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Kids Coats taking donations in Grand Park on Saturday

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Kids Coats collects gently used coats through Hamilton County's schools and distributes them to children and families in need.

To further this effort, Hamilton County Kids Coats will hold a drive-thru coat collection each Saturday for the next three weeks and have ongoing collections in Sheridan and Arcadia. On Saturday, Sept. 19, Kids Coats will be in Westfield at Grand Park, Lot F. Collections will move to Carmel Middle School, Door 2 on Saturday, Sept. 26. And then on Saturday, Oct. 3, volunteers will be at Noblesville High School, Doors 7-11.

Anyone who needs a winter coat for their kids can visit kidscoats.org and click on 2020 Registration to order coats online and make an appointment for curbside pickup.

The majority of coats are gathered from coat collections in all of the county's school corporations. With the changes happening



in the schools due to COVID, event orga- communities to hold drive-thru coat collecto collect needed items.

Kids Coats has partnered with local

nizers have opted for a no-contact approach tions in their parking lots this fall. In the

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Tips for tackling worry, part two

As I said last week, when you're a member of the sandwich generation, worry can overshadow you in an instant. When you add a global pandemic and other terrible things happening in our society, it can dominate your every waking moment, not to men-



tion keep you up at night. I shared two of my favorite tips last week for how to deal with worry. These and the others that I'll mention were inspired by Dale Carnegie's book, How to Stop Worrying and Start Living. Even though this was written in the '40s, I think Mr. Carnegie's wisdom is needed now more than ever before.

Unfortunately, I had to use one of my tips literally just last Wednesday. One of my wonderful clients, who quickly became a friend, passed away from complications due to COVID-19. Most of us knew in our hearts this was most likely going to happen, but it still hit me hard.

I had already cried weeks and days beforehand. After tearing up once again upon hearing the official news, I debated about whether or not to take my four-mile walk

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New local income tax numbers bolster Fishers 2021 budget situation

By LARRY LANNAN

LarryInFishers.com

I just finished sitting through my eighth annual media budget briefing from Mayor Scott Fadness. The first few years he was the town manager, in more recent times as mayor. But this is the first time the mayor, just a few days away from the public hearing on the budget before the city council Monday, could not provide an overall budget number for 2021.

"This is, hands down, the most unusual situation we find ourselves – from a budget – that I can recall," Fadness said.

The pandemic is to blame for the budget uncertainty, according to the mayor.

The state budget office had forecast a 10 matically literally overnight. percent decline in income tax revenues



Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness briefs the media on the 2021 city budget.

available to local governments, but num- numbers in the spring, Fadness eliminated bers released Wednesday reveal a 10.8 percent income tax revenue increase in Hamil- including two deputy mayor jobs (no public There has been some good news that ton County. Fadness said this development safety jobs were impacted). He also elimiwill ease the financial pressure on the city. changed the city's financial situation "dra-nated all travel and training for staff.

An agreement reached with Carmel

dealing with local income tax distribution says any growth in the income tax revenue over 2.5 percent will go to Fishers. The new income tax numbers from the state indicate Fishers will gain an additional \$4 million based on that agreement.

The mayor, who had shaved spending from the 2021 budget plan bracing for lower revenues, now finds the city with a surplus in the coming year of about \$7 million. He will take time between now and Monday to determine where the extra money

When the state warned of lower revenue seven full-time positions through attrition,

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In addition to their lo-

cal information, visitors to

the site may check out races

around the state and country.

eral programs that serve

the mission of LWV of the

United States. The group

has worked since 1920 to

Launched in 2006, Vote411.org is one of sev-

Retired teachers offering free help for Indiana students By KATIE WISELY

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A second wave of retired Indiana teaches are back to work. They are volunteering their time to help students with homework challenges over the phone. It's part of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association program "Call & Learn."

It's one-on-one help. More than 60 percent of Indiana's 1 million students have limited or no access to online learning, which prompted retired teachers to create this telephone-based resource for homework help.

Hundreds of education volunteers will service the hotline from the comfort of their own homes. Middle and high school students are matched with educators with a background in math, science, language arts and social studies. Elementary students are paired with general education elementary teachers.

Retired teachers from the American Federation of Teachers and the Indiana State Teachers Association will provide the help.

To get help, call 877-407-8839. The hotline is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The program is anonymous and also records the calls, which protects both the students and educators.

Since the closing of schools in March, the program has helped more than 1,000 students and provided 3,500 hours of assistance.

Any retired teacher who wants to volunteer can contact the Indiana Retired Teachers Association at teacherhelp@retiredteachers.org or by calling 888-454-9333.

League of Women Voters' Vote411 site features voter resources, candidate info

The REPORTER

Voters looking to learn more about fall elections will find all the info they need at Vote411.org, the League of Women Voters' (LWV) website that provides a nonpartisan wealth of information all in one place.

Topics include absentee voting, registering to vote, candidate information and polling locations, among many others.

"By simply entering your address, you will find resources tailored just for you, such as the races in your area, registration and voting deadlines, and your own polling location," said Hamilton County LWV President Lisa Dick. "Whether you are a first-time voter, occasional voter or experienced voter, candidate forums on the site later in Septemyou'll find lots of guidance when you use this resource."

Dick said LWV members work during

each election cycle to gather information for the Hamilton County part of the Vote411 site. For example, members have contacted candidates for offices from Indiana's 5th Congressional district to state offices to county council seats with a list of survey questions.

Participation is optional for the candidates, but Dick said LWV members encourage all who are running for office to be part of Vote411.org.

LWV will also post videos of its local ber. The site soon will feature a downloadable local voting information pamphlet that users can print or easily share.



improve U.S. systems of government and impact public policies through education and advocacy. Strictly nonpartisan, LWV neither supports nor opposes candidates for office at any level of government. For more information about the League

of Women Voters of Hamilton County, follow the Facebook page, local website, or email lwvhcin@gmail.com.

Carmel launching new **Brews & Barrels Trail**

The REPORTER

en independent craft breweries, wineries and distilleries, the City of Carmel is launching a new Brews & Barrels Trail to help visitors and residents find unique and crafty takes on their favorite adult

beverages. Due to pan-COVID-19 demic and crowd restrictions, the Trail will be launched over two weekends – Sept. 19-20 and Oct. 24-25. Adults 21 and over are encouraged to visit one or more of the establishments on the

have a chance at winning prizes. From Sun King Spirits to Danny Boy

Beer Works, Peace Water Winery to Sug-With a growing list of more than a doz- ar Creek Winery, there are currently 13 establishments in Carmel's 50 square miles that create craft beers, distilled spirits or their own wines.

> While there are many more fine pubs and restaurants serving great adult beverages, only those who actually create their own products are included on the Trail. With more es-

tablishments likely to come, the Trail may expand in the future. We have always cele-

brated the artistic gifts of our residents and businesses in Carmel, trail to learn more about each of them and whether that is through events such as our

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TOM & SONI SHEEHAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF NOBLESVILLE

Get ready for Boys & Girls lub's annual Trick or Trivia

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Church Church Hittle + will pool their useless of fun for a great cause!" knowledge and compete against others in hopes of and the hair-raising compewinning the coveted Trick tition will begin at 7 p.m. or Trivia traveling trophy.

The Boys & Girls Club our seventh annual Trick or of Noblesville will host Trivia event to raise monits seventh annual Trick ey for Club Kids during or Trivia night on Satur- this critical time," said Ann day, Oct. 3, presented by Matheis, Trick or Trivia Chairperson and Associate Antrim. Trick or Trivia is Director of Brand Marketing a Halloween-themed event at Carrier Corporation. "We that consists of 10 rounds of will be social distancing but spine-chilling trivia. Teams will still be able to have a lot

Doors will open at 6 p.m. at the Noblesville Moose

"We are excited to host Lodge. Ghouls, ghosts and goblins ages 21 and up are invited to form a team of up to eight players and attend this howling night of trivia. Teams may pre-register online at **BGCNI.org** for the event for \$200, or pay \$240 at the door. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Throughout the event, teams will have the option to purchase mulligans and

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KIDS COATS-

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spring, Kids Coats held a successful event at Carmel **United Methodist Church,** collecting over 500 coats to keep families warm in Hamilton County.

Hamilton County Kids Coats distributed over 6,000 new and used winter and lightweight coats to residents of Hamilton County in 2019. The organizations partner with several churches in the county to distribute winter coats in Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield, Arcadia and Sheridan, and lightweight coats at Merciful HELP Center's Tools for School. One of Kids Coats' goals is to make it easy for those who need a coat to receive one.

About Hamilton County **Kids Coats**

Kids Coats is a yearround coat ministry that shares the warmth of Christ's love, by ensuring that no child will go without a coat or needed gear in the winter. Launched by Carmel United Methodist Church, ty cities and towns, with 13 along with over 900 volun-Kids Coats has grown to

ids coak **Need a Coat?**

Kids Coats provides free coats to families in need in Hamilton County, IN

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. MEASURE your child for best fit (instructions on Kids Coats website)
- 2. Go to kidscoats.org
- 3. Click on 2020 Registration and register children for coats
- 4. Schedule an appointment day, time & location
- 5. PICK UP coats



Need help? Email or call info@kidscoats.org 317-324-8818

registration ends October 15, 2020

churches, three nonprofits, teers. For more information, serve in six Hamilton Coun- and four corporate sponsors visit kidscoats.org.

TACKLING WORRY-

October half-marathon. But than you can handle"? Well, I remembered one of my fa- I think it should be a bit difvorite ways to defeat stress ferent. He doesn't give you and worry – get moving.

Did I feel like going for a walk? Nope. I had wallowed on the couch and struggles on my "worwatched mindless TV the ry shelf" every evening, I night before. But I forced don't think I'd be around myself to get out there and today. Worry and stress enjoy some time in nature. would have either crippled Nature, by the way, is an or killed me. incredible stress reliever. I even slept well later.

walked – I prayed. And this, in my opinion, is the greatest way to conquer worry don't believe in God or prayer, stick with me.

You know the saying, what to do anymore." And

more than you can handle with His help. If I couldn't lean on Him and put my

There are just some soon felt much better and moments like the passing of my friend that I cannot I also did my favor- handle alone. Yes, friends ite thing in the world as I and family are wonderful and a blessing. But sometimes I just have to let the tears flow, throw my hands and stress ever. And if you up in the air, and declare, "You gotta take this, Lord, because I just don't know

that evening to train for an "God doesn't give you more let me tell you, He comes through for me every. Single. Time.

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If you don't believe in God or prayer, I'm alright with that. But there's this big universe out there that we're all a part of. I encourage you to share your worries and struggles with it. Write them in a journal. Look up at the sky and say, "I'm sharing this with you, Great Big Universe, please help me." You may not believe in God, but there are certainly forces we cannot deny that can always help.

Sometimes just writing down or verbalizing our worries is all we need anyway. Deliver them to the universe or God, and I promise you – things will change.

TRIVIA

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Teams of up to eight players can pre-register for \$200 online at BGCNI.org.

participate in multiple live ages. A contest will take of the Boys & Girls Club.

auctions to receive help place for the team with the from local "experts." Raffle best group costumes in ad- online at BGCNL.org, by tickets will be available for dition to a "Deads or Tails" purchase for a wide array of contest. All funds raised di- shaw@bgcni.org, or call

Register for the event emailing Natalie at nbradbizarre items and gift pack-rectly support the members the Club at (317) 773-4372.



Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse www.prevailinc.com

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:

- Individually packaged snacks
- Lysol
- Hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes

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











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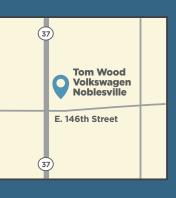


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SR 37 crash leaves two dead

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the Hamilton County Sherserious car crash on State Street. The driver was deceased upon arrival of deputies and EMS. A female passenger was transported by air ambulance to St. Vincent's on 86th Street. She was pronounced dead after her arrival there.

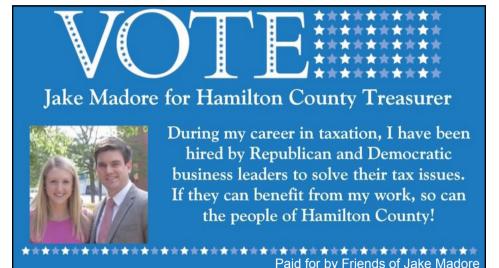
Initial Late Tuesday afternoon, shows the vehicle was traveling north on State Road vestigation by the Hamiliff's Office responded to a 37 north of the intersection ton County Sheriff's Office with 246th Street. The ve-Road 37 just north of 246th hicle crossed the opposing lane of traffic and went off River FD, Jackson Townthe roadway for unknown ship FD, and Cicero FD all reasons. The vehicle traveled along the ditch before striking several trees. Good Samaritans with medical training/backgrounds

investigation viduals in the vehicle.

The crash is under in-Crash Team.

Noblesville FD, White responded to the scene, and their assistance with this incident is appreciated.

If you have any informaat- tion regarding this accident, tempted to assist the indiplease call (317) 773-1282.



FISHERS BUDGET-

Bradford says the cuts in spending for 2020 totaled at least \$1.2 million.

The mayor also addressed the creation of the Fishers Health Department. The city dipped into cash reserves to the tune of about \$2 million to create the department and establish a COVID-19 testing program. The city is utilizing federal CARES Act money, which can only be used for certain qualified expenses, such as testing and overtime, to be reimbursed for nearly all the money taken from reserves for testing and the health department.

Beginning in 2021, the 1-cent tax rate used by the county to fund the county health department will, for Fishers residents, go to pay for the city health department. This will be tax rate neutral, the mayor said, with city residents paying the 1-cent rate to the city health department instead of funding the county health operation in 2021.

Based on federal fundconfident that the demand for not commit to a number. testing by residents and busi-

Fishers remains the only city in Indiana to maintain a AAA Standard & Poor's bond rating, and Fadness said the actions taken by the city in reaction to the COVID-19 crisis contributed to keeping that debt rating.

numbers, Fadness planned to present a 2021 spending

additional staff and no additional compensation for city employees, other than longevity raises already embedded in the pay system. It would have allowed for a \$700,000 surplus to help the city deal with any income

With the additional money in the pipeline – with a \$7 million surplus Fadness says he will be cautious on how to handle the additional money.

shortfalls for 2021.

going up, according to the mayor, and commercial values look strong for the time being in Fishers.

The mayor said he had recommended a reduction in the amount of money the city council nonprofit committee would have to distribute to local organizations, down from \$250,000 to scribed as a "robust" road \$100,000. With the latest income figures, Fadness anticipates more than \$100,000 in funds available for nonprofits, since those groups are hurting. However, at the ing, the mayor says he is briefing, the mayor would

With additional money nesses in Fishers will be met. available, the mayor said he will consider additional in staff compensation, and will reveal his decision to city councilors Monday.

projects, the Geist Waterfront Park and Nickel Plate Trail Before the latest revenue will continue to move forward with funding in place.

As to funding the con-

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City Controller Lisa plan to the council with no tinuing construction on State Road 37, the mayor says the city has bonds rolling off in 2024, allowing the city to issue new bonds handling any additional money needed for completion of the State Road 37 construction without needing a tax rate increase. The city estimates a need to find an additional \$18 million to fully fund the project, according to Fadness.

> The mayor described his 2021 budget plan as tax neu-Property tax values are tral without any increases in city fees. "It really should be a neutral budget when it comes to [taxpayers'] wallet," he said. The mayor did caution that increases in housing values could increase some property tax bills, but that is outside the power of city government to control.

What the mayor deresurfacing plan will continue in 2021, with wheel tax money and an annual bond issued each year funding that.

One capital project Fadness will factor into his budget deliberations is the proposed new fire station on the northeast side of the city. Staffing the station, as well staff and possible increases as the building costs, will be a part of that decision.

On another matter, Fadness says he expects the In terms of city building 126th Street roundabout at State Road 37 to be fully open sometime in November. The construction on 96th Street should be done this fall.

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Brews & Barrels

International Arts Festival, Caffeine Trail," said Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations and Economic Development. "We have seen the popularity of craft beers, wines and spirits grow tremendously throughout the City, particularly in our entertainment districts. It is natural that we create this new Brews & Barrels Trail for visitors to follows as they experience Carmel and all that we have

Art of Wine or the Carmel the launch of the Trail over lage of West Clay, Upland two weekends, the City of Brewing Company, Sugar Carmel is taking precau- Creek Winery, Bier Brewtions against the dangers ery North, Peace Water of drinking and driving. Winery, Sun King Spirits, The City urges the use of Fork + Ale House, Union designated drivers when- Brewing Company, Books ever possible and is work- & Brews, Flix Brewhouse ing with Uber on a deal to and Big Lug on the Prairie. supplement the cost of a ride home if that becomes & Barrels on Facebook

necessary. the Brews & Barrels Trail CarmelBrewsandBarrels. include: Deviate Brewing, com to download the bro-Danny Boy Beer Works, chure and map.

In addition to spreading Sahm's Alehouse at the Vil-

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Follow Carmel Brews for the most up to date Participating vendors on events and activities or visit





Despite pandemic, Synergize continues to grow in Carmel

The REPORTER

Synergize, the Carmel-based company building lifelong relationships between professionals, is proud to welcome Heather Hunter as the newest voice of Synergize and leader of its creative team.

"We absolutely needed Heather," explained Synergize's Chief Relationship Officer Arron Stanton. "Even though our brand is not even a year old, I really don't know how we've made it without her."

As the company's first Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Hunter will be responsible for social media management, branding and design, and written communication from Synergize to the public.

spot for me to step into, not just as a young professional, but as someone who cares about serving a bigger purpose," said Hunter, 22. "It's Management Program, an addition to her role at Syn-



Photo provided

Synergize's Chief Relationship Officer Arron Stanton (left) said Heather Hunter (right) was "absolutely needed" in the organization. Hunter will lead Synergize's creative team.

nections."

Hunter graduated from curriculum. Indiana University Bloomalso earned a certificate from IU's Liberal Arts and

a blessing to use my skills honors program meshing to foster real, human con- classes in the Kelley School of Business with liberal arts

Previously, Hunter man-"This is a really exciting ington in May 2020 with aged communications as an a degree in English and intern for the City of Lafay-Creative Technology. She ette and supported fundraising efforts as an intern for the Irish Cancer Society. In

ergize, she volunteers on the marketing board for United Way in Clinton County. "It's been a great way to help support my hometown during the pandemic," said Hunter, raised in Frankfort.

Synergize disrupts the conventional approach to networking, as the focus shifts away from elevator pitches and business cards, to lifelong relationships and world-changing im-

"At the end of the day, I have to look in the mirror and answer a question for myself," Stanton added. "Did my life make the difference it could have? Or did it just check the box we've each been told to check?"

To learn more about Synergize, 4:30 meetup events and more, visit synergizeindy.com. You can also contact Heather at hhunter@synergizeindy.

Letter to the Editor -

Shaffer congratulates Fishers on AAA rating

Dear Editor:

Sincere congratulations to the City of Fishers for earning a AAA credit rating from S&P Global Rantings service, as reported in this newspaper last week.

Your story noted the rating affirms the direction of a city whose fiscally conservative practices and policies are among the best in the country.

Sadly, for those of us living in Carmel, the reverse is true in light of its estimated \$2.4 billion debt. The same S&P that praised Fishers three years ago downgraded Carmel's rating, citing a \$300 million increase in debt over the previous three years.

In the three years since, ignoring the warning, Carmel's elitists have added more than \$100 million and approved hundreds of millions more in school, library and township borrowing borne on the backs of Carmel-Clay residents.

And, in the same week Fishers earned its AAA, Carmel spendthrifts trumpeted the announcement that the city has more roundabouts per total number of intersections than anywhere else on Planet Earth.

In terms of "so what" news, Fishers takes the prize. Bill Shaffer

Carmel

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AG Hill defends Indiana's voting procedures ahead of Election Day

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill this week asked a federal appellate court to uphold a lower court's denial of a preliminary injunction that would have allowed "unlimited absentee voting" in Indiana for the Nov. 3 general election.

In April, the plaintiffs in Tully v. Okeson filed a motion for a preliminary injunction that would have allowed all registered voters in Indiana to vote by mail-in voting not required Election Day. mail with an absentee ballot in the November election. They argued that Indiana's absentee voting law unconstitutionally burdens their right to vote.

Judge James Patrick Hanlon of the U.S. District Court for the Southern

District of Indiana denied Day voting, Hoothe motion, writing that siers may cast a the plaintiffs did not show ballot at various a reasonable likelihood of early-voting locasuccess in making a case tions for 28 days that Indiana's rule is unconstitutional. The plaintiffs Day. Indiana also have appealed that ruling.

the U.S. Court of Appeals in 13 different for the Seventh Circuit, circumstances, Hill says the appeals court including when voters are absentee voting in Indiana should affirm the lower disabled or elderly, or when court's decision.

by the Twenty-Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments, but such a drastic change to Indiana's voting laws is especially inappropriate now, just weeks before a major handle printed or completed election," Hill writes in the brief.

In addition to Election other than a select group create chaos."

prior to Election permits mail-in In a brief filed with absentee voting

voters expect to be away "Not only is universal from their home counties on

Furthermore, the brief states, Indiana strictly regulates the mail-in voting process. Indiana law, for example, restricts who may absentee ballots, deeming it



Hill

between encouraging turnout and discouraging vot-

ballots.

of individuals to

er fraud, Hill said. "Courts permitting unlimited would not only run counter to Supreme Court precedent,

but would cause the state to alter its long-established procedures less than two months before this historic election," Hill said. "Any Hoosier who wants to vote in the upcoming election has adequate opportunity to do so, and drastic changes to our rules this

Commission issued an These rules emergency order in March strike a balance that allowed all registered voters in Indiana to vote by mail for the June 2 primary election. This order, however, was issued in accordance with a directive from the governor that ordered Indiana residents to stay at home and leave only for es-

sential purposes. Because of the commission's order, the June primary election saw a higher volume of mail-in ballots than usual. Hamilton County, for example, reported sending about 40,000 absentee-by-mail ballots to voters, compared to about a Level 6 felony for anyone close to Election Day would 3,000 for the 2016 primary election. Lake County sent tion board."

Hill noted in the brief voters nearly 10 times more possess absentee that the Indiana Election absentee-by-mail ballots for this year's primary election than it did the 2016 primary election.

> Many counties had to incur additional, unintended costs due to the surge of mail-in absentee ballots, Hill explained in the brief. Numerous absentee-by-mail ballots were also not counted in the June primary election due to human error that could have been avoided through in-person voting.

> Hill also noted that, "Of course, the United State Postal Service's unpredictable processing caused many ballots to arrive late, both to the voter and, then, on return to the local elec-





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- -Secure communities led by Republican elected officials committed to public safety
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Steve Nation County Council At-Large



Fishers Test Kitchen taking applicants for next round of restaurant entrepreneurs

The REPORTER

Fishers Kitchen, a restaurant accelerator developed by the City of Fishers and Launch Fishers, is seeking applicants interested in developing a new restaurant concept for the food hall serving the Sun King Innovation Brewery at The Yard at Fishers District.

Aspiring chefs, restaurateurs, food truck operators, farmers' market vendors, and other culinary Test Kitchen signs restau- support to prepare them to experts can apply to try out rant entrepreneurs to short- launch original food cona new food concept and term contracts that allow cepts in Fishers," Fishers

their own restaurant.

The Fishers Test Kitchen launched in February 2020 as a restaurant accelerator that combines access to a full-service state-ofthe-art kitchen and storefront with business coaching and mentorship from Launch Fishers' CEO John Test Kitchen is to improve Wechsler, along with several restaurant and hospitality Fishers by giving chefs industry veterans. As part and restaurateurs worldof the program, the Fishers class spaces, coaching, and

goal of eventually opening chefs to cycle in and out of "We are here to serve evthe Fishers Test Kitchen as ery Fishers resident, but we Health they test new food concepts. The Fishers Test Kitchen is co-located within the Fishers Sun King Brewery and Tap Room and serves customers within the 350-seat family-friendly dining area.

"The goal of the Fishers the culinary ecosystem in build a following with the for a changing line-up of Mayor Scott Fadness said.

also recognize our role in supporting our growing innovation economy by giving startup and tech companies the local dining options says she enjoys they demand."

en is now accepting applications for the next cause it allows restaurant concept to join Korave Korean BBQ, Lil Dumplings Global Street Food, and The Signature Table. Chefs can upload a menu, resume and a video explaining their restaurant

Riverview Health welcomes new allergy, immunology physician

The REPORTER

Yakhmi, MD, to Riverview Indianapolis, Dr. Yakhmi

Physicians Allergy & Immunology in Westfield. Dr. Yakhmi

the specialty of The Fishers Test Kitch- allergy and immunology her to have great continuity of care with and pediatrics.

her patients by treating them from early childhood through adulthood.

She believes a physician and a patient are a team erview Health at riverview. and all medical decisions

should be made together, Riverview Health is in discussion, for the best pleased to welcome Neha outcome. Originally from

> earned her medical degree from University of Toledo College of Medicine. She is fellowship-trained allergy and immunology, and board-certified in internal medicine

To schedule an appointment, please call (317) 214-5725.

Learn more about Riv-

Junior's Achievement takes JobSpark program online

Career exploration program connecting 10,000 Central Indiana students to high-demand industries

The REPORTER

As schools across Central Indiana move toward digital alternatives to in-person classes, Junior Achievement (JA) of Central Indiana is taking one of its largest student programs online.

JA has announced that this year's JA JobSpark curriculum and event will be available through a new virtual platform for students and educators to participate in the classroom or from the convenience of their own homes.

JA's JobSpark program, which includes teacher-led coursework and a two-day online career expo scheduled to take place Sept. 22-23, will impact more

than 10,000 eighth graders tivities along the way. across Central Indiana by connecting them with area in interactive learning expeprofessionals providing interactive experiences and teaching them skills and for careers that are forecasted to be in high demand and readily available upon Natural Resources graduation.

JA JobSpark 2020 will be conducted on a videogame-like platform, custom created by JA through the generosity of local supporters and sponsors. This platform allows students, parents and educators to ism virtually explore the Indiana State Fairgrounds, where the event is typically held, while participating in career exploration games and ac-

Students can participate riences from eight different industry clusters, including:

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- Agriculture, Food and
- · Architecture, Engi-
- neering and Construction • Business and Finance • Government, Law and
- Public Service · Health and Life Sci-
- Hospitality and Tour-
- Technology

Depending on the industry cluster they choose, students can experience an array of virtual activities

during this year's JA Job-Spark event. For example, Achievement understand while students learning about agriculture can take hands-on, in-person educaa live virtual farm tour, tion, we're excited to virthose learning about construction can view a live with professionals in cademonstration highlighting reers of their interest," said the importance of interior Jennifer Burk, President design. While students in the Health and Life Sciences cluster take a 3-D tour of a State Flight medical helicopter, Business and Finance students can partake in a brand-building project to have opportunities to precreating company logos and learning new marketing skills.

These are a small sample of the more than 250 activities students can experience during this year's

"While we at Junior ing of the classes they will there is no replacement for tually connect our students and CEO of JA of Central Indiana. "Many aspects of our lives have been limited or put on hold due to COVID-19, but we're ensuring our students continue pare for their future."

JA JobSpark, now in its fifth year, is designed to help students by using JA's in-class curriculum to "spark" interest in different careers, then provide students with an understand-

need to take in high school, a plan for post-secondary education or training, and a clear path toward that career. The culmination of the classroom curriculum is the JA JobSpark event, where students learn about skills and equipment used daily in industries of their interests at the guidance of Hoosier professionals from local companies and corporations, including Eli Lilly and Company, Indiana University Health, Republic Airways, Ed Martin Automotive Group and more.

For more information or to get involved, please visit jajobspark.org or contact Cindy Kicinski at cindyk@ jaindy.org.

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AG Curtis Hill announces \$4.2M settlement with pharmacy that allegedly paid kickbacks

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill this week announced that Indiana has joined with other states and the federal government to reach an agreement with National Cornerstone Health Services (NCHS) to settle allegations that NCHS violated the False Claims Act.

NCHS allegedly paid kickbacks to parents of children with hemophilia to induce purchase NCHS's blood-factor products. As a result, NCHS will pay the Medicare and Medicaid programs more than \$4.2 mil- NovoSeven RT, Recombi-

lion, \$1.3 million of which nate, Rixubis and goes to state Medicaid programs. As part of the settlement, the Indiana Med- and state civil icaid program will receive settlement \$408,202.82 in restitution.

NCHS is a California-based specialty and wholesale pharmacy that through Novemprovides blood-factor products, including anti-hemophilic factors and other plasma-derived therapeutic agents, to patients with hemophilia. At issue in this settlement are 12 products

- NCHS's Advate, Benefix, Eloctate, Feiba NF, Helixate FS, Humate-P, Kogenate FS, Mononine,

Stimate.

The federal solves tions that from January ber 2014, NCHS recruited certain

individuals whose relatives required one or more the above-listed blood-factor products. NCHS then allegedly provided those individuals illegal remuneration to induce them or their relatives to purchase the drugs from NCHS, in violation of the Anti-Kick-



Hill

An investigation revealed that for the Cure LLC. NCHS recruited parents children hemophilia marketers – paying the parents commission

each time they purchased their children's medication through NCHS. These medications can cost tens of thousands of dollars per dose. The parents' commission consisted of the profit NCHS made for each claim submitted to Medicare or Medicaid.

NCHS allegedly carried consin, and the attorneys State of Indiana.

out these activities through general of other affected its subsidiary Home Health

whose fraudulent activity on the part of companies wanting to funnel taxpayer funds for their own gains," Hill said. "This investigation and resultant settlement underscore our commitment to hold accountable those who would seek to circumvent our laws."

> This resolution arose from a joint investigation by the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wis-

states.

A National Association "We cannot tolerate of Medicaid Fraud Control Units Team - including representatives from the Office of the Indiana Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit – conducted the settlement negotiations with NCHS on behalf of the states.

> The Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a federal grant. The remaining 25 percent is funded by the

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy. And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that

Acts 21:9-12 (KJV)

place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Meeting Notices

The City of Carmel Department of Redevelopment will hold a public meeting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, in the second floor Caucus Rooms at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel. The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of affected persons related to the City of Carmel Redevelopment Commission's consideration of establishing a program for age-restricted housing on the 59 +/- acres located at the northeast corner of 136th Street and Keystone Parkway in accordance with IC 36-7-14-49.

The City of Carmel Department of Redevelopment will hold a public meeting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, on site of the 59 +/- acres located at the northeast corner of 136th Street and Keystone Parkway. The purpose of the public meeting is to obtain the views of affected persons related to the City of Carmel Redevelopment Commission's consideration of establishing a program for age-restricted housing on the Real Estate in accordance with IC 36-7-14-49.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, in the Media Center at Washington Woods Elementary, 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield. The purpose of the executive session is: For discussion of strategy with respect to: initiation of litigation or litigation that is pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(1b) and to receive information about and interview prospective employees (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

Judy Gail King

April 23, 1961 - September 14, 2020

Judy Gail King, 59, Noblesville, went to be with our Lord peacefully on Monday, September 14, 2020. She was born on April 23, 1961 to David and Mary Barger in Hyden, Ky. Judy owned her own in-home day-

care for 17 years. She retired at the age of 48. Judy proudly served our Lord through the Baptist Faith. She enjoyed spending quality time with her children and grandchildren. Judy loved to

serve her family a good home-cooked meal. Most of all, her absolute favorite thing to do was spend time with her grandchildren.

Judy is survived by her three children, Laura Morados (Melissa), Mary Gregory (Jonathan) and Cody King; seven grandchildren, Madeline King, Madison King, Lillian King, Liam King, Xander Gregory, Destiny Gregory and Ariel Gregory; three brothers; three sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Charlie King; and a brother. We all loved Judy.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020 at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9350 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has



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Asher Knox Dwigans August 18, 2020 - September 12, 2020

Asher Knox Dwigans, son of Mathew Chase Dwigans and Matea Rose Campbell, Kempton, passed from this world on Saturday morning, September 12, 2020 at IU Health Tipton Hospital. Asher was born on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at St. Vincent Carmel Hospital and welcomed home by a very loving family and community of neighbors and friends.

Asher is survived by his mother and father; maternal grandparents, TJ and Renada Campbell; paternal grandparents, Charles and Laura Dwigans; maternal great-grandparents, Karen Wallace, Terry Campbell, Lloyd and Yvonne Dunigan, and Gary and Susan Fisher; paternal great-grandparents, Ronnie Williams, and Robert and Linda Morris; maternal great-great grandparents, Sue Wallace, and Boyd Campbell; maternal aunts and uncles, Gabe Campbell, Leoyn Campbell, Ali Hampton and Brandon Hampton (Kylee); paternal aunts and uncles, Brad Dwigans (Heather), Holly Dwigans, Chelsie Balensiefer (Jake) and Charli Dwigans; as well as many, many, many cousins and extended family who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his paternal great-grandparents, Herb and Sue Dwigans.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at Kempton Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com







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Boys soccer

Golden Eagles stay perfect in conference

By RICHIE HALL

One consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and how it affects high school sports is that, for some teams, usual schedules are out the window.

The Guerin Catholic boys soccer team is a good example of that. The Golden Eagles were shut down, along with the program's other teams, for a week and a half early in the fall due to COVID concerns. Now Guerin is having to play catch up, but it's playing well.

On Thursday, the Golden Eagles took on Covenant Christian in a home Circle City Conference game. It was the sixth game for GC since Sept. 5, and the team will have a seventh game in that stretch on Saturday when it takes on Heritage Christian, another conference contest.

While it is a hectic pace of games, Guerin Catholic is responding well. The Golden Eagles beat Covenant 5-0, keepall, Guerin is 6-1-1 and holds the No. 5 ranking in the Class 2A soccer coaches

"The guys are starting to make progress," said GC coach Chris McGrath. "Obviously, we've missed out on some training sessions, and that's probably what's impacted us the most. We've got a real resilient bunch. We've got a mature team. They understand that when they show up on the training pitch that there's work to be done. Super proud of the way that they have come about doing that."

The Golden Eagles scored their first goal in the 18th minute; Tommy Hartman found the back of the net off an assist by Michael Crandley. Three minutes later, Joseph Lafiosca put a long kick into the net. Peter Bedford scored GC's third goal of the game with 2:35 left before half-

In the second half, Keegan Perhacs put in Guerin Catholic's fourth goal in the game's 58th minute. Lafiosca then finished the scoring with 15 minutes left for his second score of the night.

"I think we've been developing pretty well as a team, getting better chemistry,"

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said Lafiosca. "I think we have potential for the rest of the season."

Lafiosca, one of the seniors on the team, said the success comes from "staying disciplined, on and off the field."

'We all play for each other," said Lafiosca, who noted that over half of the players on the team has scored at least one goal during the season.

"We think that we have a number of talented players who can, if we get them in the right situation, get them the ball, that they can put it in the back of the net," said McGrath.

Guerin Catholic's defense also played

"I call them 'the engine room," sid McGrath. "They just show up every day and they do their job and they do the work and we really don't have to worry

The Golden Eagles first game back ing their CCC record perfect at 3-0. Overafter the shutdown was on Sept. 5, a conference game against Bishop Chatard. Guerin Catholic won that game 2-1, then got another CCC victory three days later when it cruised past Roncalli 6-2. The Golden Eagles' only loss was last Saturday to 3A No. 1 Noblesville, and two days before that, Guerin tied Brownsburg

> "We are very encouraged for everything that they've gone through with the delays and the quarantine," said McGrath. "To be where we are at this point in the season, we're very happy with that."

> The Golden Eagles finish conference play next Thursday, Sept. 24, when they travel to Brebeuf Jesuit. Guerin Catholic then wraps up the regular season with games at Lafayette Central Catholic (Sept. 26) and Carmel (Sept. 29) before playing its finale at home against Zionsville (Oct. 1).

> After that, it will be time for the post-season. The Golden Eagles advanced to the semi-state last season.

> "We want to do well in the state tournament," sid McGrath. "That's our No. 1 goal all season long is to see how far we can go. That's our big test."



Senior Ethan Cabotage is one of the captains of the Guerin Catholic soccer team this season. The Class 2A No. 5 Golden Eagles beat Covenant Christian 5-0 on Thursday to improve to 3-0 in Circle City Conference play and 6-1-1 overall.

Huskies boys soccer having success during busy stretch

this season, and the Huskies have come scored two goals and Trew had one goal. out of it well, compiling a 6-3-2 record

Heights started its season 1-1-1, with a 3-2 loss to Pendleton Heights, a 1-0 win over New Castle and a 4-4 tie at Lebanon. Beginning with the week of Aug. 31, the Huskies have played or will play three games per week through Saturday, when Heights hosts its own Husky Invitational.

The Huskies began that busy part of the schedule by winning three of four games, and tying the fourth. Heights defeated Anderson 3-1 on Sept. 1, with Donovan Trew scoring two goals and Caleb Stuart scoring one.

The Huskies followed that up with a 4-0 win over Kokomo on Sept. 3; Trew joined Chase Brennan, Ethan Aspy and Ben Pavy in scoring one goal each, and

Hardwoods throughout . Finished basement

The Hamilton Heights boys soccer Trew also had two assists. Heights tied team has had its share of busy stretches with Danville 3-3 on Sept. 5; Will Hilton

On Sept. 9, the Huskies began play the Hoosier Conference tournament with a 4-0 win over Benton Central. Trew scored two goals, while Aspy dished out two assists and scored one goal, as did Brennan. Heights fell to West Lafayette in its second game last Thursday, but rebounded to beat Rensselaer Central 1-0 last Saturday. Aspy scored the goal.

The Huskies began this week with a 3-2 win over Bishop Chatard on Tuesday. Aspy scored two goals and Trew had one goal. Heights fell to Northwestern 1-0 on Thursday.

In Saturday's Husky Invitational, Heights will play Tipton at 9 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. game between Crispus Attucks and Scecina. The consolation game is set for 1:30 p.m., followed by the championship at 3 p.m.

Hamilton Heights-Western football game is sold out

Hamilton Heights athletic director Kurt Ogden released the following statement

Due to the COVID restrictions concerning the limited number of spectators, the September 18 Hamilton Heights vs. Western varsity football game is SOLD OUT. We apologize for any inconvenience this presents.

For those unable to attend, the game will be live-streamed by our Husky Sports



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Huskies golf finishes regular season

Hamilton Heights finished its regular season Thursday by playing Lebanon in a dual meet at Ulen Country Club.

The Tigers won the meet 174-203. For the Huskies, Sydni Zebrauskas scored a 44, followed by Lola Wilson 52, Kaylee Rhoton 53 and Rebekah Steffen 54.

Heights will play at the Noblesville sectional Monday at Harbour Trees.

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Sports

Thursday soccer

Noblesville boys hold off Cathedral

The Noblesville boys soccer team got a battle from Cathedral on Thursday before getting past the Irish 2-1 in a game at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

The Class 3A No. 1 Millers scored four minutes into the contest; Spencer Holland got the goal off an assist by Palmer Ault. Cathedral tied the game in the 12th minute on a counterattack. Noblesville got the game winner in the 59th minute, when Holland converted a pen-

'The game was a hard fought and physical match, with the Millers putting up numerous shots on goal," said Noblesville coach Ken Dollaske.

The Millers are now 9-0 for the season. Noblesville travels to Franklin Central on Tuesday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game, then hosts Lawrence Central on Thursday.

The Carmel boys team, ranked No. 6 in 3A, beat Warren Central 3-0 in a Thursday Metropolitan Conference game.

Jackson Carl scored one goal and assisted on the Greyhounds' other two goals. Kyle Barbour and Matthew Gretz had one goal each. Josh Martinez made one assist and Henry Giesel got the shut-

"I felt we moved the ball well in changing the point of attack," said Carmel coach Shane Schmidt. "Our defensive shape limited them to a few opportunities and Henry did a great job denying those opportunities."

The 'Hounds are 5-0 in MIC play and 8-1-1 overall. Carmel hosts Homestead at 8 p.m. tonight.

The Greyhounds also won the junior varsity game over Warren Central 10-0. Meanwhile, the Carmel freshman beat Hamilton Southeastern 5-0.

The Hamilton Heights girls team, ranked No. 8 in 2A, played to a 3-3 tie with 2A No. 3 Bishop Chatard on Thurs-

The Trojans held one-goal leads three



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Kyle Goad plays defense during the Millers game with Cathedral Thusday at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex. Noblesville beat the Irish 2-1, keeping the Class 3A No. 1 Millers unbeaten for the season at 9-0.

were always able to answer back. Chatard scored first in the 13th minute off a er 10 minutes later, with Jenna Peterson ment next week.

The Trojans scored again minutes later to go up 2-1, and the Huskies answered that one in the 34th minute. Peterson scored her second goal of the night, with Emma Hall making the assist.

Chatard pulled ahead 3-2 in the 56th minute, but Heights came back again, as Kyndall Ferguson scored on a pass through the middle.

"The entire game was back and forth with each team gaining and losing the

times during the game, but the Huskies momentum," said Huskies coach Travis team, ranked No. 3 in 3A, lost to Mount

Heights is 9-0-3 for the season and corner kick, but Heights got the equaliz- plays in the Hoosier Conference tourna-

The Hamilton Southeastern

Vernon 1-0 on Thursday.

The Marauders scored their goal with seconds left before halftime.

Southeastern is 8-3-2 for the season and will host Zionsville Wednesday for girls its Think Pink game.

Volleyball Carmel gets easy MIC sweep

The Carmel volleyball team scored an also had three blocks and two aces. Jaceasy sweep of Warren Central in a Thurs-

day Metropolitan Conference match. The Greyhounds won 25-7, 25-6, 25-10. Macarty McQueen hit 10 kills and eight digs and dished out seven assists. made two blocks. Moore had six kills, while Caroline Yuska, Ulrey, Brooks and

Savanna Rogers all hit four kills. Ella Bostic dished out 20 assists, while Rogers handed out 12 assists. Jaclyn Sherb collected eight digs and served five aces, while Lexi Brehl made 12 digs and had three aces.

Carmel is 10-8 and plays at Zionsville ley on Monday. on Monday.

Delphi in four sets on Thursday, 18-25, Conference match. 25-11, 25-12, 25-19.

erson hit six kills for the Blackhawks and tral in a three-way meet on Saturday.

quellynne Bates added eight kills and two aces. Taylor Bates handed out 15 assists and three blocks, Emma Went collected Also on defense, Kayla Beahrs made seven digs while Abbi Clouser had six.

The Blackhawks junior varsity fell 25-19, 25-14. Claudia Headlee made seven digs and served four aces. Valerie Adams hit two kills and Lilly Chesney dished out two assists.

Sheridan's varsity team plays at Tind-

Noblesville fell to Zionsville in four The Sheridan volleyball team lost to sets Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads

The Eagles beat the Millers 26-24, Allie Delph led the offense with nine 20-25, 25-20, 25-16. Noblesville is 5-5 kills and also had seven digs. Lillie Dick- and hosts Cathedral and Greenfield-Cen-









Major League Baseball standings

Thursday scores

Boston 5, Miami 3 Chicago White Sox 4. Minnesota 3 L.A. Angels 7, Arizona 3 San Francisco 6, Seattle 4 Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 1 Tampa Bay 10, Baltimore 6

Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 1 N.Y. Mets 10, Philadelphia 6 N.Y. Yankees 10, Toronto 7 Cleveland 10, Detroit 3 Houston 2, Texas 1 L.A. Dodgers 9, Colorado 3

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American League

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N.Y. Yankees	29	21	.580	3.5	Miami	25	23	.521	3.0
Toronto	26	23	.531	6.0	Philadelphia	24	25	.490	4.5
Baltimore	22	29	.431	11.0	N.Y. Mets	23	27	.460	6.0
Boston	19	32	.373	14.0	Washington	18	29	.383	9.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Chi. White So	x 33	17	.660	-	Chi. Cubs	30	20	.600	-
Minnesota	31	21	.596	3.0	Cincinnati	25	26	.490	5.5
Cleveland	27	23	.540	6.0	St. Louis	22	24	.478	6.0
Detroit	21	28	.429	11.5	Milwaukee	23	26	.469	6.5
Kansas City	21	29	.420	12.0	Pittsburgh	15	34	.306	14.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	31	19	.620	-	x-L.A. Dodgers	s 36	15	.706	-
Houston	25	25	.500	6.0	San Diego	32	19	.627	4.0
Seattle	22	28	.440	9.0	San Francisco	25	24	.510	10.0
L.A. Angels	21	30	.412	10.5	Colorado	22	27	.449	13.0
Texas	18	32	.360	13.0	Arizona	19	32	.373	17.0
x - Clinched playoff berth									

Colts QB Rivers on RB Taylor: 'He got off to a heck of a start'

By OLIVIA RAY **WISH-TV**

A rookie and a 17-year NFL veteran will headline the Colts offense this

Quarterback Philip Rivers remains confident in the Horseshoe's young running back room ahead of Week 2, and the rookie is now prepping for his first career start.

"I'm still aggravated about last week to be honest with you," Rivers said Wednesday. "I have moved on but still a little bit aggravated, which hopefully a little bit of that saltiness can carry over into us playing better this week."

On Sunday, Philip Rivers will sprinkle a little of that salt on his 226th consecutive start in the NFL. The seasoned vet has seen it all, so when it comes to handing the ball off to his new running back Jonathan Taylor, he had plenty of tips to share for the rookie set to make his first career start in Indy.

"I think, like every position, the more and more experience you have and the more and more you play, and I thought he got off to a heck of a start last week," Rivers said. "He's prepared and he has a good running back room."

Taylor has been a star and a starter all his life. For him to step into this role is a pretty easy transition for the mindset and the person that he is, said head coach Frank Reich.

Rewind to three years ago, Taylor, the true freshman, is named the starter



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

Indianapolis Colts running back Jonathan Taylor speaks during a videoconference.

at Wisconsin.

"This saying, and I used it in college; don't count the reps. Make the reps count," Taylor said. "So, when or if they called my number, there wouldn't be a drop off."

Now, rewind to this offseason when the Colts traded up in the draft to steal the Badger's all time leading rusher, a

move they are extra grateful for as Tay- ly the first game with some flashes that lor takes over for Week 2.

"There's no question we're glad we That's been confirmed." drafted Jonathan (Taylor), but we were saying that before this happened to after the catch, while no other rookie in Marlon (Mack)," Reich added, "I mean just from what we've seen from Jonathan in training camp and then obvious-

we saw. He was the right player for us.

Last Sunday, Taylor tallied 89 yards the NFL had more than 60 total receiving yards!

Indy, get ready for Taylor time.

Crowd to triple for Colts second home game, several changes at stadium to accommodate

By DEMIE JOHNSON **WISH-TV**

Capacity for the Colts' second home game against the Jets has tripled, owner Jim Irsay confirmed the team will allow 7,500 fans at the game on Sept. 27.

This Sunday the team will play its first home game against the Minnesota Vikings with only 2,500 fans. Stadium staff has been working around the clock to make sure the experience is as safe and fun as possible.

Before fans even get to the stadium, they are supposed to visit colts.com and read through the "know on game day.

Once they get to the stadium, even in the parking staffing and resources in those areas so one, we're lot or around the outside of the building, masks must be worn. Upon entry, staff members will take each person's temperature and ask them to complete a COVID-19 screening.

Colts vice president of marketing for Stephanie Pemberton said all of the added signs and markers throughout the stadium should help fans remember the rules, but in case they don't there will be people around

"We'll be reminding folks to wear their masks, and before you go" section, that way there are no surprises social distancing and checking tickets to make sure they're in the right seats. So, we're definitely adding

making sure if people do have questions we're there to answer and two, we're making sure we have the proper enforcement of those policies in place."

Most common areas will be closed to avoid groups congregating. Only 15 vendors will be open and all food and drink will be pre-packaged, along with silverware and condiments.

All tickets will be mobile and no cash will be accepted anywhere in the stadium.

Tickets for the next Colts home game on Sept. 27 go on sale Friday morning at 10 a.m.

