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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.
Scattered showers and storms
in the late evening and overnight.

HIGH: 71 LOW: 44



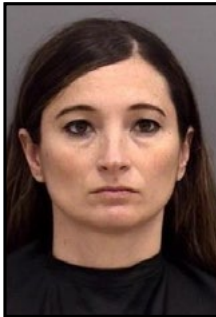
Sheridan woman arrested in Carmel murder investigation

The REPORTER

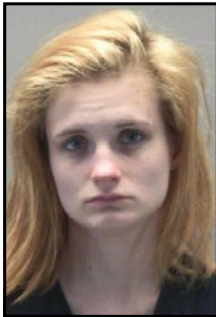
A Sheridan woman, Heidi Marie Littlefield, 41, and two Ohio residents have been arrested on multiple felony charges, including murder, related to a homicide that occurred in Carmel.

Court documents indicate on Monday, Jan. 18, the Carmel Police Department responded to the 14000 block of Howe Drive in Carmel regarding a death investigation. When police arrived, they found Francis Kelley dead in his home.

An autopsy conducted by



Littlefield



Runyon



Walker

the Hamilton County Coroner's office, and an investigation by the Carmel Police Department, concluded that Kelly was poisoned, beaten,

and strangled. Carmel Police detectives have identified and arrested three individuals in connection with the incident:

Heidi Marie Littlefield

- Murder – Level 1 Felony
 - Conspiracy to Commit Murder – Level 1 Felony
 - Conspiracy to Commit Murder – Level 2 Felony
- Logan Marie Runyon, 22, Englewood, Ohio
- Murder – Level 1 Felony
 - Conspiracy to Commit Murder – Level 1 Felony
 - Conspiracy to Commit Murder – Level 2 Felony
- Robert James Walker, 29, Englewood, Ohio
- Conspiracy to Commit Murder – Level 1 Felony
 - Conspiracy to Commit Murder – Level 2 Felony

Hamilton County focusing efforts on recruiting veterans for jobs

The REPORTER

Hamilton County has jobs to fill, and it wants veterans to help fill them.

The Veteran Committee for Hamilton County's 21st Century Talent Region recently released a video designed to attract veterans to the local area. Funded by a grant from Duke Energy, the video features testimonials from veterans who currently live and work in Hamilton County.

Chuck Haberman, Workforce Development Manager for the City of Noblesville, and a United States Marine Corps veteran, heads the committee.

"The veteran population is mostly transient by nature, with changing duty stations, detachments, and deployments, so when we're ready to finally settle down, we want to make sure it's going to be right for us," Haberman said. "The committee, made up entirely of veterans, felt it was important to highlight the things we know are important to veterans and the things Hamilton County has in spades."



Haberman



Heirbrandt

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Humane Society moving to Fishers with police escorted pet parade

The REPORTER

The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) will complete the last step of its relocation to its state-of-the-art facility located in Fishers on Wednesday, March 31, with a police escorted parade of shelter pets.

Dozens of volunteers and staff members will transport all of the shelter's current canine and feline residents leaving the Noblesville location at 1721 Pleasant St. at noon. Due to the construction on State Road 37, the caravan will now head west on Pleasant Street to 10th Street, then south on Allisonville Road, on to the pets'



Rendering provided

The Humane Society for Hamilton County will move to its new location, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, this coming Wednesday, led by a parade of pets.

forever home located at 10501 Hague Road, Fishers.

Over 40 vehicles are expected to participate in the transport led by the Hamilton County

Sheriff's Department, including the shelter's official moving partner Two Men and a Truck, who will bring along the last load of items as the Humane

Society ends its 36-year residency in Noblesville.

"We will certainly miss our

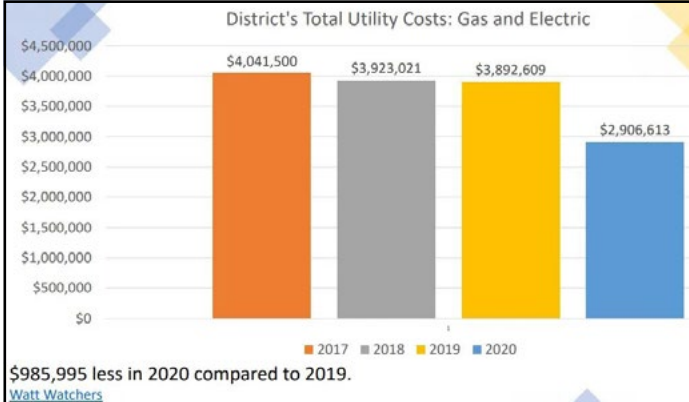
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COVID, management practices, some solar schools spell cost savings for HSE

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

Bob Rice, Energy Management Director for Hamilton Southeastern Schools, provided some good news at the Wednesday school board meetings. The school district has been saving money through managing energy costs.

In 2020, energy spending was reduced \$985,995 compared to the previous year. One reason cited by Rice is the reduced use of school buildings due to COVID restrictions. But the savings were also due to changing staff behavior and better managing the school



HSE Schools Energy Management Director Bob Rice told the school board that 2020's total cost of energy for the district was nearly \$1 million less than the prior year.

corporation's equipment.

Also, solar arrays were installed at some schools and contributed to the sav-

ings. During 2020, the solar schools sold back more than \$10,000 in electric power to Duke Energy.



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There will be a solar cooking event on Saturday, April 17, at Sand Creek Elementary Schools, according to Rice.

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Carmel Youth Assistance Program looking for intern

The REPORTER

The Carmel Youth Assistance Program (CYAP) is looking for an intern to help with its mission to serve local youth and their families.

The internship is unpaid and is open to any college student who is studying social work, project management, or a related subject that helps to satisfy the needs of the city's youth. Please note, this internship is project oriented – CYAP does not guarantee face-to-face contact with youth and families.

The Carmel internship would be somewhat flexible in terms of hours, but the objective is to find an intern able to work 10 to

20 hours per week. The start date is also flexible, but early May is ideal. The intern must be flexible, self-motivated, independent, and take initiative.

CYAP serves as an early intervention advocate for youth ages 3 to 17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. They take a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. CYAP works with a coalition of government agencies, schools and community members who proactively seek to reach at-risk youth and help them find a path to success. They provide

opportunities for success by coordinating services, family assistance, and volunteer tutoring/mentoring.

The intern will work alongside a small team of three individuals in a relaxed environment. The main goal of CYAP is to connect families to resources that they may need. In addition, CYAP strives to fill gaps in the community by creating programs such as the Carmel Summer Meals Program, mentoring, and tutoring. The group is seeking an intern to help support these programs to ensure they are being executed properly and successfully.

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Carmel vs. LN on the big screen Hoosier Hysteria, March Madness will be in competition on April 3

Is Indiana's widely-known high school basketball tourney, often called Hoosier Hysteria, being overshadowed this year by collegiate March Madness? Certainly the eyes of the sports world are focused on Indiana, site of the entire NCAA playoff.

But, in Carmel, Lawrence and other communities with teams in the high school tourney, there remains keen interest in the prep-level contests. The high school tourney not only faces competition from the NCAA tourney, but health concerns over



FRED SWIFT
The County Line

COVID and the beginning of spring break also challenge the state tourney set for April 3.

But, Carmel High School, playing for its fifth state championship, is building enthusiasm. Athletic Director Jim Inskeep says ticket sales are brisk. Players' parents are planning a send-off before the game. Carmel will play Lawrence North for the championship.

And the City of Carmel has plans to give fans a place to congregate and watch the big game on the Big Screen, a really big screen.

At Midtown Plaza, the city's 224 square-foot TV screen will show the championship game live beginning at 7 p.m. on the 3rd. The plaza is along the Monon Trail four blocks south of Main Street and will be open free of charge to fans who do not have game tickets or don't care to go to the game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

For true fans and perhaps many newcomers to Hoosierland, the madness such as seen in Milan's epic win in 1954 or Carmel's breath-taking victory in 1977, is a sports spectacle not soon forgotten and truly competitive with the NCAA for the true Indiana basketball fanatics.

PETS

Noblesville neighbors," said Rebecca Stevens, president and CEO of the Humane Society. "But I can tell you our team is looking forward to the desperately needed space and resources that will now be available in this remarkable facility that is undoubtedly one of the best in the country."

The Humane Society for Hamilton County launched its **Building a Brighter Future** for Hamilton County & Hoosier Animals Capital Campaign in November 2018, raising the \$12 million needed to build the 40,000 square-foot facility in

Fishers within one year – thanks to lead gifts from the Steven J. Cage Foundation, Samarian Foundation, the Hamilton County Commissioners and County Council, and Dr. Mark and Vanessa Roth. The facility, which was designed by Curran Architecture with the construction managed by Meyer Najem, will bear the name of both the Humane Society for Hamilton County and The Steven J. Cage Animal Wellness Center.

The Humane Society will close for adoptions as it settles into its new surround-

ings from Saturday, March 27 through Wednesday, April 7, and will open to the public for adoptions on Thursday, April 8. However, the facility will continue accepting Hamilton County's stray and unwanted animals throughout the entire transition.

About HSHC

HSHC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It is not a United Way Agency and is not affiliated with any other animal welfare group in the United States. For more information visit Hamilton-Humane.com.

JOBS FOR VETERANS

The committee will use the video to help attract and retain veterans to the county. It is also working with InVets, the state veteran attraction initiative, as it promotes Indiana throughout the country as

a great place to relocate after they leave the service.

"I am proud of Hamilton County's focus on veteran opportunities," said Mark Heirbrandt, president of the Hamilton County

Commissioners. "We hope that veterans will find our county attractive, welcoming, and a place to call home for years to come."

[Click here](#) to visit the veterans' webpage.

INTERN

Duties could include but are not limited to:

Volunteers

The intern would help recruit volun-

teers by speaking before local civic groups and contacting community volunteer organizations. Provide orientation and training for volunteers in order to provide clients

with a positive and personal influence in their lives. Assist with creating/modifying trainings, programs, and outings. Track volunteer records and hours.

Community Engagement

Depending on the program assignment, the intern may act as a consultant to the community in areas of prevention programming; may participate with assigned youth on recreational or other extracurricular outings and/or work details; arrange programs in Carmel and initiate other community efforts that focus on early intervention and prevention; perform a variety of public relations functions within the community to ensure the continuation or expansion of existing community prevention programs, including preparing reports on program activities, speaking before local officials, media and community groups, and preparing news releases. Acquires and coordinates office and clerical support for the Youth Assistance Program for the community served to meet administrative needs.

Program Support

Assist with coordination of the Carmel Summer Meals program, including managing deliveries, registrations, food inventory, pulling data reports, etc.; coordinate fundraisers including Pack The Cruiser; navigate and research community resources on a case by case basis.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email a copy of your resume to Early Intervention Advocate Melissa Yarger at melissa.yarger@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

MAYORS

IMCL conferences have been held annually in Europe and in the United States, such as in the Italian cities of Venice, Rome, and Siena; London, England; the Austrian cities of Vienna and Salzburg; Freiburg, Germany; Charleston, S.C.; Santa Fe, N.M.; Savannah, Ga.; San Francisco, Calif.; and others.

IMCL was founded in 1985 by Henry L. Lennard, Ph.D., Professor of Medical Sociology and Social Psychology at the University of California Medical Center, San Francisco; and Suzanne H. Crowhurst Lennard, Ph.D. (Arch.), Professor of Social Aspects of Architecture and Urban Design, University of California, Berkeley.

"We are excited to be given this unique and rare opportunity to share our success story on an international stage," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard. "Much the same way we learned by studying the great livable cities in Europe, we hope others can learn from the lessons we have learned over the past 20 years of creating distinct, mixed-use, human scale areas to which people are drawn and in which they can thrive."

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Brainard

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, increased attention is focused on America's suburbs and how they are handling issues of health, equity, mobility, and livability. Innovators like Carmel are showing the way to a new generation of better, more livable 'burbs.

Conference organizer Michael Mehaffy, Director of the Lennard Institute for Livable Cities, says the Carmel conference will examine timely topics such as neighborhood health, social capital, green cities, affordable housing, active mobility, gentrification, displacement and homelessness, age-friendly cities, resilience and adaptation, and other related issues. In a timely nod to current events, the conference will also assess the emerging lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic for cities and suburbs.

"It's important to share these concrete examples of what has worked in this and other suburbs, where such a high percentage of the population now lives – either by choice, by plan, or too often because they have been unwillingly displaced from gentrifying city cores," Mehaffy said.

Mayor Brainard agrees: "This conference is about bringing together the 'doers' – a blend of academic leaders, elected officials, city planners, engineers and developers, non-profit leaders, and citizens, not only from across the United States, but also internationally. Attendees will have the unparalleled opportunity to hear from all corners of the globe."

To learn more about the upcoming conference, visit livable-cities.org/venue. To register for the event, [click here](#).

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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

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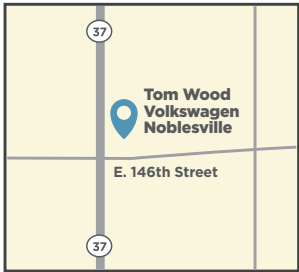


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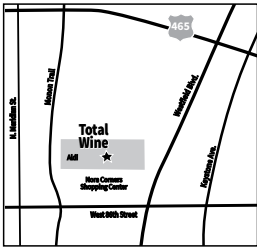
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Rep. Cook’s bill requiring middle school students to take a civics education course could soon be law

The REPORTER

State Rep. Tony Cook's (R-Cicero) bill to improve civic engagement among young Hoosiers is on its way to the governor's desk, where it could soon be signed into law.

House Enrolled Act 1384 would require students to take a semester-long civics education course in grades 6, 7, or 8. Cook, a retired school superintendent and government teacher, said young Hoosiers usually take a government class during their senior year of high school, but this legislation is designed to reach students earlier.

"It is always surprising to me how many people cannot accurately name the three branches of government," Rep. Cook said. "This is a glaring sign we need to do a better job educating our students earlier about how their local, state and federal government works and how they



Cook

can be civically engaged in their communities."

This legislation comes out of a recommendation from the Civics Education Task Force lead by Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) appointed Cook and other legislators to serve on this body alongside Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush and former Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson.

Cook said this recommendation comes after he spent several years crafting this legislation, which is modeled after a successful program in Florida. He also said he felt now was the time to move forward with this bill given national concerns and lack of understanding of government.

HEA 1384 is now eligible for action by the governor. For more information, visit iga.in.gov.


Causation for the newest phenomenon: Zoom fatigue

As COVID-19 levels went up in the U.S., many students and working adults were forced to adapt to a virtual form of work and learning.

Despite the fact that many people have been virtual since March of 2020, the majority have struggled to adapt to this new way of conducting everyday life activities. People describe being overwhelmed and exhausted, having tension in the eyes, and body aches. There are many different factors to why working virtually is so difficult, but a majority of them all stem from the experiences of Zoom fatigue. While these are all experiences that can hinder one’s productivity, there are strategies to help manage those experiences.

Have you noticed that it's harder to memorize new people's names this year? Have you found yourself liking fewer co-workers or classmates? Have you noticed

GUEST COLUMNIST



KHAYLA WILLIAMS

that people are slower to respond to questions? Have you often felt drained after a Zoom call? These are all effects of a recent phenomenon called “Zoom fatigue,” the phrase you are looking for to describe the tiredness, burnout, and worry associated with long hours of virtual communication.

One of the reasons for the fatigue often felt is the subconscious cost-reward tradeoff. The dopamine pathways in the brain are associated with rewards. The activation of such pathways is associated with an increase in motivation, energy, and alertness. If the reward does not outweigh the cost, the dopaminergic pathway’s activation will be lessened and Zoom fatigue can occur. In the case of Zoom, the reward we hope to get, but our brain doesn't perceive, is adequate social interaction.

Another part of the reward circuit is the hormone oxytocin, involved in social

bonding. In a study done by MIT comparing functional MRI scans of person-to-person interaction versus virtual interaction, it was shown that the brain regions associated with reward and release of oxycontin was higher in those having person-to-person interactions. (Redcay et al.) The reasons behind these findings are numerous.

When communicating, we use both verbal and non-verbal cues to get our messages across. A lot of nonverbal cues are actually unconscious, so you don't usually realize how much you rely on them until you are put in a non-verbal deprived environment, such as Zoom.

Let's take eye contact for example. Eye contact is a common nonverbal cue that improves connection by allowing for faster responses, increased likeability, and better efficiency of memorizing faces. Appropriate eye contact can't occur if someone is going back and forth between looking directly in the camera, in order to look like they are making eye contact, while simultaneously trying to meet the other person's gaze. Ultimately, the quest to achieve appropriate eye contact leads to a high cost in the form of cognitive effort to make sure they look like they are looking at the camera and making eye contact.

Additionally, not sharing the same environment and having only one half of the body being shown can lead to difficulty capturing bodily gestures and subtle facial expressions. The lack of nonverbal cues requires us to rely more on sustained and intense attention to the words being said, ultimately leading to fatigue.

Similarly, multitasking is a cost that expends a large amount of energy. In an internal sense, multitasking is difficult because it involves continuous but partial attention to a variety of internal tasks, like searching for verbal cues, trying to pay attention to what's being said, and processing it fast enough to come up with an

appropriate response.

Occasionally, none of these internal actions actually occur and people can be left drained even if it seems like they haven't done anything. Externally, there are pressures of potential family members, home environment, easy access to smartphones, and our perceptions of our own image on the screen. On the topic of seeing our own image, stress can arise at the idea of being on camera because usually it is done in a performative context.

Despite all the issues that contribute to Zoom fatigue, there are ways to help relieve some of the problems it can cause.

One trick is to not use gallery view. With all the faces up at once, multitasking becomes a nightmare and cognitive load increases.

Periods of prolonged laptop use can cause muscle tension and eye strain, so it is crucial to have breaks and potentially go outside to let your eyes rest and stretch your muscles.

Focusing on non-digital stimulation is good for the body to recharge. It is also a good practice to allow people to turn their cameras off if the meeting will be longer than an hour in order to reduce concentration fatigue.

Finally, as a way to navigate interactions that can be draining, it can be useful to learn some grounding techniques, like moisturizing your hands, naming the items in your workspace aloud, and breathing in essential oils.

Although many of us may have gotten used to the experiences of Zoom fatigue, learning different approaches you can take to diminish its effects will ultimately lead to better mental well-being and higher productivity levels.

Khayla Williams is a student at Hamilton Southeastern High School and is a 2020-2021 summer research intern for Project STEM.

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Gleaners CEO speaks at Noblesville Lions meeting



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On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions Club played host to John Elliott, CEO for Gleaners Food Bank, as speaker to the club. Elliott shared with the club some statistics on what Gleaners has accomplished the last few years. The Lions recommend supporting Gleaners with donations to its food bank. (Pictured) Lion Julia Kozicki presented John Elliott with a thank you certificate.

Letter to the Editor

Mel Wischmeyer thanks county for helping curb COVID

Dear Editor:

Since September of 2020, Trinity has partnered with the Hamilton County Health Department to provide COVID-19 testing to our community and more recently to help administer vaccines. We are so proud of Hamilton County residents for stepping up to curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Patients who register for COVID testing are asked if they smoke, vape, or use other tobacco products. While there is still much to learn about the relationship between smoking and the effects of the coronavirus, one thing is certain – smoking does not help.

Your lungs are at the forefront of your immune system. Smoking and the use of tobacco products are proven risk factors for cardiovascular and lung disease which can put you at higher risk for a severe case of COVID-19. This month, the Indiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT NOW) celebrates 15 years of helping Hoosiers overcome tobacco addiction by offering four weeks of free nicotine patches and gum to anyone who enrolls, while supplies last.

Mel Wischmeyer

Executive Director, Trinity Free Clinic

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Letter to the Editor

Westfield City Council's "rush to judgement" on SR 32 improvement project

Dear Editor:

On Monday, March 22, I arrived at the Westfield City Council meeting intending to hear the outcome of an agenda item – a development across from the Grand Park Events Center.

Upon arrival, I discovered that the City Council had added three items to the agenda late that afternoon, one of which was titled "Ordinance 21-21: An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Westfield."

This ordinance has been written by this council with the intent to terminate the State Road 32 project – a project the city and the Indiana Department of Transportation have worked on together for years to solve the traffic problems associated with getting through Downtown Westfield, for which the City Council offers no alternatives.

This is happening without any feedback from the traveling public who find themselves stuck in traffic in front of Big Hoffa's on the east or at the traffic circle on the west waiting to clear downtown traffic at Union and SR 32.

This introduction was delayed until April, so if you want to see this traffic solution happen, contact you city councilor with your opinion of Ordinance 21-21. Their contact information is available on the city website at westfield.in.gov in the staff directory listed in the department, "City Council."

What say you, Westfield? Do you want to see the city infrastructure improve or stay the same as it is now?

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Ron Moore

Westfield

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Letter to the Editor

Hodgson agrees with Swift: This much government spending isn't necessary

Dear Editor,

Thank you to Fred Swift for a well-reasoned column, **Is the money truly needed everywhere?**, published March 21. I'm sure he's correct, his column won't be popular with everyone. But, it should be if all Indiana residents understood that very little of the nearly \$2 trillion – that's 12 zeros – COVID relief bill actually went to COVID relief.

Not one dollar is paid for; it's all added to the debt tab of future generations.

It would have obviously been better to target those citizens and small businesses that really needed help, which clearly could have been done for a fraction of the cost because all they got was a fraction of this bill. Plus, there is additionally \$200 billion

from 2020 that is contentiously unspent. Congress should have allocated these funds from the previous COVID relief spending action. Instead, now hundreds of billions are planned for other pork spending, like blue states and cities where spending and public debt has been out of control for decades.

As Mr. Swift points out, even Hamilton County will get some of the largesse because, well, why not?! It's hard work spending \$2 trillion dollars of other people's money. So, even a token amount will go to those with legislators financially responsible enough to vote against this obscenity.

As it appears the Democrats plan to unilaterally repeal the laws of economics and spend their way to prosperity, it's time for us to put on our seat belts, Mr. Swift. With their new control of the Senate, it's reported the next huge unilaterally-planned spending bill is \$3 trillion dollars – 12 zeros.

Up until recently, even liberal central planners' economic thinking was you didn't want government spending and debt to exceed 100 percent of GDP in peacetime. We are now at about 130 percent of GDP.

Adding the infrastructure bill, the federal government will blow past \$30 trillion in debt. To put this into perspective, global GDP is about \$80 trillion. So this level of U.S. government spending is unprecedented, especially in peacetime.

We are told don't worry about inflation. But, most people realize that essentials – rent, fresh food, education, and health care costs are all up significantly. If the Democrats get all their promised tax increases through Congress, the added value estimate for federal tax revenues is \$2 trillion dollars over the next 10 years. Given the drag on economic growth caused by government spending, taxes, and regulations, that number is likely very optimistic, and at best only puts a dent into future deficits and spending.

To sell this planned level of deficit spending and higher taxes to the public, we will likely hear a lot more about Modern Monetary Theory, which I contend isn't modern and isn't even a theory. It's been implemented numerous times in history with endless money printing to finance government spending.

These politicians can't responsibly deny there is high risk for hyper-inflation. Republican politicians should remind people that a profit-based economy is not something against the people. Otherwise, with an inflation-debased currency, what is the first thing you learn to do when you get paid? Exchange it for gold or cryptocurrency, something that will hold value. We are beginning to see this happen around the U.S. with the acceptance and success of cryptocurrency.

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U.S. Senators reintroduce No Budget, No Pay Act

The REPORTER

Senators Mike Braun, Joe Manchin, and Rick Scott have reintroduced the No Budget, No Pay Act, joined by Senators John Barrasso, Richard Burr, Shelley Moore Capito, Joni Ernst, Maggie Hassan, and Kyrsten Sinema.

No Budget No Pay requires Members of Congress to pass the annual budget resolutions and all appropriations bills by the start of the fiscal year, Oct. 1, otherwise Members will not be paid, with retroactive pay prohibited.

"Every business and family makes a budget, but Congress doesn't," Sen. Braun said. "If your representatives refuse to do a basic part of their job like passing a budget resolution and appropriations bills in time, we shouldn't get paid. That's why I'm reintroducing the No Budget, No Pay Act, to hold D.C. accountable for the budget dysfunction that's put us on a collision course with fiscal disaster."

"Now more than ever, Congress must return to regular order and commit to solving the serious problems facing our nation," Sen. Manchin said. "That includes passing a budget and avoiding unnecessary government shutdowns that impact federal workers paychecks, but don't affect Members of Congress' paychecks. If any other business or place of work failed to make a budget, they would face serious consequences. Why should Congress be any different? I'm proud to join my bipartisan colleagues in reintroducing this legislation which would prohibit Members of Congress from receiving pay if they fail to pass a budget resolution and the 12 annual appropriations bills before the start of the fiscal year. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass this commonsense legislation and be the leaders the American people deserve."

"There is no reason members of Congress should be held to a different standard than any other American family or business," Sen. Scott said. "In the real world, if you don't do your job, you don't get paid. Our No Budget, No Pay bill simply requires Congress to pass an annual budget and meet appropriations bill deadlines, or forgo their taxpayer-funded salaries until the job is done. Accountability shouldn't be controversial."

"If Congress can't do our work and pass a budget, we shouldn't get paid – it's that simple," Sen. Hassan said. "As New Hampshire Governor, I worked across party lines to pass fiscally responsible budgets, and we have a responsibility to get the job done in Congress too."

"In Iowa – and in most places across the country – if folks don't do their job, they don't get paid," Sen. Ernst said. "Part of Congress' job every year is to pass a budget on time, but despite being nearly \$30 trillion in debt, it almost never happens. This bipartisan bill will help hold Congress accountable and make sure Washington politicians actually do their jobs."

"Families and small businesses across West Virginia have to balance their budgets, and Congress shouldn't be any different," Sen. Capito said. "I am proud to be on the committee that writes these appropriations bills and it is our goal and intent to get them done, under regular order, every year."

"Until a responsible budget is passed, Congress and the Biden administration will continue to spend money we don't have," Sen. Barrasso said. "The bipartisan No Budget, No Pay Act will stop lawmakers in Washington from getting paid if a budget is not passed. This will give Congress additional incentive to follow Wyoming's lead and pass a budget that cuts wasteful spending and gives certainty to job creators."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.



Braun

INDOT to hold virtual career fair April 1

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation will hold an online, virtual career fair from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 1.

INDOT is recruiting applicants for open full-time and seasonal positions in highway maintenance, fleet services, construction engineering and construction project inspections. Recruiters from INDOT will be available to answer questions and provide information on the benefits of joining the State of Indiana team. INDOT offers \$250 sign on and \$500 retention bonuses for eligible candidates.

[Click here](#) to attend INDOT's virtual career fair. Advance registration is not required.

Summer seasonal positions run from April through October at a starting pay of \$16 per hour. Candidates should have a valid driver's license and commercial driver's license (CDL). A high school diploma or GED is preferred but not required.

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Applications are available at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 West Main Street Arcadia, Indiana 46030.

Applications will be accepted at the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Timothy, my co-worker, sends his greetings to you, as do Lucius, Jason and Sosipater, my fellow Jews. I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord. Gaius, whose hospitality I and the whole church here enjoy, sends you his greetings. Erastus, who is the city's director of public works, and our brother Quartus send you their greetings. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you. Amen. Now to him who is able to establish you in accordance with my gospel, the message I proclaim about Jesus Christ, in keeping with the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all the Gentiles might come to the obedience that comes from faith—to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Romans 16:17-27 (NIV)

Patoka Lake to hold beginners kayak lesson

The REPORTER

Patoka Lake interpretive naturalists will host a kayak lesson for beginners at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17.

During the lesson, participants will get the opportunity to try several different styles of kayaks and paddles. Instructors will also cover the gear needed for a safe trip and the best places to paddle on Patoka Lake.

All equipment, including life jackets, will be provided. This event is open to anyone age 12 and older. Cost for the lesson is \$5 per person, and space is limited.

Advance registration is required by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at (812) 685-2447.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$9 for out-of-state residents is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Lake, located north of Wickliffe on State Road 164. For more information regarding this program other interpretive events at Patoka Lake, please call the Nature Center at (812) 685-2447.

Find more information on Patoka Lake [on.IN.gov/patokalake](https://on.in.gov/patokalake).

Thomas Field Krengel (Tom)

May 11, 1932 – March 11, 2021

Thomas Field Krengel (Tom) passed peacefully in Carmel on March 11, 2021.

He was born May 11, 1932 in Akron, Ohio, to Harry and Alberta (née Field). Tom graduated from Garfield High School ('50) and The University of Akron ('54) where he played four years of varsity baseball, was president of Lone Star Fraternity, and earned his bachelor's degree in Business Management.

Tom served in the U.S. Army 1954 to 1958, where he attained the rank of First Lieutenant. He was stationed in California, South Carolina, and Wurzburg, Germany.

He joined the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in 1958 and retired in 1984 as President of the Firestone Industrial Products Division. In 1984 he purchased a reprographics firm in Nashville, Tenn., which he sold in 1996.

The "golden years" transformed the Krengels, Tom and Anita, into avid Florida snowbirds. They enjoyed all things Gulf Coast, the warm climate, beautiful sandy beaches, and the boundless golf and tennis options. They found their southern home in Venice where they happily spent 20 idyllic winters.

Tom will be remembered for his incredible optimism, quick wit and sense of humor, generosity, kindness, dedication to family, as well as his love of dogs, televised sports, ice cream, and fried chicken.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Anita (née Adkins); children, Kitrick (Mike) Sinyard, Nashville, Thomas (Pam) Krengel, Chicago, Laura (Chris) Charais, Fort Wayne; grandchildren James, Kathryn, Emma, and Suzie; and five great-grandchildren. Tom was preceded in death by his parents and sister Kathleen Whitmore.

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Carol (Finley) Shirk

June 29, 1942 – March 23, 2021

Carol (Finley) Shirk, 78, Carmel, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2021, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. She was born on June 29, 1942 in Albany, Ind., and was the beloved daughter of the late Donald E. Finley and Margaret E. Finley.

She is survived by her sister, Alice (Jane) Nash, Bluffton; her loving husband, Michael; and two children, Jennifer Shirk, Indianapolis, and Jason (Cara) Shirk, Downers Grove, Ill. She has three teenaged granddaughters, Olivia, Katie, and Avery. She was the center of our family and will be dearly missed.

Carol was part of a large farming family from the Muncie area and enjoyed life-long relationships, especially with her grandparents, aunts and cousins. She was a storyteller and loved talking about her life on the farm and at the lakes in Indiana and Michigan with her family. Having grown up in Avilla, Ind., with a small high school class, she cherished and maintained many friendships over the decades. In particular, a childhood friend she met in second grade, and one that she met at her first job. They've been with her every step of the way. She loved making new friends and sharing common interests.

A lifelong learner, Carol earned four degrees over three decades. She graduated from Avilla (Ind.) High School in 1960 and earned an Associates' degree in Business from International Business College in Ft. Wayne. She was very interested in U.S. history, especially Indiana history. Carol earned both a Bachelors' and a Masters' degree, with honors, from Indiana University in the 1980s. While she worked on these degrees, she worked in banking and raised her children.

Carol and Michael lived in Noblesville for almost 40 years. They loved traveling and were able to do that for much of their lives together. Hardworking and selfless, Carol was devoted to her family and to her church. She lovingly cared for her ailing parents for two decades. During this time, she was also active in the lives of her children, became a first-time grandmother and was an active volunteer in her church. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Noblesville for nearly 40 years. Carol was very involved in mission work there and was a Stephen Minister, walking alongside and comforting those in crises. In recent years, they moved to Carmel and became active at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis.

A viewing will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at Randall and Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Masks and social distancing are required. Her funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 30, at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. There will be a limit of 75 attendees due to Covid restrictions. The service will be available via livestream at secondchurch.org/funeral. A private burial with immediate family will take place after the funeral at Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

Online condolences can be made at randallroberts.com. The family understands that because of Covid not everyone will be comfortable attending for safety reasons. Please do not feel obligated to attend in person. We know that you are with her in spirit.

The family would like to thank her nurses Sam and Ashton at St. Vincent Hospital 86th Street ICU for keeping she and her family comfortable during this very difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to be made in her name to the Humane Society of Indianapolis, 7929 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268; or the Northside Food Pantry at Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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Softball

Huskies fall to Lapel, but look for turnaround

By RICHIE HALL

LAPEL - While the Hamilton Heights softball team has gotten off to a rough start this spring, Huskies coach Ken Olovich isn't hitting the panic button.

Instead, Olovich is reminding everyone of what happened two seasons ago. Heights got off to a slow start, then made a turnaround during the second half of its campaign, going 10-4 in its last 14 games of the year.

"And I fully expect we'll do the same thing this year, as long as we can bring this kind of energy and really buy into that mentality of come and steal outs," said Olovich.

The coach was speaking after the Huskies dropped a 10-0 game at Lapel in six innings on Friday. The Bulldogs, one of the top teams in Class 2A, allowed Heights only two hits while getting 12 of their own.

The Huskies actually had the first hit of the game, when Ashlyn Fletcher sent a two-out single into right field in the top of the second inning. Heights threatened to score when pinch runner Natalie Newman made her way to third base, but a strikeout ended the inning.

Lapel got its first run in the bottom of the second, then made it 2-0 in the third when Ashlynn Allman hit a solo home run. The Bulldogs then poured in five runs in the fourth to take a 7-0 lead.

"We're trying to stay out of the big inning," said Olovich. "We're talking about how we can steal outs and again, just stay out of the big inning by taking that mentality of coming after every ball. And I think the energy's good. I totally know we're going to turn this around. I'm more excited about winning in May, not so much in March."

The Huskies held off Lapel in the fifth inning after the Bulldogs loaded the bases; freshman Lilly Roush made a center field catch to get the third out. Sydney Massicotte then hit a two-out single in the top of the sixth.

Lapel ended the inning by catching a pop-out to shortstop. In the top of the seventh, the Bulldogs scored two runs



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Ashlyn Fletcher had a second-inning hit for the Huskies during their Friday game at Lapel.

on a double by Chloe Tucker, then Madi Carpenter's single drove in the 10th run, giving Lapel the run-rule victory.

Despite the lopsided score, there were some defensive highlights. Hayley Greene got two big outs in the third inning, and Kassidy Schenkel had some big catches as well.

"We had some nice plays today," said Olovich. "We had some nice plays in the outfield, some good plays in the infield. We're a young team. We'll get it."

The Huskies are 0-3 and will take a couple weeks off for Spring Break, then return to action April 8 by hosting Anderson.

LAPEL 10,
HAMILTON HEIGHTS 0
(6 innings)

Heights	AB	R	H	RBI
Lily Roush	2	0	0	0
Isabella Neiling	3	0	0	0
Sydney Massicotte	3	0	1	0
Elizabeth Poisson	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Albright	3	0	0	0
Alayna Baber	2	0	0	0
Hayley Greene	2	0	0	0
Ashlyn Fletcher	2	0	1	0

Natalie Newman	0	0	0	0
Stephanie Spicer	2	0	0	0
Kassidy Schakel	2	0	0	0
Kaylee Rhoton	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	0	2	0

Score by Innings

Heights	000	000	-	0	2	4
Lapel	011	503	-	10	12	1

SB: Roush. HBP: Greene.

Heights pitching

IP	R	ER	H	
Albright	5.1	7	6	8
Neiling	0.0	3	3	3
Roush	0.1	0	0	1

Strikeouts: Roush 1. Walks: Albright 1, Neiling 1.

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Fishers boys lacrosse beats Heritage Christian, is 2-1

The Fishers boys lacrosse team improved its record to 2-1 Friday night by beating Heritage Christian 17-6 at Reynolds Tigers Stadium.

Fishers was led by a solid offensive performance by junior Eli Spearman, who scored eight goals and also handed out three assists. The Tigers also got three goals from freshman John Pauls, with juniors Luke Paris and Erik Ryden both adding two goals.

Two more juniors, Zach Willard and Garrett Faulkner, each scored one goal, making it seven different players scoring for Fishers. Paris also handed out three assists, with Faulkner dishing out two. Paris and junior Jack Alvarez each had one assist.

"What we've been working on a lot is team play and sharing the possession of the ball," said Tigers coach Chad Taylor. "So, today was a really good example of our players moving the ball around, sharing possession. We've really focused on assists more than goals today. We saw a lot of players pass the ball to their teammates in order to get them open and get their teammate a shot and a goal. That was very evident today."

Alvarez had six ground balls; Taylor said he was "a truly strong player for us today. A lot of hustle and heart plays up and down the field. He cleared the ball several times by himself."

In addition to Pauls, another freshman with a solid performance was Lukas Cress. He won 17 of 27 faceoffs, which is a solid number for any player, let alone a young one.

"We're really excited about some of our games in the future where we'll go against some really strong faceoff guys and see how Lukas stacks up to them," said Taylor.

In earlier games, Fishers dropped its opener to Center Grove 8-6, then beat Westfield 14-13, a game where Pauls scored three goals.

The Tigers are off for Spring Break and return to action on April 17 by playing Cathedral, the top-ranked team in the state.

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Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	32	13	.711	-
Brooklyn	31	15	.674	1.5
Milwaukee	29	15	.659	2.5
Charlotte	23	21	.523	8.5
New York	23	22	.511	9.0
Atlanta	23	22	.511	9.0

Boston	22	23	.489	10.0
Miami	22	24	.478	10.5
Indiana	21	23	.477	10.5
Chicago	19	24	.442	12.0

Toronto	18	27	.400	14.0
Cleveland	17	28	.378	15.0
Washington	15	28	.349	16.0
Orlando	15	30	.333	17.0
Detroit	12	32	.273	19.5

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	33	11	.750	-
Phoenix	30	14	.682	3.0
L.A. Clippers	30	16	.652	4.0
L.A. Lakers	29	17	.630	5.0
Denver	27	18	.600	6.5
Portland	27	18	.600	6.5

Dallas	23	20	.535	9.5
San Antonio	22	20	.524	10.0
Memphis	21	21	.500	11.0
Golden State	22	24	.478	12.0

Sacramento	20	25	.444	13.5
New Orleans	19	25	.432	14.0
Oklahoma City	19	25	.432	14.0
Houston	12	32	.273	21.0
Minnesota	11	34	.244	22.5

Pacers beat Mavs for fourth win in five games

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers continued their recent stretch of strong play on Friday night in Dallas. Indiana (21-23) used a balanced effort to handle an undermanned Mavericks (23-20) team, 109-94.

It was the fourth win in the last five games for the Pacers, who have been sharing the wealth offensively during their recent hot streak. The Blue & Gold made 20 3-pointers and six players in scored in double figures in Friday's victory.

Malcolm Brogdon and Domantas Sabonis shared high scoring honors with 22 points each. Brogdon went 6-for-9 from 3-point range, while Sabonis tallied 15 rebounds and five assists.

"They play so hard for each other all the time, but you see it growing more and more, the way that they're sharing

the basketball," Pacers head coach Nate Bjorkgren said after the win. "26 assists again tonight. They're all making the right play on that. They know that there could be seven, eight, nine guys on this team that are capable of scoring double-digit points...It's fun to be a part of."

With All-Star guard Luka Doncic sidelined by lower back tightness, Kristaps Porzingis picked up the offensive slack early for the Mavericks, scoring 13 of Dallas' first 17 points.

The Pacers' offense was more balanced but just as good in the first quarter, as Indiana made six 3-pointers in the opening frame and Goga Bitadze's buzzer-beating hook shot gave the visitors a 31-29 lead after one.

The 3-point barrage continued in the second quarter. Indiana hit six more threes over the first five minutes of the period — three by Doug McDermott, two by Myles

Turner, and one by Edmond Sumner — as the Blue & Gold reeled off a 20-9 run to extend their lead to 13 points.

The Pacers' defense put the clamps on the Mavericks for much of the second quarter, holding Dallas without a field goal for over four minutes of game time midway through the frame. The guests led by as many as 15 and took a 61-48 lead into halftime.

Indiana led 69-52 following Justin Holiday's 3-pointer with 9:43 remaining in the third quarter before Porzingis led a charge by the hometown team, scoring nine points during a 12-3 Mavericks run.

Sabonis scored eight points in the third quarter to help the Pacers maintain the lead, but Indiana lost McDermott late in the frame to a sprained right ankle. Dallas managed to trim the Pacers' lead to 82-75 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Mavericks got within four twice in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. A T.J. McConnell floater and Caris LeVert 3-pointer helped pushed Indiana's lead back to 89-80 with 9:30 remaining.

Dorian Finney-Smith's with 7:24 left broke a nearly three-minute scoring drought for the Mavericks, but the Pacers reeled off nine unanswered points to put

the game on ice.

McDermott had 12 points on 4-of-6 3-point shooting before exiting, while Sumner, LeVert, and McConnell all tallied 10 points.

Dallas native Turner did not score in double figures but still had a significant impact on both ends of the floor, tallying nine points, seven rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Most importantly, Turner added seven blocks to his league-leading total, protecting the rim all night.

"For me, it's not necessarily about the blocks," Turner said. "It's just the impact, the presence I have out there. The blocking shots is what shows up on the stat sheet, but my ability to switch out on guards, patrol the paint, and have my impact felt, that's really all that matters to me."

Porzingis scored a game-high 31 points on 12-of-28 shooting and pulled down 18 rebounds in the loss. Tim Hardaway Jr. added 16 points and five rebounds off the bench for Dallas.

The Pacers will visit Washington on Monday before returning to Bankers Life Fieldhouse to host Miami and Charlotte later next week.

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