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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Periods of showers.  
Tonight: Scattered showers.

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# Heights' BPA salutes Class of 2020

The REPORTER

After a strong showing at the 53rd annual BPA State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis last month, members of Hamilton Heights High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter were looking forward to the National Leadership Conference.

At the state conference, of the Chapter's 164 members, 133 attended and 54 qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference in National Harbor, Md., in May. In addition, two of its members were elected to the State Officer Leadership Team, Katie Smith (Vice President of Administration) and Miranda Hirl (Vice President of Communication). Nick Smith received Chapter All-Star and was recognized.

With the current state of the events, the national conference was canceled. The group was disappointed, especially the senior members. This would be the last time to compete at BPA nationals.

"These students seem to understand the global magnitude of this health crisis and are able to maintain a healthy perspective of the times we are in," said Julie Oelschlager, advisor and Business Teacher, who has been at the helm of this organization at Heights for eight years. "Being a part of BPA expands their horizons in many ways and helps them see the bigger picture. They meet so many people through their involvement in the organization, develop lifelong friendships, and countless memories. They also build a strong foundation for essential skills such as leadership, public speaking, and networking that help in a professional setting."

"Furthermore," Oelschlager continued, "BPA provides opportunities to fuel a healthy competitive spirit and inspire students to strive to be their best. These exercises and activities push members to work hard and gain priceless rewards. Based on



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Hamilton Heights Business Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter salutes its 34 Class of 2020 members. They include Tyler Andis, Ellie Arrowood, Jordyn Beck, Chloe Bontreger, Jake Brinker, Hailey Champion, Meredith Diller, Payton Dissett, Riley Engle, Ethan Hall, Caitlin Hartwick, Alex Hewitt, Lindsey Hillard, Madyson Hunt, Blaine Inman, Chloe Jones, Lucy Jones, Gloria Merrell, Faith Pinegar, Karlee Purkey, Ansley Reid, Bayleigh Runner, Blake Sanford, Nick Smith, Max Stallsmith, Luke Stohler, Madeline Teal, Payton Tindal, Mitchell Walbolt, Blake Webel, Autumn Whitson, Bobby Williams, Sarah Wolfe and Dylan Zachary.

what I have seen these students achieve over the past four years, I feel confident they will do very well after high school. We have 34 amazing seniors who will be graduating this year. They were as important to BPA as BPA was to their overall high school experience. They will be missed and we wish them all the best ahead."

Heights BPA 2020 graduates include: Tyler Andis, Jordyn Beck, Chloe Bontre-

ger, Jake Brinker, Hailey Champion, Meredith Diller, Payton Dissett, Riley Engle, Ethan Hall, Caitlin Hartwick, Alex Hewitt, Lindsey Hillard, Madyson Hunt, Blaine Inman, Chloe Jones, Lucy Jones, Gloria Merrell, Faith Pinegar, Karlee Purkey, Ansley Reid, Bayleigh Runner, Blake Sanford, Nick Smith, Max Stallsmith, Luke Stohler, Madeline Teal, Payton Tindal, Mitchell Walbolt, Blake Webel, Autumn Whitson,

Bobby Williams, Sarah Wolfe, and Dylan Zachary. Check out Heights BPA Senior of the Day Feature posts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Looking to the future and beyond the COVID-19 era, several seniors took a few minutes to share the impact of their involvement in Hamilton Heights BPA and

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## Noblesville offering rain barrel at discounted price

The REPORTER

Noblesville residents and business owners may purchase substantially discounted rain barrels while supplies last, thanks to the Noblesville Clean Storm Water Program. In order to qualify for this program, residents and business must pre-order their barrel through the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) website, [hamiltonswcd.org](http://hamiltonswcd.org).

This program is open to Noblesville residents and business owners who receive a city sewer utility bill. There is a limit of one rain barrel per address and quantities are limited. The retail value of rain barrels is normally \$75 or higher but are available for \$30 courtesy of the Noblesville Clean Storm Water Program. Diverter systems for rain barrel installation also are available on the online store for \$25.

A copy of your city sewer utility bill (not Indiana American Water bill) will be required at the barrel pick up event at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, May 29.

A rain barrel collects and stores rain water that would otherwise be lost. It is designed to keep debris and insects out (including mosquitos) and saves homeowners money. The Noblesville Clean Storm Water Program's mission is to educate the public and promote practices that prevent water pollution and helps improve the quality of rainwater that runs off into streams, reservoirs, lakes and rivers.

For more information, contact the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District at (317) 773-2181, email [soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or visit [hamiltonswcd.org/noblesvillerrainbarrels](http://hamiltonswcd.org/noblesvillerrainbarrels).



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A copy of a Noblesville city sewer bill is required in order to obtain the discount, which will make the price per barrel \$30. Only one barrel is allowed per address.

## Help needed for election; 16-year-olds can work

By FRED SWIFT  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

This year's June 2 primary election is going to be like none experienced before. And, election officials are scrambling to line up enough poll workers to conduct election day voting.

Elections administrator Beth Sheller is encouraging

absentee voting, which is available to any registered voter in Hamilton County. About 12,000 applications have already been received. Applications can be found online at the [election office website](#).

But, on Election Day, polls will be open and must be staffed with about 800 workers. Here is where the

immediate problem lies as many older previous workers will not be working due to health concerns related to the pandemic.

Sheller said she is looking for teenagers and teachers who are out of school, and may want to be helpful and be paid for their work.

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## Prom at Carmel Palladium aims to fill gap of canceled high school celebrations

The REPORTER

High school seniors whose proms have been canceled this spring will have another chance Aug. 7 and 8 when the Center for the Performing Arts hosts Prom at the Palladium.

Graduating seniors from throughout Central Indiana are invited to choose a night and bring a guest for just \$10 per person. General admission tickets, limited to four per household, go on sale June 1 at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org). More information is available at [Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org](mailto:Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org).

Starting at 8 p.m. each

evening, Prom at the Palladium will feature a DJ and dancing on the concert hall stage, refreshments in the lobbies, a photo station and other standard features of a high school prom.

"Our staff realized that, as a result of the current stay-at-home restrictions, this year's graduates are missing out on some traditional milestones of the high school experience," said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President/CEO of the



McDermott

Center for the Performing Arts and the Great American Songbook Foundation. "In light of our mission as a nonprofit, community-based organization, we saw an opportunity to step up and try to fill that gap for the people we serve. We also think it will be a lot of fun."

Attendance will be limited to 400 each night. Chaperones and security guards will be on duty, and student IDs will be required for admission.



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what it has given them.

Mitchell Walbolt, a proud four-year member of Heights BPA chapter said, "Even though our time with BPA was cut short, the effort we put into our events this year, and the past four years, was not wasted. The skills that we learned and developed as well as the certifications and awards we earned together through HHHH BPA grew us into being confident in becoming business professionals in the future. I am extremely thankful for the time that our sponsor, Mrs. O (as she is fondly referred), invested in me to assure that what I learned in high school could be applied to my future."

"Ever since I joined BPA my junior year, I have been passionate about this club," recalled Lucy Jones.

"I made it to 2019 National Leadership Conference for my event as a first-year member and that has been the biggest accomplishment of my BPA journey. BPA has allowed me to develop an interest in the marketing field which is what I plan to study next year at IUPUI's Kelley School of Business. BPA has also given me the opportunity to gain new leadership and presentation skills that I'll take with me as I begin my career in business. Despite not being able to attend Nationals again this year, I'm proud of my hard work and dedication to this club. BPA has done so much for me, and for that, I am thankful!"

Chloe Bontreger, a part of the Presentation Management Team and Fundamental Accounting, was also

excited about this year's National Leadership Conference. "I was sad to see it was cancelled; however, the past four years in BPA taught me so much. It helped show me my passion! I am now going to Indiana University as a direct admit to the Kelley School of Business! Thank you, BPA!"

**About Business Professionals of America**

BPA is the leading Career Technical Student Organization for students pursuing careers in business management, office administration, information technology and other related career fields. BPA, with more than 45,000 members hosts numerous leadership conferences throughout the year. Indiana BPA has close to 2,500 members in 87 chapters.



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Some members of Hamilton Heights Business Professionals of America (BPA) Chapter proudly display awards received at the state leadership conference in March. **(Front row, from left)** Alaina Stohler, Chloe Bontreger and Hailey Champion. **(Back row, from left)** Madyson Hunt, Grace Gelling, Jenn Houser, Julie Oelschlaeger (advisor), Nick Smith and Liam Huss.

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**– 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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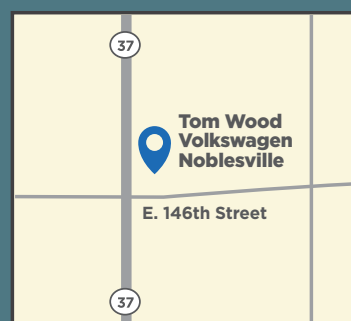
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# Noblesville family safely escapes house fire Tuesday

The REPORTER

Just before 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to a house fire on Mill Creek Road.

The family was alerted to the fire by the smell of smoke coming from the garage. The family safely exited the home and called 911.

Firefighters had the fire under control in about 20 minutes with heavy fire damage to the rear of the home and smoke damage throughout the house. Because the home resides in an area that does not have hydrants, several area fire departments sent tanker trucks to assist with water operations. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

NFD was assisted by Westfield Fire, Sheridan Fire, Jackson Township, Wayne Township (Hamilton County), and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.



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# Federal dollars will help boost food banks' ability to serve those in need

The REPORTER

Indiana residents who need help feeding their families during the COVID-19 pandemic will have greater access to assistance from food banks and pantries through a Disaster Household Distribution program approved by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS).

The disaster distribution program uses commodity foods from The Emergency Food Assistance Pro-

gram (TEFAP), which is administered by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), and is effective through May 14. The goal is to increase access to food assistance to those in need. Priority will be given to Hoosiers who are suffering significant economic losses.

During the COVID-19 response, food banks and partner agencies have largely shifted to drive-through distributions. Through the DHD program, current TE-

FAP food banks will use the network of new and existing mobile pantries to distribute food packages to families in need. It is anticipated a total of 250 sites, including mobile pantries, will assist with food distribution throughout the state.

Each household receiving food through this program can receive one pre-packaged 25-pound box that includes a variety of foods, including, but not limited to, canned and packaged fruits,

vegetables, soups, sauces, noodles, beans, nuts, juices and meats. If frozen and/or refrigerated storage is available at a site, those items also will be distributed.

Individuals should contact their local food bank or pantry to determine whether they are participating in the DHD program. For additional information, please visit [wic.in.gov](http://wic.in.gov) or find a food pantry near you by using Indiana's [food assistance map](#).

# McDonald's offering complimentary meals for first responders, healthcare workers

The REPORTER

McDonald's is showing its appreciation for frontline workers who are working tirelessly to keep local communities safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now through Tuesday, May 5, first responders and

healthcare workers in the U.S. will be able to receive a free "Thank You Meal" day or night, via carry out and drive-thru at participating McDonald's locations by showing a work badge.

At breakfast, individuals can choose from: an Egg McMuffin, Chicken McGriddles,

or Bacon, Egg and Cheese Biscuit with any size soft drink, tea or hot coffee and a Hash Brown; and for lunch and dinner, a Double Cheeseburger, 6-Piece McNuggets, or a Filet-O-Fish with any size soft drink, tea or hot coffee and small fries.

McDonald's hopes this

small token of gratitude offers a simple, feel-good moment to all local heroes.

## ELECTION

Students as young as 16 are eligible to work. The pay ranges from \$225 for inspectors to \$105 for clerks and judges plus a \$20 food allowance.

The elections office may also need counters for absentee ballots. Pay is \$100 per day. In all cases applications for the positions can be found on the election office website or by calling the office at (317) 776-8476.

Due to the current

health emergency, a few precinct voting places will be moved. Voters will be notified if their location is changed.

Early voting is another option being offered again this year from May 26 through May 30.

There will be two locations for early voting in Noblesville: the County 4-H Fairgrounds Annex Building and the Government and Judicial Center.

In Carmel, early voting locations are the Mercy Road Church and the Coxhall Mansion at Coxhall Gardens, but at this location voting is available only through May 29.

In Westfield, the sites are City Hall and the Westfield Public Safety Building.

Fishers early voting sites will be found at City Hall and at Billerica Park.

Hours in all locations are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# New law helps to further protect child abuse victims

**Submitted**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, which presents an opportunity to remind every Hoosier citizen that it takes all of us to help create healthy environments for children. Children deserve every chance to grow up in safe families and communities. Children are the most vulnerable among us and keeping them safe takes an effort from everyone in Indiana, from parents and grandparents to community leaders like prosecutors and lawmakers.

This April, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC) is proud to highlight a new law that will greatly help child victims of sexual assault through the judicial process. Senate Enrolled Act 206, which became law in March, puts significant limits on the ability of criminal defendant to take the deposition of a child victim in a sexual assault case. The bill was authored by Sen. Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) and sponsored in the Indiana House by Reps. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel) and Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel).

Thanks to their leadership and passion on this important piece of legislation, the bill passed the House unanimously. Republican and Democrats alike signed up to join the bill as co-authors and co-sponsors. Thanks to a lot of hard work and shepherding by Rep. Torr, SEA 206 was crafted into a terrific product that will help countless child victims.

"During these depositions, children often have to recount some of the worst moments of their lives," Torr said. "I was encouraged by the General Assembly's swift action to help these survivors seek justice for the heinous crimes committed against them."

Being victimized by sexual assault is traumatizing enough, especially as a child, but victims are also forced to re-tell their horrific experience over and over again in forensic interviews and depositions. Schaibley said oftentimes, the alleged perpetrator was in the same room as the victim during depositions.

"This process can be an incredibly intimidating experience for children, especially if the person accused

of the crime is in the same room when they are sharing what happened to them," Schaibley said. "Young Hoosiers are among our state's most vulnerable and they need protected from enduring further harm when reporting these crimes."

Not only did this process re-traumatize children but it also led to the families asking for plea deals or asking prosecutors to stop pursuing the case in order to protect the child. Thanks to the work in the General Assembly led by Rep. Torr, depositions in these kinds of cases will no longer happen, except in extremely rare circumstances, such as the victim not being available to testify during a trial.

"We were honored to come alongside Rep. Torr and the rest of the House and work to get this law passed," IPAC Executive Director Chris Naylor said. "This is a significant step forward for victims in Indiana."

In this new age of COVID-19, it is especially important to do everything possible to watch out for the most vulnerable among us. With more people obeying

# Fishers Farmers' Market goes virtual

**The REPORTER**

During this challenging time, it is more important than ever to invest in your local food system and support small businesses. Shop safely from all your favorite market vendors online, pick up your order, or have it delivered to your porch.

**How It Works**

Beginning at 9 a.m. each Sunday, the online market will open. Orders can be placed through noon the following Wednesday.

A maximum of 400 orders per week (100 delivery and 400 pick-up) will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Shoppers can pick up their items at Holland Park on Saturday mornings between 8 a.m. and noon. All pick-ups must be done via vehicle; no pedestrians or bicyclists will be permitted to pick up items.

Delivery orders will also be fulfilled on Saturdays. All order fulfillments will be no-contact.

**Stay Updated**

Be sure to follow the Fishers Farmers' Market on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay in the know all market season long.

# Victoria Spartz earns endorsement of Indiana Right to Life PAC

**Submitted**

Indiana Right to Life PAC has officially endorsed State Senator Victoria Spartz in Indiana's 5th Congressional District.

"I am honored to get the endorsement of Indiana Right to Life PAC," Spartz said. "The value of each individual life – born and unborn – is at the core of American society. I will continue my 100% PRO-LIFE state senate voting record in Congress!"

For more information about Indiana Right to Life, visit [irtl.org](http://irtl.org).



Spartz

# Beth Henderson earns endorsement of Indiana Right to Life PAC

**Submitted**

Beth Henderson, 5th District Congressional candidate, has officially been endorsed by the Indiana Right to Life PAC.

The endorsement is based on a candidate's answers to a questionnaire, among other factors. In the endorsement letter that Henderson received, Mike Fichter, Indiana Right to Life Chairman, thanks Henderson for her "support for the sanctity of life."

"I am proud to have the endorsement from the Indiana Right to Life PAC. I have always been, and always will be, 100% pro-life," said Henderson.

To see more of Henderson's stances on issues, visit [bethforindiana.com/issues](http://bethforindiana.com/issues).



Henderson

## Letter to the Editor

### Emily Pearson supports Hern for County Council

Dear Editor,

I have had the distinct pleasure of getting to know many of our elected officials here in Hamilton County. Most are kind, devoted and determined to make Hamilton County a better place than how they found it.

Jeff Hern is one of these elected officials. He is the epitome of "leaving things better than you found them," just as many of us were taught growing up.

He is always seeking to make things better and understanding ways to give back to the community. His approach to the County Council is to increase the value of public services while decreasing taxes. He understands the value of the County Council and the value it brings to the community regarding vital public services across every corner of the county.

Thanks to his leadership and time on the County Council, Hamilton County is even better than it was, and would only benefit from Jeff Hern being re-elected to the County Council. It is my honor to support him, and I encourage you to vote for Jeff Hern for Hamilton County Council on June 2.

**Emily Pearson**  
Former Hamilton County Republican Woman of the Year  
Former 5th District Republican Woman of the Year

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# Thanks for reading!

Virtual Meeting

The Noblesville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners' April and May regular meetings will be held via Zoom on April 28, 2020 and May 26, 2020, both at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the meeting must email a request for the dial in number, meeting ID, and meeting password at least eight hours before the meeting begins to the email address [ajacobsen.nha@gmail.com](mailto:ajacobsen.nha@gmail.com). Persons requiring special accommodations should contact Aimee Jacobsen at (317) 773-5110 ext. 5 or [ajacobsen.nha@gmail.com](mailto:ajacobsen.nha@gmail.com) before 4 p.m. the day before the scheduled meeting.

Meeting Notice

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will attend an Executive Session concerning an economic development project with the City of Noblesville. The meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24 in the second floor conference room in the Noblesville City Hall, 16th S. 10th St., Noblesville. Discussion will be pursuant to interviews and negotiations with commercial prospects per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4).

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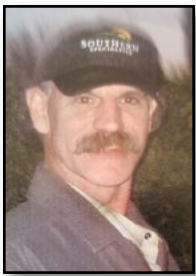
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**Douglas Edwin Guffey**  
June 9, 1959 – April 21, 2020



Douglas Edwin Guffey, 60, Indianapolis, passed away after a battle with brain cancer on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at his home. He was born on June 9, 1959 to Porter and Vertie (Helm) Guffey in Noblesville.

Doug was chief engineer for Marriott Inn East. He attended Brandywine Community Church in Greenfield.

Doug is survived by his wife, Pamela Casserly Guffey; his son, Joshua (Jennifer) Guffey; his twin brother, David E. Guffey; his sisters, Lea (Max) Wright and Mary (Robert) Settle; and his brother-in-law, Walter Bradfield.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Bell-Bradfield.

Private family services will be held with burial at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Doug's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Franciscan Health Cancer Center, c/o Franciscan Health Foundation, 5255 E. Stop 11 Road, Suite 245, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends. And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together. And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.*

*Acts 10:24-28 (KJV)*

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## Countywide

### Prevail providing services despite temporary closure

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Prevail staff have continued to provide limited staffing in the office, while meeting most of the needs of our clients by phone. With the Governor's announcement requiring us all to stay home, we will be closing the office and asking all employees to work from home. If you are in need of Prevail services, please call us! Our community is very important to us and we will continue to serve those who need us. Our business line, 317-773-6942, will be available for voicemail messages that will be checked throughout the day (with an option to press 1 to be forwarded to the crisis line) and our crisis line, 317-776-3472, will be answered live during this time. We look forward to continuing to support those who need our services in new and creative ways!  
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### Riverview Health closes physician offices, limiting orthopedic hours

**The REPORTER**  
Riverview Health has closed all but three primary care offices and has limited hours for orthopedics offices. The three primary care offices that will remain open include Noblesville Family Medicine, Sheridan Family Medicine and Hazel Dell Family Care. The open orthopedics offices will be Riverview Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine – Carmel and Riverview Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine – Westfield. Patients needing to schedule an appointment, refill a prescription or otherwise consult with their provider should call their physician's office. No walk-ins will be allowed at any of the open offices.

### PrimeLife temporarily closes doors

**The REPORTER**  
Due to the growing serious health threat of the coronavirus, PrimeLife Enrichment has closed its Center, located at 1078 Third Ave. SW in Carmel, until further notice. The Central Indiana Council on Aging (CICOA) will deliver lunches to those in need. PrimeLife Enrichment members are encouraged to contact CICOA for additional information. Visit [primelifeenrichment.org](http://primelifeenrichment.org) for more information.

## Atlanta

### Mr. Muffin's closes train layout display to public

**Submitted**  
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#### Atlanta Town Council closes public places

The Atlanta Town Council has closed the following public places:  
• Town Hall  
• Community Center  
• Playground at the park, but not the park itself  
The Easter Egg Hunt has also been postponed until further notice. These closures will remain in effect until further notice.

## Fishers

#### Fishers High School Alumni Banquet canceled

The annual Alumni Banquet of the original Fishers High School has been canceled.

#### Spark!Fishers 2020 canceled

The 2020 Spark!Fishers event, scheduled for June 27, has been canceled.

#### Lobby closed at Fishers Police Department Headquarters

The Fishers Police Department has closed the lobby of its headquarters. Please call (317) 595-3300 to speak to Records staff and (317) 773-1282 to speak with a Fishers police officer.

## Westfield

### Westfield Lions Club postpones Poker for Sight tournament

**The REPORTER**  
The Westfield Lions Poker for Sight Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament, originally scheduled for April 17 and 18, will be postponed until Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. The Lions Poker for Sight tournaments are the largest fund raisers for the Westfield group. They are a vital part of the club's philanthropic endeavors every year. For more information or to register for Lions Poker for Sight go to [lions-poker.org](http://lions-poker.org). For more information on the Westfield Lions Club go to [westfieldlions.org](http://westfieldlions.org).

### Community First Bank limits lobby traffic, remains open for business

**The REPORTER**  
All CFB branches have temporarily closed the lobbies to walk-in traffic. The Oak Ridge branch in Westfield will remain fully staffed and able to assist customers. four drive-up locations, six 24/7 ATMs, online banking, mobile app, night depository, and in-person appointments by request (including new account openings, loan appointments, etc.). Please call (765) 236-0600 with any questions. Banking will still be carried out via questions.

## Carmel

### Palladium concerts rescheduled

**The REPORTER**  
The Center for the Performing Arts has rescheduled four Center Presents concerts that had been postponed in response to public health guidelines for COVID-19. The rescheduled performances will be part of the 2020-21 Center Presents 10th Anniversary Season sponsored by Allied Solutions. Ticket holders with questions can contact Patron Services at [Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org](mailto:Tickets@TheCenterPresents.org).

### Carmel Community Players reschedules final two shows of this year's season

**Dear Patrons:**  
The remaining two shows of the 2019-20 season will be delayed as follows:  
*The Last Five Years*, which had been scheduled to run from April 24 to May 10, will shift forward to July 17-26, assuming rehearsals can start up again by May/June, for performances at The Cat. [Click here](http://Click here) to make a tax-deductible donation to Carmel Community Players. For more information, call (317) 815-9387 or visit [carmelplayers.org](http://carmelplayers.org).

#### Carmel closes Monon Community Center

The Monon Community Center is closed until further notice. For the most up-to-date information, please visit [carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information](http://carmelclayparks.com/coronavirus-information).

## Noblesville

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## Cicero

#### Cicero Board of Zoning Appeals meeting canceled

The Cicero Board of Zoning Appeals meeting originally scheduled for April 23, 2020, has been canceled.





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*Guerin Catholic graduate back home . . .*

# Cam Lindley keeping sharp while waiting for Eleven season to resume

By RICHIE HALL

It was something that Cam Lindley and the Indy Eleven couldn't wait to do: Get a rising young player signed to the team and bring him back to his home town.

Everything seemed to be working out when Lindley arrived in Indiana and joined the team. Then the COVID-19 pandemic hit and Lindley, like his new teammates and pretty much everyone involved in professional sports, got stuck in wait mode.

Even with the USL season suspended for now, Lindley is enjoying the fact that he's back with his home team.

"It's been good so far," he said.

The signing of Lindley with the Eleven happened rather quickly. Lindley said there was mutual interest between him and the team, so the signing process and Lindley's joining the team "honestly took probably a day."

"We drafted up a contract and I signed it as fast as I could," said Lindley.

Indeed, Lindley put his name on the contract and "was in the next day training," he said. He already knew a few of the players on the Eleven before he signed with the team.

"I trained with them his off-season," said Lindley. "So it was nice to already see some familiar faces when I walked in the door."

The Eleven sent out a news release about Lindley's signing on Feb. 6. After that, he spent the next month with the team as they prepared for the season and played in pre-season games. The team got one regular-season contest in, playing its opener against Memphis 901 FC on March 7 at AutoZone Park in Memphis. The Eleven won 4-2, coming back from 2-0 down to win the game. Lindley played in the game as one of the subs.

But as the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic began to set in, the USL joined other professional sports leagues in halting its season. The USL announced on March 12 that it was temporarily suspending play.

"We were getting ready to leave for Kansas City, then they canceled that game," said Lindley.

Practices are also on hold, of course. But the Boys in Blue are keeping their skills sharp, and Lindley is no exception. He regularly posts "Skills of the Day" on his Twitter account (@cam\_lindley), including several variations on "around the world." For that one, think of the soccer ball as a globe and Lindley's foot as a satellite orbiting the earth at a very high rate of speed. He even does one barefoot.



Photo provided

Cam Lindley signed with the Indy Eleven in February, coming back to play professional soccer for his hometown team. The Guerin Catholic graduate is waiting with everyone else, as the USL season is delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but is keeping sharp with his "Skills for the Day," which have become popular on Twitter.

"We spend hours trying to learn new tricks, trying to learn different things," said Lindley. There are two reasons for that: It entertains them (and their fans), and it also makes them better soccer players.

"I'm trying to do different challenges daily to get youth involved, to get them active," said Lindley. "I get to interact with these people and they reach out to me and I get back to them," making it a good way of connecting with people.

Lindley was already well-traveled by the time he signed with the Eleven. After graduating from Guerin Catholic High School in 2016, he played for two seasons at the University of North Carolina. He helped the Tar Heels to two appearances in the NCAA College Cup, back to back in 2016 and 2017. Lindley was named the ACC Midfielder of the Year and was a First Team All-ACC honoree as a sophomore, and enjoyed the college experience.

"Coach prepared me for the professional ranks very quickly, and that's why I felt like I was ready to leave after my

sophomore season," said Lindley. "We went to two Final Fours, so I was proud of that as well. My time there was something that I cherish and probably will for a very long time."

Leaving college and turning pro is not something that an athlete takes lightly. Lindley was no exception.

"It's a scary decision," he said. "It's definitely scary because you're leaving a place where you're comfortable, you're the best player. You're taking a leap of faith and trusting yourself to make the jump to the next level and being able to perform."

Lindley said that people don't realize that the decision is harder on one's mind than his body.

"Very rarely do you see flawless transitions from college to pro," said Lindley. "I don't envy those who are going to be making those decisions anytime soon."

But Lindley has made the transition well. He signed with Orlando City SC before the 2018 season and started three of the team's four games. He then played at Memphis 901 FC in 2019, where he scored one goal and made seven assists.

"They were two great clubs," said Lindley. "I really enjoyed playing for them and they definitely helped me develop as a person and a player."

Now he's back home, and hopefully will get to show that development to his family and friends. It wasn't too long ago – 2015, in fact – that Lindley was part of Guerin Catholic's state champion boys basketball team.

"That was still one of the best times of my life," said Lindley. "I stay in touch with a bunch of those guys and we talk about it all the time. I love looking at the pictures and sometimes I go on Hudl and watch the game."

As for getting back on the pitch with the Eleven, Lindley said the USL is in line with the MLS (Major League Soccer) with returning to action. It looks as if the earliest that games will be played is the middle of June, and teams need to have a three-week training window before that.

"As of right now, it looks like we'll be starting training sometime in May," said Lindley.

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# Carmel wins MaxPreps Cup for 2019-20

Carmel was announced as the winner of the MaxPreps Cup on Wednesday, winning the honor of best all-around high school sports program by the website MaxPreps.com.

The Greyhounds received the honor on the strength of their four state championships during the school year, which

was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Carmel won boys tennis and football in the fall, then swept girls swimming and boys swimming in the winter. In addition, the Greyhounds finished as state runner-up in girls soccer (which placed seventh in the national rankings) and boys cross country.

This is the ninth edition of the MaxPreps Cup, which began in 2012. Carmel has finished in the top 10 in eight of those nine years, but this is the first time the Greyhounds have been on top.

The Cup is determined by points awarded to schools who win state championships and also earn state runner-up

finishes, as well as other factors such as a sport's popularity, a state's size, enrollment divisions and the number of schools in each enrollment division, and national rankings. Carmel finished with 1,490 points, well ahead of second-place Champlain Valley Union in Hinesburg, Vt., which earned 1,338 points.



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# Meet Colts' secret weapon at virtual 2020 NFL Draft

By CHARLIE CLIFFORD  
WISH-TV

Two decades removed from a tiny football oasis on the outskirts of Texas, the locked-in stares of straight-shooting Texans haven't changed.

At the top of the Colts personnel department, Assistant General Manager Ed Dodds sits shotgun to General Manager Chris Ballard, just as he did during their college coaching days at Texas A&M University Kingsville.

Dodds, a native of Kingsville, served as a Javelinas graduate assistant while Ballard wrapped up seven seasons on the sidelines and coached essentially everything under the sun: wide receivers, secondary and defense.

Their current NFL offices are the result of years on the road, the forgotten foundation of this time of year around the most highly anticipated draft in sports, the scouting department.

"We all get excited," Dodds said of the final days leading up to the NFL Draft. "We want to see the fruits of our labor and then you just get anxious.... You just want to see what is going to happen."

Dodds made a name for himself in NFL circles first with Oakland and later in Seattle, helping the Seahawks build the deepest talent pool of any team in the NFL and culminating with the franchise's lone Super Bowl victory in February 2014.

Ballard's path to Indianapolis opened after a dozen seasons with Chicago, 11 as the team's southwest area scout, followed by an impressive run alongside John Dorsey in Kansas City's front office.

Together, both men now lead Indianapolis on draft weekend; for Ballard, his fourth go-around as the Colts final decision maker.

During separate conversations at



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Colts Assistant General Manager Ed Dodds helped the Seahawks to deliver the deepest talent pool of any team in the NFL, which led Seattle to a Super Bowl in 2014. With the NFL Draft starting tonight, Dodds will be hoping to deliver similar talent to the Colts.

the NFL Combine in February, the pair shared a glimpse into the hectic life of a Colts scout.

"One of the most underappreciated jobs in the league is an area scout," Ballard said. "They spend 150 to 180 days (annually) by themselves, on the road, evaluating prospects"

"They are just trying to get one or two (players) drafted that are going to help the organization win. I did it for 11 years. I understand their plight," Ballard added.

When the clock starts to tick during the 2020 NFL Draft, which starts Thurs-

day night, the one person in the room Ballard can count on to be locked in from start to finish is the former graduate assistant at Texas A&M Kingsville.

"You just state your case," Dodds said of speaking up for a draft prospect. "I don't call it being a salesman. You have to deal in facts. Chris (Ballard) is one (General Manager), he doesn't micromanage you. He lets you do your job and lets you figure it out on your own."

The audible this April? Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the entire Colts coaching staff can't convene in person. Since mid-March, essentially all of the Colts in-house discussions regarding draft prospects have come via video conferencing.

As of now, starting Friday night with

Round 2, the Colts seven draft picks must come together despite everyone being stuck at home.

Who is in charge of key details behind the scenes?

"I have a couple of guys that are as anal-retentive - Ed Dodds does not leave a freaking detail," Ballard said. "There's nothing that doesn't go checked here between him, Mike Bluem (Colts director of football administration) and all our scouts. They make sure that we're going to be covered on that end."

For Dodds, when the work is almost done, the real games begin. Over the next four days, under these circumstances, the Colts need his organization and expertise more than ever.

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