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# Noblesville announces Fireworks Festival details

## The REPORTER

Noblesville city officials are actively preparing for a spectacular 2020 Noblesville Fireworks Festival, and the City has announced details for the free events taking place on Saturday, July 4.

The event's planning committee is coordinating with the city's leadership and health officials throughout the reopening stages to ensure a safe event for the public. The event is contingent on Governor Eric Holcomb's Back on Track plan, which may change the city's plans prior to the festival.

"We are optimistically continuing to make preparations for the Noblesville Fourth of July Fireworks Festival and Parade. Our



The festivities will kick off with the annual Stars & Stripes Forever Fourth of July Parade at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 through Downtown Noblesville.

hope is that we can host our annual festival and celebrate together as a community," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The event's offerings may be a little different this year

as we make changes to follow CDC guidelines and best practices from health officials, but our committee is developing some creative ideas to balance safety and

recreational goals." The festivities kick off with the annual Stars & Stripes Forever Fourth of July Parade at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 through Downtown Noblesville.

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# God is holding my pen

And so it was, that a few weeks ago, God began writing a new chapter for me. I admit that I wrestled Him for control of my pen.

When I turned the lights off in my office on March 14, I had no idea I would be cleaning out my office on May 18. I didn't just carry out stuff ... I carried out memories.

Yes, I have now retired as the Truck Lady.

The decision was not an easy one but it was the right one. My gut and my heart reassure of that.

My plans were to "probably" retire at 66 and 2 months when I qualified for full Social Security. It made sense to at least wait until I qualified for Medicare in September.

I planned and God



chuckled.

God got my attention with a pandemic. No lions in the lion's den. No parting of the Red Sea. Just COVID-19.

The sand in the hourglass for Chuck and me is much fuller in the bottom than the top. Each grain of sand is precious. You can't put a value on time spent together.

I waited a long time to find the love of my life in the waiting room at Don Hinds Ford. Our happily ever after is my favorite chapter of the book that God is still writing.

My days now begin with a cup of coffee for me and a cup of tea for Chuck. For two hours, at least, we read, watch the birds at the

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# Jade Finley named NCL Crossroads Chapter 2020 scholarship winner

## The REPORTER

The Crossroads Chapter of National Charity League (NCL) has announced that Jade Finley, a recent Guerin Catholic High School graduate, is its 2020 scholarship winner. Finley will be attending Marian University this fall to study nursing.

Finley was awarded the \$500 NCL Crossroads scholarship for her consistent involvement in community service, leadership and cultural activities.

"There were many worthy scholarship candidates. It's so exciting to see so many young adults who have already taken such an active role in making an impact in their community," said Erica Urba, Chair of the NCL Crossroads Scholarship Committee. "Jade Finley, though, stood out among her peers. She exemplifies all NCL's key pillars: Community service, leadership and cultural involvement. It's an honor to recognize her and her hard work and accomplishments."

Community service is at the heart of the NCL scholarship and in the heart of Finley. One of the most meaningful ways that Finley has impacted the community is through her Senior Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Finley,



(From left) Theresa Owens, Chloe Owens, Jade Finley (winner), Mya Urba and Erica Urba.

who was diagnosed with cancer at age nine and spent countless hours in the hospital and doctors' offices over the past 10 years, created Project JADE:

Just A Dose of Encouragement. To show her appreciation for the care she

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# Carmel student picked for Governor's STEM team

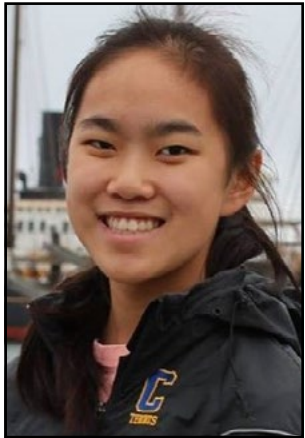
## The REPORTER

Gov. Eric Holcomb recently named Carmel High School student Iris Yan to the 2020 Governor's STEM Team, according to State Reps. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) and Jerry Torr (R-Carmel).

Yan is one of four students selected for their work in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics and will receive \$1,000 through the College Choice 529 Program. Schaibley said part of the reason why Yan was chosen for this award is because of her hard work and dedication to earn perfect marks on the math and science portions of the ACT, as well as in math, chemistry and physics on the SAT.

"Yan's success is a product of her focus and drive, and the educators and supporters surrounding her," Schaibley said. "It is encouraging to see students from our community reach these academic achievements as they set themselves up for success in their careers down the road."

Torr said Yan is a two-



Iris Yan

time honoree in the United States National Chemistry Olympiad Exam in 2018 and 2019, and obviously among the top 20 percent student chemists in the nation. She was also chosen to attend the MIT Research Science Institute in 2019.

"Indiana is home to students who encompass an abundance of talent, and Yan is among the best," Torr said. "Her achievements reach beyond her classroom work as she excels on the national level. She clearly has a bright future ahead of her."

Yan plans to attend Harvard University in the fall.

# Carmel Clay Parks begins reopening amenities

## The REPORTER

Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend with Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation. In accordance with Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-28, signed on May 21, and CCPR's resumption of operations plan, several CCPR amenities and services are opening this weekend.

"We are overjoyed to begin reopening. Our team has worked incredibly hard to prepare the Monon Community Center and amenities for the community," said Michael Klitzing, Director for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation. "We hope everyone enjoys spending time outdoors over Memorial Day Weekend. Of course, we continue to encourage all our visitors to practice physical distancing and follow CDC guidelines."

**All sections of the Monon Greenway are now open.**

- If the Monon Greenway is busy, please avoid the area. As an alternative consider visiting trails in city parks.
- Always maintain physical distancing.

- Hand sanitizer stations have been placed along Monon Boulevard and around Midtown Plaza, thanks to a generous sponsorship from Allied Solutions.
- Trailhead restrooms at 96th Street and Rohrer Road are open.
- Parks and open spaces are partially open, with some amenities remaining closed.**
- Playgrounds and splash pads will remain closed until further notice, per Indiana Executive Order 20-28. The State has provided no guidance as to when playgrounds will be able to reopen.
- Central Park skatepark is open.
- Central Dog Park is partially open. The grass section for large dogs remains closed due to wet conditions from all of the recent rain. The mulched zone for large dogs and the small dog sections are open.
- Restrooms are open in the following locations:**
- Central Park: Dog park and east woods latrine. (Westermeier Commons restrooms remain closed.)
- Hazel Landing Park: Portable toilet and hand washing station.

- Meadowlark Park: Portable toilet and hand washing station.
- West Park: Main restrooms are open. (Jill Perelman Pavilion restrooms remain closed.)
- Restrooms that are primarily used to support playgrounds and splash pads remain closed in an effort to help discourage use of these amenities. These include Westermeier Commons, Inlow Park, Founders Park, River Heritage Park, and Perelman Pavilion.
- The Monon Community Center will open on Sunday, May 24 for current members by reservation only.**
- Reservations are available up to one week in advance.
- The gymnasium, track, activity pool and KidZone and saunas remain closed.
- Members may elect to suspend their pass until June 14 or July 4 if they are not comfortable resuming their workouts or the amenities they most frequently use remain closed. Membership Billing Suspension Form must be submitted to continue to defer payments.
- MCC will be available for use by members only through July 4.

# Sen. Young's RESTART Tour coming to Carmel

## The REPORTER

During the week of May 25, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) will visit eight Indiana cities, including Carmel, on his RESTART Tour to promote his proposal which will provide needed support to Indiana job creators.

Senator Young introduced the RESTART Act on Thursday — a bipartisan bill to improve the Paycheck Protection Program and provide additional assistance to the hardest-hit businesses.

The Carmel stop will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 29 at Woody's

Library Restaurant, 40 E. Main St.

"Congress has acted with unprecedented speed and boldness to ensure Hoosiers get a paycheck during this pandemic," said Young. "But it has become clear that we need to do more for the businesses hit hardest by forced closures. The RESTART Act will address a needed Paycheck Protection Program fix and create a new loan program to provide funding to jump-start our hardest-hit businesses for the remainder of 2020."

For more on the RESTART Act, [click here](#).



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July Parade at 4:30 p.m. through Downtown Noblesville. This year's grand marshals will be frontline heroes. Registration to participate in the parade is \$25 (non-profits are not charged) and entries must be submitted by June 29. Forms are available at [Noblesville-FireworksFestival.com](http://Noblesville-FireworksFestival.com).

The free Fireworks Festival, presented by IDI Composites International, Inc. will take place at Forest Park from 6 to 10 p.m. The event will include traditional park amenities such as playgrounds, shelters and shade, along with festival items. Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m.

"The Fourth of July has always been my favorite holiday, which is why I am so excited for the celebration in Forest Park," said Julie Jensen, Noblesville's First Lady and a member of the planning committee. "This year's festival will feature some new activities and events such as a concert by Boy Band Review."

In addition to all the events planned, Forest Park will also feature a new VIP section where families and friends can purchase tables for the evening. These tables offer up-close seating to the live music performance, an exceptional view of the fireworks, and a great meeting place to safely gather and eat in between activities.

VIP table groups may bring in their own food and drink, participate in a table-decorating contest, and get access to separate VIP restroom options. This new area expands the festival's seating and viewing opportunities. Tables seat eight people and cost \$100. To reserve your table, visit [bit.ly/3aB-gxn6](http://bit.ly/3aB-gxn6) or call (317) 776-6350. Funds received for VIP section accommodations help defray costs of hosting the community event.

More announcements about the upcoming Fourth of July festivities will be released soon. For more information about sponsoring or donating to the holiday activities, contact Robert Her-rington at (317) 776-6324.

received and pay it forward, Finley raised \$2,500, sewed 50 brightly-colored fleece pillowcases and filled them with personal care items and age-appropriate activities for patients at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

Finley also has proven leadership skills. Some of her roles include serving as GCHS student ambassador; a coach, referee and mentor for young volleyball players; and as a Bible school crew leader at Zionsville United Methodist Church.

Finally, the last focus of the scholarship criteria is cultural involvement. Coming from a family of musicians, Finley realized how much she also loved music during high school. She's been part of multiple choral ensembles and a school musical, as well as performed solos, including the National Anthem at a large gathering.

**About NCL**

NCL is the nation's most distinctive, well-respected mother-daughter member-

ship organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. NCL Crossroads is the first NCL chapter in Indiana. NCL promotes civic awareness by considering the local community's needs and selecting appropriate non-profit organizations to serve. Each chapter then supports its philanthropic partners through hands-on volunteer activities. NCL, Inc. is unique because of its multi-generational membership and its mission-focused program, "The NCL Experience," which inspires and empowers women and their daughters to become confident, well-rounded and socially aware contributors in their communities. For more than 90 years, NCL, Inc. has been developing women leaders through volunteerism and supporting philanthropies in local communities throughout the nation. NCL, Inc. was established in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1925 and incorporated in 1958.

bird feeder and ponder the plans for the day.

There is no hurrying to get ready. I swear my black coffee tastes a bit sweeter. The birds at the bird feeder provide early morning entertainment. I love tending to the perennials and annuals in our flower gardens. Their colors seem a bit brighter. Our grass is truly the greenest of all in the neighborhood. Oh, how I am loving this new normal.

Every new chapter of a book begins with the thoughts of "What will happen in this chapter?" I've trusted God with my pen in the chapters that He has written before this one. Some, while painful, have taught me what having faith is truly about.

We are not promised that life will be easy nor will it be fair. I've bickered with God as a writer would bicker with her editor. Trusting God with an unknown future is how I have lived my life and it is how I will continue to do so.

At times, I'm still wres-

ting God for control of my pen. I should know by now that He writes the best love stories, far beyond what I could ever pray for or plan. Even in the hard, God is good.

You know all these columns I have written since 2006? They are stacked in my home office. I am now sifting through and organizing them into what I hope will be a book, "Thoughts from the Little House on the Alley."

Stay tuned – God and I are busy writing and I find comfort in knowing He is holding my pen.

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Dear Don Hinds Ford family,

Thank you for the chapter you have helped write for me. It is bittersweet that the chapter is now finished. You all have loved me well and I certainly have loved all of you. I was blessed to have you in my life. You made a difference in mine. I hope I made a difference in yours.

Love, The Truck Lady



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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:**

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
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# Heights recognizes Class of 2020 Honors Night Awards recipients



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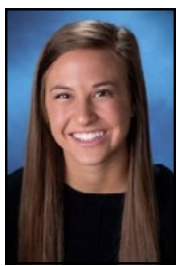
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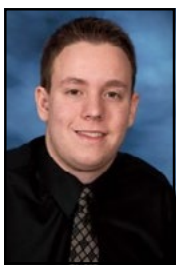
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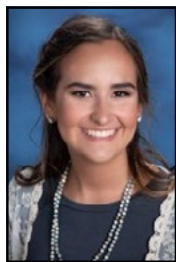
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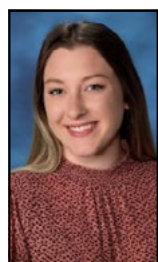
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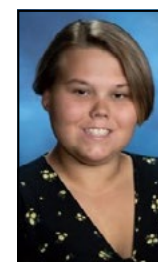
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It is great pride and admiration that Hamilton Heights School Corporation recognizes Class of 2020 seniors who were the recipients of various awards and scholarships. The Honors Night Awards ceremony, held annually in May, is one which students, their families and Heights staff look forward to.

"This has been no ordinary year but our students are anything but ordinary," said Hamilton Heights High School Principal Jarrod Mason. "While our preference would have been able to personally hand out these awards, due to the circumstances, it too had to be canceled. However, this does not take away from these incredible accomplishments our students have achieved or the qualities they have demonstrated throughout the past couple of months – perseverance, resilience and leadership."

"While this list is not all-inclusive, it represents the majority of seniors who earned awards and local scholarships for their post-secondary pursuits," Mason continued. "All have been notified and they represent some of our best and the brightest through their work in the classroom and in our community."

Bill Trachtman, Hamilton Heights High School Guidance Counselor, said, "This is a special senior class who has demonstrated excellence in the classroom and in the community. More than 40 seniors earned close to \$1 million in awards and scholarships through local, state and national organizations, universities and businesses. Hamilton Heights is proud of all our seniors' accomplishments."

**Eleanor Arrowood:** The Presidential Volunteer Service Award; Hamilton

County Youth Service Award; Ryan White Scholarship; Hamilton Heights Faculty Scholarship; IAPSS Sagamore Scholarship; Noblesville Lion's Club Minton/Funcannon Memorial Scholarship; Sherry Fortner Education Endowment Scholarship

**Chloe Bontreger:** Drama Club Scholarship

**Morgan Byer:** Jacob Stoops Memorial Scholarship; Walnut Grove Legacy Scholarship; Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship

**Meredith Diller:** Ball State University Alumni Scholarship; Stapleton Strong Scholarship

**Payton Dissett:** Dean Small Scholarship

**Caitlin Hartwick:** Wendy's Heisman School Honoree; Malcolm Bray Memorial Scholarship; Ryan White Scholarship; Noblesville Lion's Club Academic Merit Scholarship

**Chloe Henderson:** Ryan White Scholarship; Cicero American Legion Medical Auxiliary Scholarship

**Andrew Hoch:** Rose Hulman Merit Scholarship

**Hudson Hochstedler:** Indianapolis Star Academic All Star; Purdue University Presidential Scholar; Michelle Knapp Memorial Scholarship

**Madyson Hunt:** Ryan White Scholarship

**Ariel Jacobson:** Ryan White Scholarship

**Lucy Jones:** Carmel American Legion Post #155 Scholarship; IUPUI Jaguar Excellence Award

**Gwendolyn Kelly:** Band Boosters Scholarship

**DeShawn King:** Cicero American Le-

gion Medical Auxiliary Scholarship

**Kyle Kirtley:** Trine University Trustee Scholarship

**Cameron Knott:** Dean Small Scholarship

**Lillian Knotts-Lawhorn:** Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship

**Price Knowles:** Kiwanis William Conder Scholarship; Walnut Grove Legacy Scholarship; Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship; Trine University Trustee Scholarship; Trine University Legacy Scholarship; Trine University Boys' State Tuition Award; Trine University Tuition Incentive Scholarship; Trine University Scholar; Hamilton County Republican Women's Scholarship; The Orchard Project Scholarship; Carmel Runners' Club Scholarship

**Bradley Lasley:** Taylor University Presidential Scholar; Taylor University Community Life Scholarship

**Maya Leonard:** Eli Lilly Endowment Scholarship

**Abigail Mayo:** Martin Family Scholarship; Atlanta New Earth Festival Scholarship

**Sarah Mariotti:** Hamilton Heights Faculty Scholarship

**Kennedy McGill:** Purdue University Presidential Scholarship

**Gloria Merrell:** Ryan White Scholarship; Drama Club Scholarship; The Iris Rubber Company Art Scholarship

**Shanna Moffatt:** Ryan White Scholarship; Hamilton Heights Faculty Scholarship

**Karlee Purkey:** Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship

**Aiden Ray:** Ferris State University Woodbridge N. Ferris Dean's Scholarship

**Ansley Reid:** Band Boosters Scholar-

ship; Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship; Horatio Alger Scholarship

**Luke Rhinebarger:** Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship; Ball State University Morrison Scholarship

**Joe Ringer:** Lindsay Wilson College McDonald Scholarship

**Abbygaile Ross:** Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship

**Kylie Schakel:** Future Farmers of America National Scholarship; Farm Bureau (District 6) Carolyn Hegel Memorial Scholarship

**Luke Stohler:** Phi Beta Psi; Ryan White Scholarship; Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship; Carmel American Legion Post #155 Scholarship; IUPUI Chancellor's Scholarship; IUPUI Study Abroad Scholarship; Reach Your Potential Stem Scholarship

**Madeline Teal:** Indiana 4H Foundation Senior Scholarship; Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship

**Luke Theiser:** Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship

**Payton Tindal:** Olivet Nazarene University Presidential Scholarship; Indiana FOP Scholarship; Kiwanis Key Club Scholarship; Nick Ozolins Scholarship; Walnut Grove Legacy Scholarship; Carmel American Legion Post #155 Scholarship

**Luke Vanderwall:** Matt Cahill Soccer Scholarship

**Mitchell Walbolt:** Phil Kaiser American Legion Post #341 Scholarship

**Shelby Wilson:** Friends of the Park (In Honor of Charlie Cambre) Scholarship

**Sarah Wolfe:** Friends of the Park (In Honor of Charlie Cambre) Scholarship

**Dylan Zachary:** Indiana State University Sycamore Success Scholarship

## Now Hiring Full Time General Laborer

The Town of Arcadia is currently accepting applications for a dependable individual to fill the position of a **Full Time General Laborer**. This is an entry level position, duties include but not limited to; mowing, snow removal, water main repair, storm and sanitary sewer repair, tree removal, experience in running equipment (bobcat, backhoe and tractor) and other tasks as assigned.

**Salary negotiable based on experience ranges between \$38-42K per year**

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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 Monday, June 8, 2020.

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# Noblesville High School holding Class of 2020 parade on June 1

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville High School (NHS) Class of 2020 will drive decorated vehicles through the NHS parking lot while being cheered on by former elementary, middle school and high school teachers lining the parade route. Video screens will display graduates as vehicles navigate through the decorated area and names of each student will be called.

The parade will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 1 at Noblesville High School, 18111 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

The parade will occur rain or shine, and it is NOT open to the public. This in-person graduation celebration is in addition to the NHS virtual commencement ceremony which will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. NHS also has tentative plans for a graduation photo shoot, senior walk/cook out and special homecoming recognition.



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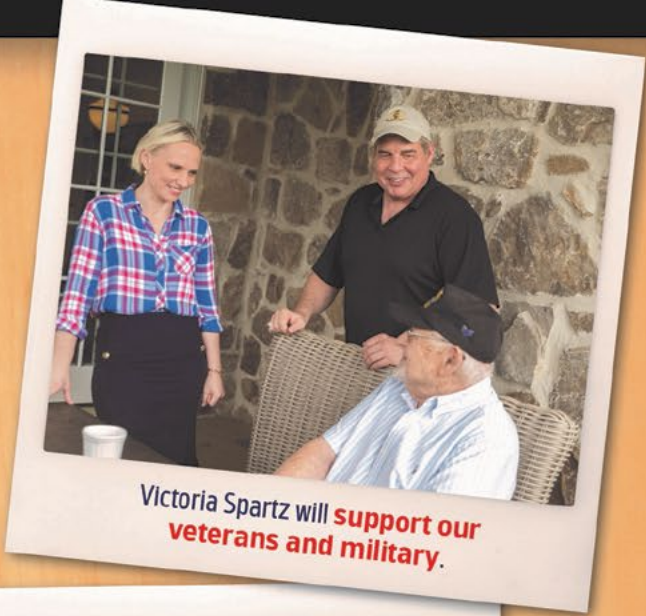
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# Fishers District Art begins

By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](#)

When the city first envisioned the Fishers District (originally named The Yard but changed after some legal entanglements) as a culinary center with some other businesses in the mix, the

idea was to mix art into the surroundings. The first piece of art will soon be painted on the Verizon Building, according to developer Thompson Thrift.

The artist selected has local roots, Koda Witsken. The lettering on the mix of colors says "Thanks For Being

Weird With Me."

"I'm utterly thrilled to start this mural," said Witsken, who operates Indianapolis-based Hue Murals. "I think all of us could use some sunshine, added color, and a reminder that we're in this together during these crazy times. 'Thanks for Being

Weird with Me' is a message that I hope conveys that!"

The Fishers Arts Commission, along with Nickel Plate Arts, were involved in plans for the art work.

Fishers District is located near IKEA, just east of Interstate 69 along 116th Street in Fishers.

# Purdue Extension Hamilton County announces new youth summer activities

**The REPORTER**

Purdue Extension and Hamilton County 4-H are launching a new youth and family program called 4-H GOLD - Go Outside. Learn. Discover. This "at home" program encourages youth and families to get outside, unplug, and experience hands-on learning.

4-H GOLD is a series of self-paced educational activities designed for grades 3 through 6. The program is available at no cost and materials will be provided for participating families. The deadline to register is June 3.

Topics will include basic activities in forestry, weath-

er, star gazing, bicycle skills challenge, floriculture, geocaching, outdoor cooking and more.

For more information and registration visit [bit.ly/4HGOLDInfo](#).

4-H GOLD is organized and sponsored by Purdue Extension Hamilton County and the Hamilton Coun-

ty 4-H Council. For more information about the Purdue Extension Service and its commitment to providing educational resources during the COVID-19 pandemic, contact Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit [extension.purdue.edu/hamilton](#).

# OfficeWorks announces new division: BOLTT Interior Construction

## The REPORTER

OfficeWorks, a Fishers-based furniture dealer, announced the launch of a new interior construction division, BOLTT. BOLTT is a construction partner of DIRT Environmental Solutions Ltd., an interior construction company that uses technology for client-driven design and manufacturing.

BOLTT will provide design and project management expertise, serving facilities for Indiana businesses, healthcare organizations, higher education institutions and government entities. The BOLTT team will work closely with general contractors and architecture and interior design firms on both new construction and renovations.

"We're excited to launch a new division that will give our clients innovative, tailored, adaptable spaces that serve their unique business objectives," said OfficeWorks CEO and Chairman Tom O'Neil. "Our partnership with DIRT provides certainty around schedules, budgets and design while introducing a more streamlined, sustainable construction process."

"As a new division of

OfficeWorks, BOLTT is able to offer the latest in interior construction technology paired with the support of a team that has worked in central Indiana for more than 35 years," said OfficeWorks President Larry Martin.

Team members representing BOLTT include Scott O'Neil, Keith Moore and Julie Mohamad.

## About OfficeWorks

Based in Fishers, Ind., OfficeWorks is a Certified Herman Miller Dealer focused on business, healthcare, government and education environments. For more information, visit [officeworks.net](#).

## About BOLTT

A division of OfficeWorks, BOLTT transforms how organizations experience their building project and resulting space by combining the best of technology, interior construction and manufacturing. For more information, visit [boltconstruction.com](#).

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# Fishers road construction updates, week of May 25

The REPORTER

## State Road 37

126th Street west of SR 37 is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in July. During this time, cross access and all left turns will be restricted, with only right in and right out until this phase ends. Traffic on southbound SR 37 will shift to the northbound lanes and two lanes will remain in each direction. Local access to businesses will remain open via Lantern Road. The official detour route will direct drivers to use 116th Street or 131st Street to Allisonville Road. Detour route markers and advance warning signs will be in place prior to the closure.

For a map of the detours, [click here](#). Please drive with caution through this area. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

## 96th Street & Hague Road

The traffic signals at 96th Street and Hague Road, east of Interstate 69, will be worked on starting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26. The traffic signal at 96th Street and Hague Road, west of I-69, will be worked on starting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27. During the overnight hours there will be traffic control in place to help direct vehicles through the intersection.

## 116th Street & Lantern Road/ Commercial Drive

The traffic signals at 116th Street and Lantern Road and Commercial Drive will be worked on starting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28. During the overnight hours there will be traffic control in place to help direct vehicles through the intersection.

## 96th Street

96th Street between Sargent Road and Cumberland Road is currently closed. During this time, the Sargent Road roundabout will be constructed, the bridge over Mud Creek will be replaced with a widened structure and additional travel lanes will be added. Local access will remain open from Lantern Road to the River Life Church. The Sargent Road roundabout is anticipated to reopen in mid-June. 96th Street east of Sargent Road to Cumberland Road will re-

main closed and is anticipated to reopen in early November. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Lantern Road or Cumberland Road to 106th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

## Lantern Road

Beginning on or after Tuesday, May 26, Lantern Road just north of Technology Drive will be closed for approximately two weeks, weather permitting, while road work is performed. The official detour route will direct drivers to use 126th Street to Allisonville Road to 116th Street. View the detour map [here](#).

Lantern Road is closed to thru traffic, beginning south of 116th Street to Fishers Pointe Boulevard, as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project to improve the sanitary sewer underneath Lantern Road. Access to Fishers Elementary is available from 106th Street. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

## 116th Street

Currently, there are lane restrictions on 116th Street between Lantern Road to Fishers Center Drive. Access remains open to local businesses along the route.

## Pleasant View & Sweet Briar Subdivisions

ADA ramp reconstruction and road resurfacing is currently taking place and is anticipated to be completed by the end of June.

## South Street

South Street is currently closed between the railroad tracks and Moore Street for approximately two weeks.

## Fishers Pointe Boulevard

Fishers Pointe Boulevard will be closed beginning on or after May 27 at the old railroad tracks for approximately nine days, weather permitting, while road work is performed. View the map [here](#).

*While this list encompasses numerous project updates, it does not list all DPW projects throughout the city. The most recent projects are detailed, however please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting. The city appreciates motorists' patience and caution while driving through construction sites.*

# Woody's Library Restaurant uses downtime to refresh



Photo provided

Woody's Library Restaurant in Carmel was remodeled during COVID-19 downtime. The floors were replaced, everything was painted and new decor was added. "Our remodel was actually planned prior to the virus. The timing worked well for us. I'm most excited about our new indestructible kitchen floor and the historic images from Carmel sports, school and library," said owner, Kevin 'Woody' Rider. Woody's is open for dine-in and curbside pick-up. Visit the restaurant's [Facebook page](#) for more information.



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# What year was the first running of the Indy 500?

**The REPORTER**

*This week in Indiana's history ...*

**1844** – May Wright Sewall was born in Wisconsin. After moving to Indianapolis to teach at Shortridge High School, she became active in the feminist movement, established a girls' classical high school, and helped found the Propylaeum. Elected president of the National Council of Women in 1891, she later served as president of the International Council. In 1915, she accepted an invitation to travel on the Ford Peace Ship to Europe.

**1861** – Major General George McClellan came to Indianapolis to review five regiments of soldiers in Military Park. He was joined by Indiana Governor Oliver P. Morton, Illinois Governor Richard Yates, and Ohio Governor William Denison. Newspapers reported that a huge crowd came to witness the event as General McClellan rode through the ranks on a large white horse. He was said to be "well pleased with the stalwart and soldierly



appearance of the men and their proficiency in drilling, considering the short time they have been at it."

**1914** – Automobile pioneer Henry Ford attended the fourth running of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race. He and other executives of the Ford Motor Company cheered Frenchman René Thomas as he took the checkered flag after running 200 laps at an average speed of 82 mph. That evening Ford was honored at a dinner in the Florentine Room at the Claypool Hotel. The day before, company officials had been treated to a luncheon where they were welcomed by Indianapolis Mayor Joseph Bell. After lunch, the 300 guests were seated in several hundred Ford cars which paraded through downtown streets.

**1920** – Mrs. John Sprague was driving her buggy near St. Louis Crossing in Bartholomew County when the horse became frightened and began running away. Nearby with their automobile were two young farmers, Charles Hiatt and David Marr. With Hiatt at the wheel of his car and Marr on the running board, they took off after the runaway. When they were side by side, moving at a high rate of speed, Marr leaped from the running board into the buggy, seized the lines, and stopped the horse. Newspapers reported that the animal was halted just as it was approaching a sharp turn in the road along the edge of a steep embankment.

**1933** – James Alexander Thom was born in Gosport, Ind. After graduating from

Butler University and serving in the Marine Corps, he began writing novels set in Colonial America and the Western United States. His books include *Follow the River*, *Long Knife*, *From Sea to Shining Sea*, *Fire in the Water*, and *Panther in the Sky*, which was named "Best Novel of the Year" by Western Writers of America. His work is known for meticulous research and historical accuracy.

**1957** – The first restaurant in the new Burger Chef hamburger chain opened at 62nd and Keystone in Indianapolis. The original menu listed flame-broiled hamburgers for 19 cents, fries 14 cents, shakes 19 cents, and soft drinks 10 cents. The Burger Chef system, based in Indianapolis, became the nation's second largest hamburger operation, trailing only McDonald's. Their mascots Burger Chef and Jeff were popular in commercials. Purchased by General Foods in 1968 and later sold to a Canadian company, Burger Chef was taken over by Hardee's in the 1980s.

## Duke Energy warning customer to guard against COVID-19 scammers

**The REPORTER**

Duke Energy is warning its Indiana customers to be on guard against phone calls from scammers who are demanding that utility customers pay their electric bill immediately or risk having their electric service disconnected within the hour.

"Scammers often try and take advantage of people during a crisis," said Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar. "Because of the pandemic, we've temporarily suspended disconnections for nonpayment. We've had increased reports of scammers, though, threatening disconnections. The best way to defend yourself against these scammers is to recognize how the scam works and understand that Duke Energy never asks customers for prepaid debit cards."

Typically, the customer receives an unsolicited phone call – sometimes an automated call – from an individual who falsely claims to be a Duke Energy representative demanding immediate payment, usually in the form of a prepaid debit card. Scammers have even duplicated the Duke Energy upfront Interactive Voice Response system, so when customers call back phone numbers provided by the scammer, it sounds like a legitimate Duke Energy phone number. Some of these criminals also use caller-ID spoofing to replicate a utility's customer service number.

**Red flags for scam activity**

- The caller becomes angry and tells the customer his or her account is past due, and service will be

disconnected if a large payment isn't made – usually within the hour.

- The caller instructs the customer to purchase a pre-paid debit or credit card – widely available at retail stores – then call him or her back to supposedly make a payment to Duke Energy.

- The scammer asks the customer for the prepaid card's receipt number and PIN number, which grants instant access to the card's funds.

- The customer has received no other notice from Duke Energy that an account is overdue.

**How to protect yourself**

- Duke Energy never asks or requires a customer with a delinquent account to purchase a prepaid debit card – or iTunes card – to avoid disconnection.

- Customers can make payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, or mail.

- Customers with delinquent accounts receive advance disconnection notification with the regular monthly billing – never a single notification one hour before disconnection.

- Customers who suspect or experience fraud or feel threatened during contact with one of these thieves, should contact local law enforcement authorities and then the Duke Energy Indiana phone number listed on their bill (800-521-2232). Never dial the phone number the scammers provide.

Customers can get more scam and fraud prevention information at Duke Energy's [Fraud and Scams webpage](#).

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## Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the June 2 Primary Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will no longer be accepted.

Letters in response to new topics published in today's edition will be accepted **until Tuesday, May 26** and will be published in our May 27 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

**Please send your letters to**  
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# Indiana Department of Insurance approves financial relief program for health insurance plans

## The REPORTER

Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson recently approved a request from UnitedHealthcare to provide financial relief to commercial fully insured individual (excluding student) and group health plan policyholders in the form of premium forgiveness credits.

The premium forgiveness credits program ranges from 5 to 10 percent for major medical plans and 50 percent for dental. The credit will be applied against the May premium – most customers will see the credit on their July premium invoice, reducing the

premium amount paid by customers for that month. The credit is not conditional on sale or renewal of coverage.

“I want to personally thank UnitedHealthcare for stepping up to help Hoosiers by offering premium forgiveness credits and other programs during this pandemic,” said Commissioner Robertson.

The Indiana Department of Insurance continues to issue news and update guidance regarding the actions taken by the Department as our state responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the Department's [COVID-19 Actions web-page](#) for links to current

guidance.

## About the Indiana Department of Insurance

The [Indiana Department of Insurance](#) protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The department monitors insurance companies and agents for compliance with state laws to protect consumers and to offer them the best array of insurance products available. The department also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness.*

*Acts 13:16-18 (KJV)*



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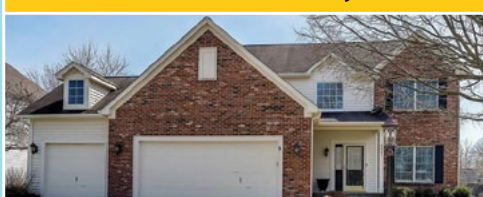
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Column: From forts to sports...

# Growing up in The Homesteads

By **CHUCK GODBY**

Remember the kids who grew up with you in the same neighborhood? I certainly do.

I had the good fortune to grow up in The Homesteads. Unless you grew up there, chances are you've never heard of The Homesteads.

The Homesteads is a suburb of Sheridan, a left or right turn off Lamong Road, depending on whether you're traveling north or south. It is located northeast of Curryville, another Sheridan suburb.

Yes. Even Sheridan has suburbs....Sort of.

If memory serves me correctly, The Homesteads was created by the late Schooley and Vicki Johnson in a wooded area just south of the Johnson's historic Sheridan home, The Kercheval Homestead. It is where President Benjamin Harrison would spend time when he was hunting in the area. That was a few years back. Even before Schooley and Vicki.

The Gail and Linda Godby family settled there when I was about seven years old. We were a family of six then moving in to a simple, one-story, three-bedroom brick ranch. It was a house that seemed much larger than it is today.

To create The Homesteads, a circle was carved into the woods. Half the road was gravel and half was grass. Through the years, houses would be constructed inside and outside that circle. A few years ago, the county took over the road, paved it and gave it a name: Homestead Drive.

I'm pretty sure we were about the fourth house in the addition.

In the beginning there were McVeys, Mitchells and Barricks. Soon after, there would be Spencers, Millers, Hollingsworths and more. Even my best friend Curt Agner and his family would build a home in the back corner lot next to Joe and Pat Gray, who bought the Mitchell home.

Other famous former residents in the Homesteads included popular Sheridan teacher, coach and athletic director Rex Bowman, his wife Nancy and their girls, former Sheridan High basketball coach Dan Dawson and family, and another former SHS basketball coach and athletic director, Brian Jones and

family.

It was Steve Barrick, the youngest of Bud and Mary Barrick's four boys, who taught my brothers Bob and Joe and me how to play in the woods. Steve taught us how to build things out of nature, like a lean-to and forts made out of tall grass, sticks and other stuff you find in the woods. I spent a lot of happy times there.

As the years passed, playing army with sticks for guns for hours in the woods was replaced by sports. The late Don Smith graciously allowed us to use his large, vacant lot in front of our house for a baseball diamond. The games attracted many kids from the city of Sheridan and suburb of Curryville, resulting in many competitive games. You had to make sure you avoided the boulder that stuck out of the ground in shallow right field, though.

Steve Barrick and my bib brother Bob were sometimes able to belt the ball on to Lamong Road. You had to make sure, though, you looked both ways when chasing it, as there were no speed limit signs on Lamong Road. Steve would give up baseball, but later play some outstanding high school football for the Blackhawks.

The Miller boys, John, Paul and Phil, played many games on that diamond, along with Jeff and Steve Spencer, and Victor and Vance Hollingsworth. I'd like to think I taught my neighborhood pals an appreciation for my favorite music as I would often set the stereo speakers in the window – when Mom and Dad were at work, of course – and we'd listen to The Beatles while playing ball.

Since my dad, who has never left The Homesteads, was a famous Sheridan summer league coach back in the day, we also had access to the best baseball equipment.

Naturally, Mr. Smith's big yard became a football field in the fall.

The month of May brought the neighborhood a kinda-500-mile-race around the oval. It was tough going since half the track was mowed grass, but we made it work somehow. We did the qualifying and did things to our bikes thinking we were going to make them go faster.



Photo by Chuck Godby

**Growing up in The Homesteads, a suburb of Sheridan, provided many fine memories for children who lived there. While the youngsters built forts at first, they eventually started playing sports, with their own versions of baseball, football and racing.**

Vince Hollingsworth, my classmate and the oldest of the three Hollingsworth brothers, had the ultimate Indianapolis 500 race flag set. I'm not sure we knew what each flag meant, but it was cool having them, and Vince, who did know the purpose of each flag, waved them like a pro.

No. We didn't go 500 miles. We had a set number of laps, but I don't think we ever finished before someone would inevitably crash – usually into nothing and that would end it.

There was also football in the backyard of our house where we usually went two-on-two throwing and defending passes. In the front yard, Victor and Vance Hollingsworth would come down and play two-on-two football with my brother Joe and me. Vance was a little guy,

the youngest of the three boys, but give him a football and he could scoot.

Finally, some of the greatest games played in The Homesteads were Wiffle ball games also played in the backyard of the house. The diamond was set up so the back of the house was the left field wall. Right field went on forever and ever. Left-handed hitter Joe would take advantage of the long field, while Bob and life-long friend Mike Shelburne, who often came to play from Curryville, were always aiming for the roof in left field.

Me? I usually fled out.

A few of the Homesteaders from my day remain in The Homesteads today, but most have moved on, or are no longer with us. What remains are many memories of growing up there that never fade.

## Four county players named to Academic All State Softball team

Four Hamilton County softball players have been named to the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Academic All State Softball team for the 2019-2020 season.

The players are: Olivia Bucher, Hamilton Southeastern; Elizabeth DiBlasio, Guerin Catholic; Sarah Goddard, Carmel and Faith Goodin, Guerin Catholic.

Academic All State is awarded to seniors; among the qualifications are a minimum 3.5 grade-point average and score of 1110 on the verbal and math part of the SAT, or composite score of 24 on the ACT.

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# Former UIndy basketball star donates film room

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This past summer, Jordan Loyd made it to basketball's mountaintop.

Loyd fought for a spot on the Toronto Raptors roster after grinding out his early professional career in the G-League and overseas. Then came an epic cameo in Kawhi Leonard's game-winning shot during Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals.

The finale in 2019? An NBA Championship ring. A member of Canada's greatest professional basketball team ever.

His proudest fans, however, were back at the University of Indianapolis, where Jordan is still drawing up his best plays.

"I just want to do as much as I can and give back to people just like me," Loyd said via FaceTime from Valencia, Spain. "I had a dream, went to a small school, and now everything seems so grand. I just want to be that guy. You can do (anything) no matter what happens."

In 2015, ahead of his senior season back at University of Indianapolis, Loyd lost his wingman. Former Greyhound teammate and best friend Dai-Jon Parker was tragically killed in a boating accident just outside of Indianapolis.

In 2020, that special bond is now built into the walls of a new home for the Greyhounds Men's Basketball team. Jordan's gift to their old squad — a film room — is complete, just down a hallway from the Hounds' home floor.

For the first time in team history, the program that has long been labeled a "winner" is enjoying the room.

"He (Parker) is the reason I do what I



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Former University of Indianapolis star Jordan Loyd (shown here in a videoconference with WISH-TV) donated a film room to his alma mater this year.

do today," Loyd said. "I know if he was here to see the room, he would be amazed. All of the details and work that went in, he would just be truly honored. The fact that I can have his name there, have our jerseys there forever — it is something that will be in my heart and his family's heart forever."

This past season, Loyd decided to put his NBA dreams on hold for a chance to play professionally in Spain.

The film room back on campus in Indianapolis isn't a result of Loyd's immense wealth. Instead, this an example of Loyd's intense passion, the characteristic that the Greyhounds fell in love with when Loyd first transferred into the program as an unknown and unproven prospect out of Atlanta.

"I have been in love with UIndy since I set foot on the campus," Loyd said. "You usually only see (film rooms) at the

big schools, but I just think giving back to those guys who are putting in just as much work as anybody else, they deserve it. The program has done a great job, and you just want it to go to the next level."

It doesn't take a powerhouse program and a massive budget to make great memories.

The only currency for this is friendship.

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