept. 10: Fishers, 5 p.m.
Sept. 12: at Shelbyville Invitational, 9 a.m.
Sept. 14: at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 15: at Lawrence North, 5 p.m.
Sept. 17: HCC tournament, 4 p.m. at Fishers
Sept. 19: HCC tournament, 9 a.m. at Fishers
Sept. 24: Carmel freshmen/JV, 5 p.m.
Sept. 28: at Cathedral JV, 5 p.m.

Cox makes Fever debut in loss to Sparks

The Indiana Fever selected forward Lauren Cox with the third overall pick in the 2020 WNBA Draft back on April 17. Cox joined her Fever teammates at IMG Academy last week and made her anticipated debut on Wednesday night in an 86-75 loss to the Los Angeles Sparks.

Cox checked in for first time in her WNBA career with 3:43 remaining in first quarter and made her impact on the glass, ending the night with six rebounds in 16:49 of playing time.

Fellow Fever rookie Kathleen Doyle recorded her first made field goal in her career after knocking down a 3-point shot with 14.9 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Doyle ended with three points and two steals in just over 11 minutes of action off the bench.

Despite trailing by 21 with 8:11 remaining in the game, Indiana went on 21-7 run to cut the deficit to seven for one final run in the final two minutes. Fever

guard Kelsey Mitchell poured in 12 of her game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter behind a 5-of-5 clip from the free throw line. Mitchell added four assists and shot 8-of-16 from the floor on Wednesday.

Candice Dupree continued her stellar scoring start to the season with 16 points on 7-of-14 shooting to go along with a team-high seven rebounds. Teaira McCowan did everything she could in the first half to keep the Sparks within reach ending with 11 of her 13 points at the break.

The Sparks, who have won four consecutive games against the Fever, were paced by 18 points and 11 rebounds from Candace Parker. It was Parker's third consecutive double-double. Chelsea Gray and Riquana Williams added 16 and 13 points each.

Indiana will meet the Sparks for the final time during the abbreviated regular season next Saturday at 2 p.m.

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Major League Baseball standings

Wednesday's games		San Francisco 4, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 11, N.Y. Yankees 7		Arizona 14, Houston 7
Miami 1, Baltimore 0		L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 6
N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 1		Oakland 6, Texas 4
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 0		Seattle 7, L.A. Angels 6
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 2		N.Y. Yankees 3, Philadelphia 1
Toronto 2, Atlanta 1		Miami 2, Baltimore 1
Cleveland 2, Cincinnati 0		Postponed:
Chicago Cubs 6, Kansas City 1		St. Louis at Detroit / Philadelphia at Miami
Milwaukee 1, Chicago White Sox 0		N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore / Detroit at St. Louis

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	9	2	.818	-
Baltimore	5	6	.455	4.0
Toronto	4	5	.444	4.0
Tampa Bay	5	7	.417	4.5
Boston	4	8	.333	5.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	10	2	.833	-
Chi. White Sox	7	5	.583	3.0
Cleveland	7	6	.538	3.5
Detroit	5	5	.500	4.0
Kansas City	3	10	.231	7.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	8	4	.667	-
Houston	6	5	.545	1.5
Seattle	5	8	.385	3.5
L.A. Angels	4	8	.333	4.0
Texas	3	7	.300	4.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	5	1	.833	-
Atlanta	8	5	.615	0.5
Washington	4	5	.444	2.5
N.Y. Mets	5	8	.385	3.5
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	10	2	.833	-
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	4.5
Cincinnati	5	7	.417	5.0
St. Louis	2	3	.400	4.5
Pittsburgh	2	10	.167	8.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Colorado	8	3	.727	-
L.A. Dodgers	9	4	.692	-
San Diego	7	6	.538	2.0
San Francisco	6	7	.462	3.0
Arizona	4	8	.333	4.5

WNBA standings

Wednesday's games		Minnesota 92, New York 66
Las Vegas 83, Washington 77		Los Angeles 86, Indiana 75

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	4	1	.800	-
Washington	3	2	.600	1.0
Indiana	2	3	.400	2.0
Atlanta	2	3	.400	2.0
Connecticut	0	5	.000	4.0
New York	0	5	.000	4.0

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	4	1	.800	-
Minnesota	4	1	.800	-
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	1.0
Phoenix	3	2	.600	1.0
Las Vegas	3	2	.600	1.0
Dallas	2	3	.400	2.0

NBA standings

Wednesday's games		Oklahoma City 105, L.A. Lakers 86
Utah 124, Memphis 115		Toronto 109, Orlando 99
Philadelphia 107, Washington 98		Boston 149, Brooklyn 115
Denver 132, San Antonio 126		

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
c-Milwaukee	54	14	.794	-
x-Toronto	49	18	.731	4.5
x-Boston	45	23	.662	9.0
x-Miami	43	25	.632	11.0
x-Indiana	42	26	.618	12.0
x-Philadelphia	41	27	.603	13.0
Brooklyn	32	36	.471	22.0
Orlando	32	37	.464	22.0
Washington	24	44	.353	30.0
Out of playoff contention				
Charlotte	23	42	.354	29.5
Chicago	22	43	.338	30.5
New York	21	45	.318	32.0
Detroit	20	46	.303	33.0
Atlanta	20	47	.299	33.5
Cleveland	19	46	.292	33.5

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Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
w-L.A. Lakers	51	16	.761	-
x-L.A. Clippers	45	22	.672	6.0
x-Denver	45	23	.662	6.5
x-Utah	43	25	.632	8.5
x-Oklahoma City	42	25	.627	9.0
x-Houston	42	25	.627	9.0
Dallas	41	29	.586	11.5
Memphis	32	36	.471	20.0
Portland	31	38	.449	21.5
San Antonio	29	38	.433	22.0
New Orleans	29	38	.433	22.5
Phoenix	29	39	.426	22.5
Sacramento	28	39	.418	23.0
Out of playoff contention				
Minnesota	19	45	.297	30.5
Golden State	15	50	.231	35.0

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