

Friday, Nov. 13, 2020

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Today: Sunny.

Tonight: Clouding up.

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Indiana will start new social gathering restrictions Sunday

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All but five Indiana counties - Fulton, Putnam, Monroe, Crawford and Switzerland - will be under new pandemic restrictions beginning Sunday, Nov. 15.

The state will impose capacity limits on social gatherings and some school events but will not order businesses to close, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced Wednesday.

More than 2,500 Hoosiers were hospitalized Wednesday with COVID-19. The state is experiencing its highest levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, according to health officials.

The state's seven-day test positivity rate jumped from 3.9 percent in September - when the governor lifted most restrictions and allowed the state to enter the final stage of his phased reopening plan - to 10.3 percent in November.

"Stage 5 has been viewed by some as a reason to return to the words 'COVID-19' or pandemic in a modern sense," Holcomb said Wednesday during a virtual Statehouse briefing.

The state will move away from the phased "Back on Track" plan and instead use a four-tiered, color-coded map to determine pandemic restrictions.

No Indiana counties are currently shown in blue, the least advising events to not be held in dangerous tier.

The state will allocate \$20 and professional sports. million to help local governments - including towns, cit-

Weekly Score

- Blue (0 and .5)
- Yellow (1 and 1.5)
- Orange (2 and 2.5)
- Red (3)

Weekly Cases Per 100,000 Residents

- Less Than 10 new cases(0)
- 10 to 99 new cases(1)
- 100 to 199 new cases(2)
- 200 or more(3)

7-Day All Tests Positivity Rate

- Less than 5% (0)
- 5% to 9.9% (1)
- 10% to 14.9% (2)
- 15% or greater (3)

ies and counties - with public awareness, event review and compliance efforts.

Orange county restrictions

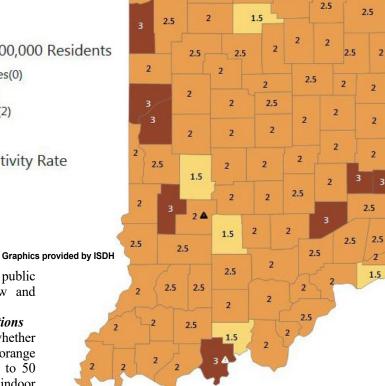
Social gatherings, whether indoors or outdoors, for orange counties will be limited to 50 people. Commercial indoor events larger than that will need the days before we ever heard approval from local health departments.

Indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities will be limited to 25 percent capacity in orange counties.

Red county restrictions

Red counties will be limited to 25 people. Events larger than 25 people will need approval from the county's health department. However, the state is red counties, including college

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Indiana Hospital Association supports governor's actions

The REPORTER

restriction orders:

elected officials at the federal, in hospitalizations of 2,544."

state, and local levels collab-The Indiana Hospital As- orate on the steps needed to sociation on Wednesday re- slow the spread. Our frontline leased this statement follow- health care heroes need all ing the announcement of the Hoosiers to understand how governor's latest COVID-19 dangerous the current trends are - COVID-19 hospitaliza-"We applaud the steps tions have increased by 164 announced by the Governor percent since October 1 with today, and it is urgent that all today seeing an all-time high

Sometimes you just have to lie

I lied to my mother last week. And I had the support of my family and friends to do it.

Let's rewind. I've shared with you all in past Sandwiched columns that Mom likes to use a lot of perfume. Well, maybe I shouldn't say a lot. That's way off. She uses a TON of it.



I had also shared that when people get older, their sense of smell isn't as strong. Mom demonstrates that perfectly. She's used the same perfume for decades, and I swear she's been increasing the quantity with each passing year.

Ordinarily this wouldn't be a big deal, but since I do her laundry, it's become a problem. I'm sensitive to smells. It got to the point last year where I would do her laundry and take it out to my car immediately afterwards so my house wouldn't stink. However, my car would reek for days until I saw Mom again.

When the pandemic hit, Mom's facility started to do her laundry at no charge. While it was hard to not see her as often, I have to admit it was a relief to not have to battle the odor every week.

When restrictions eased up in early October and I could enter her apartment, I was back on laundry duty. Having been away from the nauseating smell for so long, that first load and the subsequent ones did a number on me. It got to the point where I was dreading getting into my Mini Cooper - and I LOVE my Mini Cooper.

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From the desk of Superintendent Derek Arrowood

I feel confident that **COLUMNIST**

everyone knows how



County Commissioners react to new statewide restrictions

Ask for public's help in keeping the economy open

The REPORTER

Governor Eric Holcomb announced new increased hospitalizapandemic restrictions at a news conference tion, the possibility Wednesday afternoon. Hamilton County Commissioners Christine Altman, Steve Dillinger and Mark Heirbrandt praised the Governor's mandate, but warned that additional restrictions may be necessary if Hamilton County cannot reverse the current trajectory of its COVID-19 cases.

"Things have gotten serious. We're concerned," Heirbrandt said. "People have really let their guards down in recent months. We need everyone to take more personal responsibility for their actions and follow the course set by our county and state health departments.'

The commissioners met Monday with the mayors of Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville and Westfield to get a better handle on what is happening in their communities and what they can do together to help combat the spread of the virus.

In a video published Wednesday on YouTube, Heirbrandt spoke about the ing being done shows that people have rapid spread of COVID-19 in Hamilton become more relaxed and not taking re-

County. He addressed of a county shutdown and contact tracing that indicates primary causes for the spread of COVID-19 in the county.

"It is not our in-

tention to shut things down again," Heirbrandt said. "In fact, I Emergency Preparedness hope we don't get to that point; but with the way the numbers are rising, we may have to make some tough choices. We all need to double down on our efforts to reverse the trends we're seeing."

When asked about the possibility of another county shutdown, Heirbrandt said, "We obviously have a serious problem on our hands. The last thing that no one wants to talk about is businesses being shut down. I hope that we don't get to that point."

According to Heirbrandt, contact trac-



Walker

Heirbrandt

strictions "They are not wearing masks and it [the virus spread] is coming from a lot of social gatherings. It is not from our schools."

was joined in the video by Hamilton County Health Department

Coordinator Christian Walker. Walker confirmed that local data indicates much of the spread locally is coming from private gatherings.

Walker talked about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, saying, "We highly recommend that we hold virtual gatherings this year with family members. We are going to have to make some hard choices to or a building to e-learning, we have a proget through this that much faster."

We are trying to convey to the public how important this is. It is very serious. These numbers are rising and we are very

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seriously.

Heirbrandt

I feel about orange. I love orange, but not when our county is elevated to orange with metrics indicating a higher risk of transmission of the coronavirus.

The related impact

at Hamilton Heights is



not a surprise. It's also not a surprise to see how our student body and staff continue to rise to the occasion with creativity, determination and grace.

On Wednesday, we welcomed back a group of middle school students and staff who had been in quarantine either due to having contracted COVID-19 or identified as being a close contact to someone who tested positive.

On Monday, Nov. 16, the high school reopens with in-person learning and extra-curricular activities. We will continue to move forward with our goal to keep our buildings open and kids in class. We will also continue to take all necessary and recommended steps to protect the health of our students, school personnel, and the greater Heights community. We appreciate our families working closely with us on this effort.

For those times that we must shift a class cess to do so and do so effectively. Before this is all said and done, we may have to pivot from in-person to e-learning several times throughout the school year. We are prepared. We encourage our families to be prepared as well. Preparation and working together will be key in meeting our education and learning objectives for our students.

It is my pleasure to welcome Gretchen Pennington to the Hamilton Heights School Board representing White River Township. Board member Laura Reuter, whose seat Gretchen is filling, has 12 years of dedicated service. Laura will be greatly missed and we thank her for her contributions to Hamilton Heights. Gretchen's passion for all things Hamilton Heights, her knowledge of our system and values, her thorough participation as a parent, and her professional background as a deputy prosecutor, make her ideally suited to help Heights to be an even better place for students to learn and achieve.

Our board president, Dr. Kevin Cavanagh, was re-elected to the Jackson Township seat. His continued leadership and involvement is a win for students and Hamilton Heights.

HSE students in grades 7-12 going all-virtual until Christmas break

By LARRY LANNAN LarryInFishers.com

Junior high and high school students in Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools will be on an all-virtual class schedule beginning Monday, Nov. 16 at least through Dec. 18, when Christmas Break begins the next day. Grades K-4 (including pre-school) will remain in-person, while grades 5 and 6 will stay on a hybrid schedule with 50 percent of the time in the classroom.

unanimous. It is a reaction to an increase 245 positive cases in the school system in COVID-19 positive cases in the Fishers and 2,263 instances of close contacts rearea and Hamilton County.

Administrators told the board that difficult with teachers giving up preparation periods and others, such as principals, deans and counselors, filling in.

Superintendent Allen Bourff said only 4.1 percent of the positive cases within the day, with no breaks. The board vote is exschool district came from school activi- pected at a meeting set for 4 p.m. today.

The vote by the school board was ties. According to Bourff, there have been quiring quarantine.

The Fishers Health Department is staffing has been a challenge. All class- scheduled to vote on a series of recomrooms have been staffed, but it has been mendations in response to the increase in COVID-19 cases locally. They include doing away with school extra-curricular activities, including athletics. It would also call for mask wearing the entire school

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concerned. We are trying to do the best we can to help the to no more than 50 people. citizens of Hamilton County," Heirbrandt concluded.

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Governor Holcomb's new restrictions will go into effect on Sunday, Nov. 15. They are based on the showing viral spread. Hamilton County currently falls under orange, which means community it is experiencing moderate to high spread. Under the new orders, counties in orange must:

• Limit social gatherings

winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and cocurricular cial events for more than 50 events to 25 percent capacity.

state's color-coded map common areas and break rooms.

> • Limit attendance to recreational sports leagues and tournaments to participants, required personnel, and parents/guardians.

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• Require a safety plan be submitted to the local · Limit attendance at health department for special, seasonal, or commerpeople.

Governor Holcomb says • Reduce capacity in the state will make \$20 million available to local governments to support virus mitigation efforts. Hamilton County is making plans to secure some of that funding. Click here to see the en-

tire Hamilton County video

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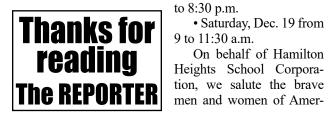
concocted a plan. Mom's perfume has been difficult to find in recent years. Perhaps I could just tell her it wasn't made any longer. I pushed that thought away, however. I didn't want to lie to her and knew she loved the scent.

But after literally gagging one week when I got quickly. into my car, I had enough. I told my siblings and some close friends about my plan and everyone was supportive.

So when Mom called to

Arrowood

As a note of community interest, Hope Family Care 9 to 11:30 a.m. Center in Cicero will be offering free flu shots on the 4 to 8:30 p.m. dates below for anyone aged 6 months to 65 years. To 9 to 11:30 a.m. RSVP, call (317) 984-3444.



Soon my weary brain fume last week I was ready. ly replied. She thanked me "Sorry, Mom, but I can't find it anymore. I

think they must have discontinued it." I said, kind of glad I wasn't telling her this face to face. There was a pause.

"Oh. That's a shame." Mom replied.

"Yep." I said a bit too

"Okay, well, can you find me something else?" She asked.

Crap. There was another pause.

"Sure, Mom, I'll see tell me she was out of per- what's out there." I weak-

• Tuesday, Nov. 24 from

• Saturday, Dec. 5 from

• Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 4

• Saturday, Dec. 19 from

On behalf of Hamilton

profusely, I hung up, then literally slumped across my dining room table. When I texted my sis-

ter-in-law about this fun turn of events, she suggested a lighter, less expensive perfume, which is on the way to Mom's as we speak. I can only pray this one doesn't linger so long and isn't overpowering.

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In the meantime, Mom's laundry has been relegated to the upper level of our garage between visits. Both my Mini Cooper and I are much happier.

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• Saturday, Nov. 21 from ica who have sacrificed, fought, and - in some cases - gave their lives to defend our great nation. May we never forget your service and always remember the dedication and sacrifice of our veteran families. Please take a moment, not just on Veterans Day, but any day there is opportunity to thank and honor those who have served our country.

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The 2021 Atlas: A new look for a new decade

announcement.

110, Ha This Friday the 13th Paul Poteet has zero superstition! **Click to play video**

Feel free to share The Reporter with friends and family.

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

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- Lysol
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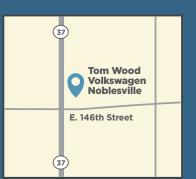


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Carmel thanks veterans Enrollment down, with virtual ceremony

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The City of Carmel honored veterans on Tuesday in a virtual Veterans Day Ceremony. Mayor Jim Brainard was joined by keynote speaker, former United States Air Force Thunderbird Pilot Major (Retired) Matt Modleski, Carmel American Legion Post 155; Carmel VFW Post 10003; along with performances by the Actors Theatre of Indiana, the Orchard Park Elementary School Choir and Cindy Ensign Baney. Event sponsors included American Structurepoint and Drs. Lauck & McLean Optometry & Eyewear.

The winners of the Veterans Day Poster and Essay Student Contest, sponsored by Indiana Members Credit Union, were also recognized during the virtual ceremony. Students from local elementary schools took part in the Poster Contest, while Middle School stu-

dents participated in the McMurray, West Clay El-Essay Contest. This year's theme was "Thank You for Always Being There."

Finalists for the poster mentary contest were chosen by grade level from each participating school. Board Elementary members of the Carmel Arts Council selected one Bryant, Towne Meadow citywide winner in each Elementary grade. The winning posters were chosen based on best representation of the theme, focus on veterans and creativity. Photos of Bowser, Woodbrook Elethe winner with their winning poster were shared during the virtual pro- from veterans organizagram and each student tions chose the winning was mailed a certificate of achievement from Mayor all representation of the Brainard. A list of Carmel Veterans Day Poster Contest winners as well as images of their posters can be found at **CarmelVeter**ansDay.org.

"Thank You for Always Being There" Poster Contest are as follows:

• Kindergarten: Elle ansDay.org.

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• 1st Grade: Rosemary Day, Smoky Row Ele-

• 2nd Grade: Charlize Sullivan, Towne Meadow

• 3rd Grade: Austin

• 4th Grade: Pia Anderson, Towne Meadow Elementary

• 5th Grade: Madison mentary

The panel of judges essays based on overtheme, focus on veterans, strength of message and proper use of grammar. Students were invited to record their winning essays, which were included The winners of the in the virtual ceremony. A list of the Carmel Veterans Day Winning Essays can be found at CarmelVeter-

The winners of the "Thank You for Always Being There" Essay Contest are as follows:

• 6th Grade: Alynn Davis, Clay Middle School School

• 8th Grade: Car-School

Poster contest winners in grades K-5 received \$50 each and essay contest winners in grades 6-8 received \$100 each, courtesy of Indiana Members Credit Union.

the opportunity for children to be involved in the dents, HSE Schools will be Veterans Day Ceremony so they can learn what service to our country entails," Brainard said. "I was very impressed with the students and I appreciate the teachers in our community who included this program in their curriculum during these challenging times."

By LARRY LANNAN LarryInFishers.com

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools took a hit in this school year's enrollment, • 7th Grade: Claire losing about 400 students Wolfgang, Clay Middle compared to the previous year. District Chief Financial Officer Cecilie Nunn told ter Martin, Clay Middle the school board Wednesday night that school systems throughout the state are seeing the same reductions in student population, likely related to the novel coronavirus.

The state funds local school corporations based "We like to provide on the number of students enrolled, so with fewer stufacing a \$5 million budget deficit. In an effort to deal with this, administrators are forming a task force to make recommendations for the board. The members of that task force can be found at this link.

> The task force will look for actions to reduce the funding deficit for the 2021-2022 school year. The guiding principles for the group are to look at all programs

and how they are delivered, look at innovative ways to deliver the programs and conduct any required staff reduction in force through attrition

HSE Schools faces

\$5 million deficit

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The group is scheduled to have its report to the school superintendent by late February, and the board will see the recommendations in early March 2021, with action projected by the end of March.

In other school board news from Wednesday night:

• The board had a preliminary discussion on naming the new elementary school in the works for Wayne Township. Board President Michelle Fullhart suggested naming the building "Deer Creek Elementary." The board discussed how to move forward and no decision was made.

• Superintendent Allen Bourff says graduation ceremonies are already being planned, but admitted uncertainty about the COVID-19 situation makes such planning difficult. Administrators will be looking at all the options.

Benito DiBartoli Every Wednesday (1/2 Price Bottles of Wine On Wednesdays)

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Victoria Spartz announces **Congressional transition team**

The REPORTER

Congresswoman-Elect Victoria Spartz gress.com over has announced her tran- the next several sition team, as well as opportunities for parties to express interest in serv- Spartz is a busiing on her Congressional staff.

To be considered for Big 4 auditor, a position in both the lo- farmer, cover letter and resume.

resumes@ to spartzforconweeks. Victoria

nesswoman, CPA and former

Spartz State cal district and the D.C. Senator and mother of representing Hoosiers in offices, please prepare a two daughters. Born in the U.S. House of Repre-Soviet-occupied Ukraine, Those should be emailed Victoria immigrated to the

United in 2000, putting down roots in Indiana, raising a family, starting businesses and giving back through public service. She will be the first naturalized citizen

sentatives.

Transition Team Judy Buck **Murray Clark** Nate Feltman Karen Glaser Hon. Chuck Goodrich Jeff Papa

Victoria Spartz and the

opportunity to serve in her office, visit Spartz-To learn more about forCongress.com.

Carmel firefighters distributing free masks, hand sanitizer today at Meijer

The REPORTER

able face masks while sup- up east of the main entrance. proper distance from others

Hon. Susan W. Brooks, Chair Megan Savage

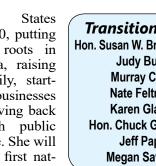
> The Jackson Township Merit Commission meeting has been changed to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

> > The Noblesville Firefighters Merit Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 18, 2020 has been canceled.

The Noblesville Council Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, has been moved to

The Cicero Fire Department Merit Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, in the Training Room at the Cicero Fire Department, 1359 Stringtown Pike, Cicero.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, in the board room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road Noblesville.



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. Firefight-

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plies 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 Meijer, located at 1424 W. Carmel ers will offer free bottles of Drive, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. lic and visitors should also hand sanitizer and dispos- today. The booth will be set wear masks and maintain

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 pub-

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.

the large conference room at the Noblesville Planning Department

Public Notice

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Meeting Notices

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Primary Metrics	Geography	Definition	Blue (0 Points)	Yellow (1 Point)	Orange (2 Points)	Red (3 Points)
7-Day Positivity Rate (All Tests)	County	7-day moving average of the all tests positivity rate, calculated by taking the total number of positive tests and dividing by total tests administered	Less than 5%	5.0-9.9%	10-14.9%	15% or greater
Weekly Cases Per 100,000 Residents	County	Total weekly cases in a county divided by the county population and multiplied by 100,000	Less than 10 new cases per 100,000	10 to 99 new cases	100 to 199 new cases	200 or more new cases

K-12 events, including IHSAA events, will be limited to participants, support personnel and parents/ guardians.

Local officials may continue to limit hours for bars, nightclubs and restaurants.

<u>Community</u>

Bank of Indiana

Hospitals and long-term care facilities may impose limitations on visits.

These are the counties currently in red:

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 - Decatur
 - Fayette
- Fountain
- LaGrange
- Newton
- Perry
- Union
- Warren
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Carmel crook needs to pull up mask, pants





Photos provided

On Wednesday, the suspect seen above wearing a black mask, dark jacket, blue tank top and light blue jeans, stole merchandise from the Best Buy located at 10025 N. Michigan Road, Carmel. The suspect fled the scene in a tan Ford Five Hundred. The Carmel Police Department is asking for assistance with identifying this suspect. If you have any information on this person, please contact Carmel Police Officer Matthew Harris at (317) 571-2500 or call Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 20-76979.

'Gratitude' theme of Saturday's Meet Me on Main in Carmel

The REPORTER

Only two Meet Me on Main events remain until the close of 2020. As the holiday season and a new year approaches, the Carmel Arts & Design District wants to show how grateful it is for the Carmel community, from its small businesses to its local residents, guests and fellow city departments for the support of the District.

Meet Me on Main returns from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 in the Carmel Arts & Design District, featuring live music, opportunities to win \$100 gift cards, children's crafts and much more. You can also follow along virtually on the Carmel Arts & De-

will be on hand to demon- sented, Lurie is continually strate her art. All Things networking within the in-Carmel has acquired all of her historical sketches which are on sale now at the store. Also featured: Carmel Clay Historical Society will be promoting this year's virtual Holiday Home Tour. St., #1939) (110 W. Main St., #140)

Gallery: The front gallery features artist Jerry Points and Fine Art Photographer, Marie Reamer. Points' paintings have been recognized with honors from the Hoosier Salon, Indiana Heritage, and Indiana Artists exhibitions. Recently, his painting, "Rainbow Woods," was purchased for inclusion in the Greater the oldest candy company Lafayette Museum's permasign District's Facebook nent collection. Reamer has buttery caramels to all. (22 page where this month's been exhibiting and selling N. Range Line Road) interviews will feature Juni- her photographs in the Arts

ternational art community and seeking out dynamic up-and-coming talent that embodies the highest degree of excellence to bring to the gallery. (30 W. Main

Indiana Artisan: Mod-Carmel Art on Main ern-day photographer JD Nolan uses yesterday's technology to create stunning, large format, black-andwhite images: a box camera and a wet darkroom. Meet him and learn more about his photography style and what inspires him. There will also be a sampling station in the store that evening featuring Abbott's Candies, in Indiana, offering soft,

Also featured

'Don't Leave It to Beaver' welcomes gravel pit opposition

DLITB pleased with recommendations from Indiana American Water, Noblesville Plan Commission

Submitted

Editor's note: The Don't Leave It To Beaver grassroots organization that has recommended the Common been advocating against the Council deny the requested proposed gravel pit near Potter's Bridge Park recently released the follow- Commission forward this ing statement to citizens of petition with an unfavorable Noblesville and all of Hamilton County. The Reporter is printing the statement in its entirety. **Please note that** the following does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Hamilton County Reporter newspaper, its publisher or its staff.

Growing opposition to the proposed Beaver gravel pit at Potter's Bridge Park now includes Indiana American Water and the official staff report from the Noblesville Plan Commission.

Ahead of the Nov. 16 Plan Commission meeting, Noblesville utility Indiana American Water, Noblesville District has entered into the record a letter of **opposition** to the proposed sand and gravel extraction by Beaver Materials at Potter's Bridge Park.

Don't Leave It to Beaver is heartened that Indiana American Water agrees that this joint proposal between Beaver Materials and the Hamilton County Parks Department causes more harm than good for our community.

Noblesville Plan Commission staff issued a recommendation that the proposal to turn some 30 acres of farmland on Allisonville road into a gravel and sand excavation operation – and later a gravel pit the filtering capability these

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unfavorable recommendation; that is, the staff have zoning change.

"Staff recommends the recommendation to the City Council for denial of the change of zoning" the staff report reads.

Don't Leave It to Beaver values and appreciates the Staff's recommendation that this project move forward with an unfavorable recommendation.

According to the staff report, "The comprehensive plan also explicitly discourages development. The proposed gravel extraction activity would be considered development based upon the UDO [unified development ordinance] definition, specifically within the floodplain."

According to the Indiana American Water letter, their "opposition to this project is based on the potential negative impact to both the quantity and quality of the Siluruan and Devonian Carbonates Aquifer System and three wellfields located near State Road 37 and Allisonville Rd, Cumberland Rd and the north side of the White River, and between the White River At the same time, the Christian Church and the White River."

The Indiana American Water letter continues, "these mining operations will create a short-cut for contaminants to enter our supply wells by removing lake - be forwarded to the materials provide and sig-

Common Council with an nificantly reducing the time of travel for surface water and any associated contaminants into the aquifer."

The Plan Commission staff report also states concern on water quality issues as raised by the Indiana American Water letter: "Water quality and quantity concerns expressed by Indiana American Water create significant environmental impact considerations."

Concerned Noblesville citizens opposed to the proposed Beaver gravel pit are encouraged to take action in the following ways:

• Attend a peaceful demonstration outside City Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 16 outside City Hall. Demonstrators are encouraged to wear facial coverings, remain socially distant and allow pedestrians to pass unencumbered.

• Attend the Plan Commission meeting Nov. 16. Don't Leave It to Beaver is working with the City to find a safe way for all interested citizens to make their voice heard in light of new COVID-19 restrictions. More information forthcoming on how to participate virtually.

• Write their Common Council representative, including at-large members, to voice their opposition to the Beaver gravel pit. Find more information on who represents you at dontleaveittobeaver.com/ take-action.

• Sign the online petition at Change.org/stopbeaver. • Visit dontleaveittobeaver.com to find out more ways to take action or to read more out the issues at stake.

Noblesville reader concerned about damage to water quality, quantity due to Beaver gravel pit

per on Main, Bask on Main & Design District and othand Luxury Cakes from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

This month's features include the following:

Meet Me on Main monthly drawing: Three \$100 gift cards, redeemable at businesses in the Arts & Design District, will be given away. Stop into any participating gallery or artists will be featured: business to fill out an entry form. Only one form per person can be filled out at each location, but the more businesses visited, the better the chance of winning. There is no purchase necessary to participate.

Make and Take craft: The Art Lab invites visitors to create a gratitude tree. Create an unforgettable craft with items from nature and messages of gratitude. There is no cost for this craft and no registration is required. The make and take "to-go" art project will be available from 5 to 8:30 p.m. or until supplies last in the Sophia Square breezeway, located by Vitality Bowls on Main Street.

Musical entertainment: Music will be provided throughout the District featuring Kasey King, Dianna Davis and Jeff Reed, who will be performing live from 5 to 9 p.m.

Special Gallery Exhibits

All Things Carmel: Local artist Carol Skinner

er areas of Indiana for more than 12 years. This exhibit, titled "Paris Revisited in Black White," revisits photographs from several trips to her favorite city, Paris, and presents them in 256 shades of gray. (111 W. Main St., #140)

CCA Gallery: Two Kenneth Keifer and Lily Pai. Since before his days as a high school yearbook photographer, Keifer has loved photography. His award-winning work has been featured in USA Today, CNN Travel, Pure Michigan, Visit Indiana travel guides, multiple websites, television shows and commercials, and in churches in all 50 states and around the world. Pai is a chartered architect with an international portfolio who believes in creating elegant lifestyles through simplicity, comfort and individuality. Her jewelry design, which she has been pursuing since 2006, effortlessly blends the versatility of metals with unique ideas to create distinct and timeless works of art. (111 W. Main St., #135)

Evan Lurie Gallery: New exhibit opens featuring works by native Hoosier sculpture artist, Ray Gross, who showcases his larger than life tubes of paint ety of housing opportunities sculptures. With more than and call the Carmel Arts & 40 artists already repre- Design District home.

Pad Thai: November's special at Pad Thai includes Tom Yum Fried Rice and a sweet deal that includes \$10 off of \$50 or more. (110 W. Main St.)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about Meet Me on Main activities can be found at CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or onstreet. Click here to download the Arts & Design District parking map may be downloaded.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide vari-

Dear Editor:

I was pleased to finally see a professional come out and honestly address the water quality and quantity issues that will be produced by the installation of a gravel pit along White River at Potters Bridge. Everything I have read on the subject says so, but to have the input of an expert working in this field is very credible.

Again, I ask our City Council elected officials individually and collectively: Why is this petition still in consideration?

I also call on Mr. Beaver to be the good community steward he has his-torically been and in the public interest of his neighbors please withdraw his request. Select a more appropriate site, one that does not affect the roads (which will have to be repaired by taxpayer dollars) the wildlife and environmental beauty of one of the most used trails in Noblesville, the quality of air to five of our schools and some 6,500 of our students, and now, we understand, the drinking water quantity and quality to some 41,000 Noblesville households!

It was one thing to dismiss all the arguments about environment loss and noise and dust and such, but drinking water is critical to the health of a community. Presuming (and that's an optimistic presumption) this pit will not throw us into routine "boil water" alerts, it will raise the price of our water (cite article

cleaning up bacterial contaminated water is 30 to 40 times more expensive than preventing it in the first place). Then, not only will the taxpayers be called on to repair damaged roads, now they will be called on to clean up the community water supply and to foot the cost of finding new sources of quality drinking water.

Then let's ask the realty market how this will affect interest in new home construction in our previously growing community. Not only will the 600-plus families living within walking distance of the park be directly affected by falling home prices but now, the entire community's sizeable home investment will be affected. It is no longer a question of this neighborhood or that neighborhood being affected but all of the current residents and any potential future residents looking to buy their homes in Noblesville.

Our elected officials were put in office because we trusted them to protect our interests. I am asking them to stand up and do that now, please.

I am asking Mr. Beaver to acknowledge the welfare of his fellow residents and do what is the right thing - choose another less critical location.

The "needs of the one" do not overshadow the "needs of the many" - in this case, 41,000 of us.

Craig C. Wind Noblesville

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News & Obituary

Deer firearms season begins Saturday

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The deer firearms season runs Nov. 14-29 this year.

Remember, the deer firearms license allows a hunter to take only one buck. Hunters can harvest hunting license. an antlerless deer during the firearms season with en with a firearm during

a firearm if they possess a the firearms season count cannot be taken on all DNR deer bundle license, bonus toward the bonus antlerantlerless license, resident less quota, unless you are youth consolidated hunting and trapping license, or comprehensive lifetime license and count the deer or Tipton counties until

hunting in a deer reduction zone with the appropriate toward the deer reduction Nov. 26. Antlerless deer tak- zone bag limit.

Bonus antlerless deer formation.

properties; find information about restrictions at this link. Bonus antlerless deer cannot be taken in Benton

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AG Hill joins brief challenging Pennsylvania decision on absentee ballot receipt deadline

Submitted

al Curtis Hill has joined five filing a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court challenging a court decision rewriting Pennsylvania's absentee ballot receipt deadline.

The brief argues that, under the Constitution, state legislatures must choose the point at which states stop receiving absentee ballots and start counting votes – not state courts such as the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Pennsylvania voters had 50 days to return their absentee ballots to ensure they were received by Election Day. Failure to do so was not the fault of state election law. The brief points to other courts that have upheld Election Day receipt

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Indiana Attorney Gener- during the pandemic.

In the brief, the attorother attorneys general in neys general argue that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court improperly repealed the state legislature's deadline by writing in a new postmark deadline with an election rules. State election arbitrary three-day-after-Election-Day cutoff.

Court has correctly stated previously that courts should not attempt to usurp the authority of state legislatures in matters related to election laws," Hill said. "With this brief, we are simply asking the Supreme Court to continue to uphold that principle."

Attorney Oklahoma General Mike Hunter, who Pennsylvania led the brief, made a similar point.

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legislative capacity when it created chaos that makes it changed the election rules," Huntter said. "Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution is clear - it is the duty of the legislative branch of each state that determines deadlines give the public the ability to quickly know "The U.S. Supreme the results of the election and promote confidence in those results. Changing the rules of the election right before voting starts robs the state of being able to set its own election laws and causes confusion among voters. We encourage the U.S. Supreme Court to review this case without delay."

> The decision by the Supreme Court has consequences that could have a national Pennsylvania ripple effect in future elec-

deadlines, both before and Supreme Court acted in a tions, the brief reads. It has impossible for state legislatures to know in advance whether the election rules they have enacted will or will not be reimagined by courts.

"Review is warranted now, even after the election, to secure the constitutional framework for our most fundamental democratic processes," the brief concludes.

The U.S. Supreme Court need not wait for the next election cycle to precipitate yet another deluge of litigation allowing state courts to once again amend state law right before the election – and for the beneficiaries of these unconstitutional actions to argue that there is once again not enough time for this Court's careful review on the merits.

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And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us. And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself. And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia. And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Acts 27:1-6 (KJV)

Judith Elaine Young November 21, 1944 – November 9, 2020

Judith Elaine Young, 75, Carmel, passed away on No-



vember 9, 2020. She was born on November 21, 1944 in Clinton, Tenn., daughter of George and Edith Manning.

She attended Oklahoma Wesleyan University from 1966 to 1967. On September 2, 1967, Judith and Edward Young were married, and they had a loving and dedicated marriage for 53 years. Judith worked in a variety of industries but found tremendous

fulfillment working with children at KinderCare children's academy in Carmel.

In addition to her parents, Judith was preceded by three siblings, Kenneth, Lloyd and Lila.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; children, Lisa Mathiesen (Rich) and Greg Young (Amanda); three grandchildren, Cory, Kate and Lila; brother JP; sisters, Glenna, Marla, Erma, Lulan, Viki, Beverly; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Receiving of friends will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 19 at Trinity Wesleyan Church, 9709 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, where the Funeral Celebration of Life Service will begin at 1 p.m.

Due to the pandemic, facial coverings and social distancing protocols are required of all in attendance.

Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Judith's complete obituary.

Bussell Family Funerals Carmel-Westfield is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.



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Sports



Girls basketball preview

Huskies hope to be competitive

This year's Hamilton Heights girls basketball team will trend younger this year, but there will be plenty of talent and enough experience for the Huskies to be competitive.

Huskies coach Keegan Cherry said there are three players returning who have significant experience, including one who recently committed to play in college. They were part of a Heights team that went 14-11 last season.

"From there it drops to lots of young ones that will have high expectations," said Cherry.

Leading the way will be senior Jillian Osswald, who made news this fall by committing to Taylor University to continue her basketball career. Osswald is a solid all-around player who averaged 13.4 points per game last season, making her the second-leading scorer behind now-graduated Bayleigh Runner. Osswald had good numbers across the board, with 4.0 assists, 3.4 rebounds and 2.3 steals per contest.

The other two players Cherry mentioned with significant experience are both juniors. MyKayla Moran improved greatly during her sophomore year, leading Heights in rebounds with 6.3 per game. She also added 9.2 points per contest and totaled 17 blocked shots for the season. Syd Runyan also provided quality minutes last year, averaging 2.6 rebounds and 2.3 points.

These three players will make up part of the Huskies' projected starting lineup. Also on that list is sophomore Kaylee Rhoton, who helped out last season to the tune of 3.1 points per game.

"From there we have several players that will battle for varsity minutes," said Cherry.

The fifth starting spot is slated to be taken by a freshman, Camryn Runner. She is one of three freshmen expected to make an impact for Heights this season. The other two are Hadleigh Cherry and Ella Hickok.

Junior Alayna Baber and sophomore

a few varsity games last season, are both expected to be varsity contributors this season, as will sophomore Rachel Hunter.

The Huskies' season was delayed, but Heights is scheduled to finally open play Friday, Nov. 20 at Lebanon. The Huskies will then play their first home game Nov. 24, hosting Greenfield-Central.

'Overall, I'm hopeful we can be competitive," said Keegan Cherry. "With the large number of underclassmen, it may

Cassidy Felger, both of whom played in take awhile to fully understand what it Dec. 15: at Bishop Chatard, 7:30 p.m. takes to win. We will be underdogs in 3A Sectional 24."

Heights schedule

Nov. 20: at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 24: Greenfield-Central, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2: Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5: at Twin Lakes, 12:30 p.m. Dec. 8: Northwestern, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12: at Clinton Prairie, 1:30 p.m. Dec. 17: at Delta, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 2: Marion, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 7: at Lewis Cass, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9: Westfield, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 12: at Western, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16: at Tipton, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 19: New Castle, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22: at Hoosier Conference playoff game, 8 p.m. Jan. 28: at Lafayette Jefferson, 7:30

Richie Hall/File photo Hamilton Heights' Jillian Osswald (right) averaged 13.4 points per game for the Huskies last season as a junior. Osswald is back for her senior season with Heights.





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IHSAA Class 6A Regional 2 Nov 13, live at 8pm



First road game of the season . . . **Top-ranked Carmel wins** at Heritage Christian

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Carmel went on the road for the first time this season on Thursday, and came at Zionsville on Tuesday. home with a 61-48 victory over Heritage Christian.

The Greyhounds, who are ranked No. 1 in the Class 4A ICGSA poll, led 14-10 after one quarter. Carmel then took command in the second period, outscoring the Eagles 17-7 for a 31-17 halftime lead. Kate Clarke scored eight points in the second quarter. Heritage cut into the Greyhounds' advantage slightly in the third quarter, but Carmel finished the game with a 19-point fourth quarter.

Clarke poured in 24 points for the game, including a pair of 3-pointers. Bridget Dunn also hit two 3s on her way to 13 points, and also had nine rebounds and four steals. Riley Pennington added 10 points and collected seven rebounds. Emily Roper had eight rebounds and Evan Spidel handed out four assists.

Carmel is 2-0 for the season and plays

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Bridget Dunn	4-14	3-4	13	1						
Evan Spidel	2-3	0-2	4	2						
Riley Pennington	5-9	0-1	10	3						
Kate Clarke	9-18	4-4	24	3						
Hannah Lach	0-1	1-2	1	3						
Mackenzie Thomas	2-6	1-2	5	3						
Emily Roper	1-3	1-2	3	3						
Erin Baker	0-0	1-2	1	0						
Totals	23-54	11-19	61	18						
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Carmel rebounds (37) Dunn 9, Roper 8,										
Pennington 7, Thomas 6, Spidel 3, Clarke										



Sports

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Westfield volleyball college signings



Photos courtesy Westfield High School

Two Westfield volleyball players signed their National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic careers in college. Kenzie Daffinee (above) will play for Indiana University, while Peighton Isley (below) has committed to Morehead State University in Morehead, Ky.





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