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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Thousands sign online petition to bring back Westfield High School principal

By KATIE WISELY
WISH-TV | wistv.com

A movement to bring back the Westfield High School principal is growing. In 24 hours, more than 500 teachers, parents and students added their names to an online petition.

There are now thousands listed. The school board appointed the principal to a different post after 17 years on the job.

Some Westfield residents say it's a community movement. The high school has made headlines in the past but for good reasons. U.S. News and World Report ranked it a top 10 high school in the state and in the top 4 percent of all schools nationwide. Some say it's all thanks to Dr. Stacy McGuire.

There's talk about what's to come at the corner of Hoover and Union streets.

"Is this moral?" Westfield High School Special Education instructional as-



Photo provided by Victor McCarty

Westfield area residents, teachers, past and current students recently held a demonstration over the removal of Dr. Stacy McGuire as Westfield High School's principal. McGuire held the position for 17 years and led the school to U.S. News and World Report's top 4 percent ranking nationwide.

sistant Victor McCarty said. "Is this ethical under current circumstances?"

McGuire is now taking on a new role as administrator of Alternative Learning. "We know that she

would move heaven and earth for us, so that is why the community is rallying together in support of her," McCarty said.

A petition to keep McGuire principal was created

by 2020 graduates after the news broke. Now, there are more than 3,400 signatures.

"You know, when somebody has left an impact when you remove them from their position and no-

Statement from Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Dr. Sherry Grate

"We understand the passion and support for Dr. McGuire. Watching and reading what has transpired over the past several days is disheartening. Disagreeing with decisions made by the superintendent and/or the school board is understandable and expected. However, the personal attacks and hatefulness toward school board members, WWS administration and the superintendent, only serves to further divide us.

"The situation pertaining to Dr. McGuire's new role is a personnel matter. Privacy laws, for good reason, prohibit us from commenting on any details. We ask that you understand the limitations on what can be provided and respect the confidentiality of these decisions.

"Dr. McGuire has accepted this new leadership position. As a community it would be helpful to come together and support Dr. McGuire in her new role and the important work she will continue to do for our district and our community.

"We need to be able to disagree with one another in a productive way and set a positive example for our children. WE ARE WESTFIELD and our children deserve positive examples of civility in our amazing community. In Westfield – we are better than that."



body understands it and it was super unexpected," 2019 Westfield graduate Kathryn Mick said.

McGuire's mom left a comment on the petition.

"This speaks volumes

on how important this is," McCarty said. "Not only to Dr. McGuire but how long they have been a part of our community. Literally in her

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Sheriff thanks citizen, NFD for quick fire response

The REPORTER

At 8:35 p.m. Tuesday evening, a citizen called 911 and notified the Hamilton County Communication Center of smoke coming from the southeast corner of the Hamilton County Adult Jail.

Dispatch notified jail staff of the situation. The staff swiftly ensured that every inmate was safe.

At 8:40 p.m., the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) quickly arrived on scene and observed smoke near the east side of the roof.

The small electrical fire was extinguished with no injuries to inmates, jail staff, or fire department personnel. Only minor non-structural damage to the exterior was observed.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department thanks NFD for its timely professional response to the fire, as well as the initial citizen caller who notified dispatch of the smoke.



Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Department

Carmel, Noblesville family wants Cicero to have world's tallest goat tower

By STU CLAMPIITT
ReadTheReporter.com

By Thursday night, Cicero could be set to become the home of the world's tallest goat tower.

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hear from James Adams of Juniper Farms, LLC about a variance application that, if approved, will not only allow him to build a Christmas tree farm in the style of Medieval European village, but also build the world's tallest goat tower.

The questions about this seem to be legion, so The Reporter spoke to Adams, the BZA and the law firm who prepared the variance application about this unique application.

Juniper Farms is owned by Rich and Lori Adams of Carmel. James Adams, their son and the BZA applicant, lives in Noblesville and runs the Juniper Farms property in Cicero.

What is a goat tower?

It is literally a tower for goats to climb.

Goat towers date back to the 19th century when first goat tower was built at Aveleda, a winery in Portugal's Vinho Verde region. In the 1960s, a winemaker from South Africa's Fairview Winery, who had seen the Aveleda goat tower was inspired by it, decided to build one. That tower was



Photo provided

The Tower of Baa near Shelbyville, Ill., was the inspiration for Juniper Farms' goat tower plans.

built in 1981 and seem to be the primary inspiration for goat towers around the world, including at least six in the America.

"They're obsessed with

height and they like to climb things," Adams told The Reporter. "That's the reason a goat tower makes sense. When they were living in Africa, they would

naturally climb mountains."

Adams has four goats living on the farmland purchased by his family, and when he learned that Illinois has a 31-foot goat tower that the owners say is officially the world's tallest goat tower, he decided he wanted one that was even taller.

According to Daily Press Newspaper, David and Diane Sheldon of Hampton Roads Winery in Elberon, Va., actually have the world's tallest goat tower, unofficially. The Sheldons designed the goat tower with the intention of breaking a world record. Although not an official record, the tower stands 34 feet tall.

Adams is currently planning a 35-foot tall tower for his goats.

Why only 35 feet?

"It is all because of Cicero's zoning," Adams said. "It will be hard to get 35 passed. I can feel the atmosphere from the board of zoning appeals – they are going to wonder why this is necessary. The reason I chose 35 feet is because primary structures can be 35 feet. If you are not doing anything out of the ordinary you can go 35 feet. I would love to go higher if I could."

If he is granted his variance, he does plan to apply to Guinness for the record once the tower is complete.

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CarmelFest will triple the fireworks this year

The REPORTER

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard and Carmel Rotary are announcing an expanded fireworks display this year to help residents experience a good old-fashioned 4th of July.

After the cancellation of the CarmelFest parade and the traditional densely-packed festival at Civic Square, this is a return to days gone by, when the 4th was celebrated close to home. Families cooked out on a backyard barbecue, played yard games and had picnics culminating with kids running around joyfully with sparklers. It was a very relaxed event celebrating the freedom of our nation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many community-wide 4th of July celebrations are being canceled. Another American pastime that many are missing this season is baseball. In that spirit, CarmelFest is bringing you a triple play – fireworks displays on the east, central and west sides of town so that families can truly enjoy CarmelFest.

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Hamilton County Parks welcomes new leadership

The REPORTER

In early June, the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department of-

professional, and one whose background includes leadership roles with local, regional and national parks and civic organizations and boards, Chris has played a critical role in the park department's successful response and navigation of the current COVID-19 health crisis.



Stice



Oldham

ficially welcomed the department's former deputy director as its new director. B. Christopher (Chris) Stice was appointed director, after serving as interim director since March.

Stice has been with the department for more than 15 years, having joined the park staff as an intern in 1995. Soon thereafter, he became Quality Control Director, a title he held until he accepted the position of deputy director in 1997. In that role, he has overseen the development and management of park assets ranging from construction of major park facilities to coordinating more than 800 park programs and events annually, while supervising operational logistics across park properties exceeding 1,600 acres.

An experienced park

What is the park director's vision for the future? He offered this response: "I want to continue to advance the field of parks and recreation in a servant leadership manner and provide a quality environment and memorable programming for every member of our community – including those that do not have a voice."

Chris, his wife Heather Sun, and their children Sierra Sol, 15, Canyon Tyne, 13, and their youngest, Clover Vega, 9, enjoy living in Westfield and attending

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HSE Schools, Fishers Health Department in "conversations" about graduation plans

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

Hamilton Southeastern Schools is planning graduation ceremonies at the two high schools respective football stadiums – July 10 for HSE High School and July 11 for Fishers – but it appears the Fishers Health Department has requested the school corporation "reconsider" its current plans for

the ceremonies.

In a Facebook post, Hamilton Southeastern School Board President Michelle Fullhart, said, "The Health department has requested HSE Schools reconsider plans for graduation at both high schools due to social distancing concerns.



Fullhart

has listed as concerns over graduation. She did state HSE High School seniors

Conversations are ongoing at this time and more information will be released as it becomes available."

The post by Fullhart is not specific about what issues the health department have received a survey with "potential alternatives" to the current graduation plans, but also says other options outside the survey are being considered.

"Please be patient as the district partners with the local health department to finalize an option that will work best for the needs of our community and our seniors," Fullhart wrote in her Facebook post.



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PARKS

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Northview Church.

Because the role of deputy director for the parks department was vacated by Stice’s appointment, it was important to fill that position in an equally calculated manner. Enter Robert Bruce (Bruce) Oldham.

Oldham’s love for nature, nurtured in the woods and creeks of Hamilton County, and his experience as a Scout and Eagle Scout, led him to a career in parks and recreation. After earning a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Management from Ball State, he interned at Hamilton County Parks. While in-

terning, he accepted a full-time position with Johnson County Parks. He returned to Hamilton County Parks in 2005, and ultimately became Regional Parks Operations Manager, serving in that capacity until recently accepting the offer to become deputy director.

As deputy director, Oldham intends to encourage greater community engagement, expand park acreage and increase environmental-based programming offered by the department.

Bruce resides in Strawtown with his wife Kendra and children, Max, 18, Lucy, 4, and Beaux, 3.

PETITION

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mother’s post she says they are heartbroken by this.”

The school board said in a press release McGuire would start her new role Monday to “develop, implement and oversee alternative student programs and services in alignment with district and state objectives.”

Mick says it’s a bit emotional.

“I still have two siblings who are yet to graduate and it’s sad that they are not going to be able to experience it with Stacy Mac,” she said.

On Sunday, a peaceful rally was held across the street from the high school. McCarty says close to 200 people packed Asa Bales Park.

“Support all around not just from former students, current students and current faculty and staff,” he said.

Speakers at the rally asked the school board to comply with four things: Call a special school board session to explain the decision and answer public questions, conduct a confidential survey of all faculty on the culture and leadership of the central office, ensure no employee gets reprimanded for speaking out, and not to extend the superintendent’s contract until after November and after voices have been heard.

Minutes after the rally



Photo provided by Victor McCarty

ended, Superintendent Dr. Sherry Grate sent a district-wide email, saying, “Watching and reading what has transpired over

the past several days is disheartening. The personal attacks and hatefulness toward school board members, administration and the

superintendent only serves to further divide us.”

“The outcry is still there and people still want answers,” Mick said.



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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)
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Medieval European influence

“The whole idea stems from the Christmas tree farm and it goes back to castles and towers,” Adams said. “I have always liked the idea of being in a castle and looking out on my land, and I thought, ‘What is more magical than a Christmas tree farm?’ What I am going for on the farm is some quaint little English village.”

The BZA packet Juniper Farms submitted includes plans for a classic European formal garden on the property and a 35-foot tall craft house in old-Europe architectural style.

The rest of the farm

While the goat tower is almost certain to be a major discussion during his hearing, the rest of the plans for Juniper Farms are not out of the ordinary.

Church Church Hittle + Antrim Land Use Professional Andrew E. Wert told The Reporter Juniper Farms proposes to cater to small groups.

“Events will largely be limited to pre-scheduled appointments,” Wert said.

This is intended to prevent any concerns about noise ordinance violations.

“Cicero’s height standard for accessory buildings is 22 feet,” Wert said. “The proposed goat tower will be 35 feet. The other structure proposed will meet the



Photos provided by James Adams

(Above, from left) Virgil, Wyatt and Morgan are the three male goats on the Adams family’s farm. (Right) Jojo is the lone female.



height standard of the zoning district.”

Adams said he is very excited about preserving nature and giving a small portion of the farmland back to nature. He will be starting a pollinator garden and is currently selling microgreens.

“We have a microgreens business that we sell primarily to **Market Wagon**,” Adams told The Reporter. “We also sell to Broccoli Bills in Carmel. It’s new and we have just started it, but we are hoping to turn it into something bigger.”

The Adams family purchased the land about three years ago and will

begin selling pre-cut Christmas trees as soon as 2023, though trees cut from their own land will not be available until 2026 due to growing time.

“If we are given the variances, the craft shop will be built around 2023,” Adams said.

In the meantime, they plan to start a roadside stand selling organic produce from the farm, which does not require a variance.

“Here’s the thing about the goat tower,” Adams said. “We can have the goat tower up to 22 feet. There’s going to be a goat tower on our land regardless of what

happens on Thursday. But I also think it would be cool to break the world’s record.”

If he cannot get the variance for the tallest goat tower, he may consider building multiple towers to set the record for most goat towers on one farm.

“If you look at the picture of the craft shop [in the variance application packet], that will have a tower as well,” Adams said. “The goat tower is mirroring that tower, so it would be the Two Towers.”

Be heard

The Illinois goat tower is called the Tower of Baa.

If you would like to suggest a name for the future Cicero tower, regardless of how high the BZA allows it to be built, you can email your suggestions to James Adams at jhuntadams@gmail.com.

If you want to reach out the Cicero/Jackson Township BZA to express your support or disapproval for this project, email acirner@townofcicero.in.gov. Please include your city of residence in the body of your email.

Don’t be sheepish, butt

in and let your voice be heard.

Editor’s note: The Reporter was not able to confirm the Guinness World Record for the Tower of Baa and our attempts to reach the owner of that tower for comment about the possibility of someone setting a new record were unsuccessful.

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on June 18, 2020, in the Cicero Red Bridge Park Community Building, located at 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

CARMELFEST

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Graphic provided by City of Carmel

The almost 20-minute display will start at 9:45 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, and it will again be set to music that will be broadcast by Carmel High School Radio Station, WHJE 91.3 on your FM dial. Please listen over the radio as online broadcast includes a delay that will not be in sync with the fireworks.

“This is a very meaningful day of celebration in our country and we are very excited to be able to expand the fireworks display so that people all across town can have an opportunity to see a brilliant display from their own backyards or a near-

by location. We hope this will bring hope and a reminder of the resilience of all Americans,” said Brainard.

“Creating one of the best fireworks displays in the state each year at CarmelFest is always a goal, but this year’s pandemic brought us many new challenges. We are thankful to Melrose Pyrotechnics and our



Brainard



Worrell

fire department for working with us to find three safe locations to produce this show,” said Jeff Worrell, Carmel City Council member At-large and CarmelFest Fireworks director.

If you live in an area with dense tree cover, you may want to park at a lot nearby the display. If you do venture out, please

practice appropriate physical distancing and wear a face covering. If you don’t want to cook at home, please remember to patronize our local businesses for patio dining with a view of the fireworks display or carry out for your own party.

The three locations from which the fireworks will be displayed are:

- West side: West Park, 2700 W. 116th St.
- Central Carmel: Chase Court cul-de-sac; Chase Court is between Range Line Road and Guilford Avenue
- East side: Badger Field, 5459 E. Main St.

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Noblesville architecture firm welcomes two summer interns

The REPORTER

Peterson Architecture in Noblesville has hired Jack Field and Claire Sloderbeck as interns this summer. Field and Sloderbeck will spend their time at Peterson Architecture working on renderings for current company projects and other various projects.

“We are optimistic about the economic recovery and excited to add these aspiring architects to our team this summer,” said Darren Peterson, principal architect and owner at Peterson Architecture.

In addition to their work on architectural projects, Field and Sloderbeck will also be helping create and expand Peterson Ar-

chitecture’s technological library. Peterson Architecture partners with a diverse group of clients to achieve innovative and practical solutions for a multitude of projects.

This year, many internship opportunities have been scarce due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and Peterson Architecture has made it a priority to continue their internship program to give architects the experience needed to succeed.



Field



Sloderbeck

Field is a 2017 Noblesville High School graduate, and is currently a senior at Ball State University. He is in his fourth year in the College of Architecture and Planning and will graduate after five years with a professional degree in Architecture. He chose the profession of Architecture because of his love for art, and interest in residential structures. Field will be with Peterson Architecture through the end of the year.

Sloderbeck is a 2018 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School. Claire is currently a third-year Architecture major in the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University and is planning on graduating with a Professional Degree in Architecture. Sloderbeck decided to major in architecture after finding interest in civil engineering and has a love for art and design. She is interning for Peterson Architecture for the summer to gain experience and acquire skills she can use for the rest of her education and career.

To learn more about Peterson Architecture, visit petersonarchitecture.com.

Landowners can be paid for allowing gamebird hunting

The REPORTER

Private landowners who allow gamebird hunting opportunities on their properties can receive financial incentives and habitat management assistance through the Indiana Private Lands Access Program (IPLA).

Participating landown-

ers are eligible for incentives up to \$25 an acre for fall bobwhite, pheasant and woodcock hunting opportunities and up to \$16 an acre for spring turkey hunting opportunities.

DNR biologists will work closely with each landowner to develop a wildlife

habitat management plan and to schedule hunting opportunities for their land. Additional financial incentives and habitat management assistance are available for improving habitat on land enrolled in IPLA. Habitat teams are also available to assist landowners with implementation of habitat work on IPLA properties.

Landowners located within the program’s five focal regions are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, including a description of the five focal regions, visit wildlife.IN.gov/9572.htm.

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police and Fire departments on Sunday night responded to the area of Hazel Dell Parkway and East 106th Street for an accident involving a motorcycle.

The female passenger on the motorcycle, Grisel Bara-

Fatal motorcycle accident in Carmel under investigation

Meeting Notice

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet in executive session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020, in the Community Room at Washington Woods Elementary, 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield. The purpose of the meeting is to train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (11)) and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (9)).

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Fortunately, there are ways that people can obtain their medications affordably and predictably even if they have lost coverage.

One program is called Express Scripts Parachute Rx, which offers deep discounts on prescription med-

ications, capping costs at \$25 for a 30-day supply of generics, and \$75 for a 30-day supply of select brand-name medications for eligible customers. There are more than 40 brand-name medications and thousands of generic medicines available through the program, treating reproductive health, as well as conditions such as asthma, diabetes, glaucoma, heart disease, migraine, non-opioid pain management, seizures and thyroid conditions. The program, which is available for a limited time, is not health insurance and does not require an enrollment fee or commitment to participate.

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the Express Scripts Parachute Rx program, visit express-scripts.com/parachuterx to view the list of available medications, eligibility requirements and restrictions. Once you’ve checked medication prices, select the home delivery option.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

Acts 14:17-18 (KJV)

Shirley Ann Coverdale

January 1, 1936 – June 14, 2020

Shirley Ann Coverdale, 84, Noblesville, peacefully passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at Riverview Health. She was born on January 1, 1936 to Henry and Eula (Pearson) Coverdale in Noblesville.

Shirley married Lee Shepherd and stayed close with his family until their passing. She worked for Noblesville Schools as a custodian and later retired from Noblesville Healthcare (Riverwalk Village). Shirley loved her family and holidays. She was an avid Goodwill shopper, collecting angels, magnets, dolls, hats, teapots, kitty cats, and Betty Boop. Shirley loved her nieces and nephews as her own children. They often went to carnivals and fairs and she loved riding rides with all of them. Shirley loved all of her friends as her family.

Shirley is survived by nephew, Harvey Coverdale, and his children Donnie (Mistie) Coverdale, Andy (Brittany) Coverdale and their children Jordan, Dylan and Alexis; nephew, Robert Baldwin Sr. and his children, Pennie, Bob Jr. and Jeff Baldwin and their children and grandchildren; nephew, Tim Coverdale and his daughter Danielle (Doug) Lovins and their son Maris; niece, Megan Kelley; nephew, Nicholas Hunter; sister-in-law, Mary Coverdale and children Joyce Killingsworth, Elizabeth Swank and Rick Coverdale and all their children and grandchildren; niece, Julie (Kim) Collier and her children and grandchildren; and niece, Vickie (Herman) Kersey.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her brothers, Teddy, Phillip, Harry, Earl, Don, Dick and Bill; sisters, Caroline Raper and Edna Mae Woods; nieces, Patty Ann Raper, Ruth Coverdale Hunter and JoAnne Coverdale; nephew, Donald "Donnie" Woods; sisters-in-law, Betty and Nova Coverdale; and brothers-in-law, Gerald Raper and Donald Woods Sr.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from 10 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Shirley will be laid to rest at Stoney Creek Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Jeremiah Michael McGuire

July 19, 1935 – June 13, 2020

Jeremiah Michael McGuire, 84, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Westfield. He was born on July 19, 1935 to Byron and Bernice (Watson) McGuire in Westfield.

Jerry was a 1953 graduate of Westfield High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Army where he was stationed in Hawaii during the Korean War. For 27 years, Jerry worked as a locksmith for Western Electric. He was a life-long member of Christ United Methodist Church. At age 48, Jerry was diagnosed with a life-threatening, debilitating condition. Through his unwavering faith, his will to fight, and his love for God and his family, he lived each and every day as a gift from God.

Jerry enjoyed being outdoors on his family's land, fishing, and mushroom hunting. He loved IU basketball and Westfield High School athletics. A great storyteller, Jerry never met a stranger. He had a non-judgmental nature and was a very gentle, compassionate, and loving man who gave tremendous love and kindness to all. To know Jerry was to love him. He believed that everyone deserved kindness and love. Jerry loved his community and cherished his family more than anything in his life.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carolyn H. McGuire; daughters, Stacy McGuire and Kim McGuire (John Schenkel); sisters-in-law, Barbara Young and Ila Grinstead; several nieces and nephews; and lots of loving friends.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his son, Michael Douglas McGuire; brother, Leslie McGuire; and sister, Marilyn Harkness.

Services with military honors will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 3 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Rev. Mark D. Wesler will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Open Doors of Washington Township, 19360 Tomlinson Road, Westfield, IN 46074; or Westfield High School Athletics, 18250 N. Union St., Westfield IN 46074.

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Theodore R. Call II

April 18, 1955 – June 15, 2020

Theodore R. Call II, 65, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, June 15, 2020. He was born on April 18, 1955 to Theodore R. Call and Marilyn (Kendall) Call in Springfield, Vt.

Ted owned Midwest Industrial Sales of Noblesville, retiring in 2015. He attended Ball State, was an all-county football player and coached youth sports. Ted loved sports: football, snow skiing and water skiing were his favorites. He also loved boating and spending time at lakes and beaches.

Ted is survived by his wife of 32 years, Amy Call; sons, Andrew (Lyndsay) Resch and Ryan (Nicole) Call; sister, Debbie Goyette; granddaughter, Nora Resch; grandsons, Maxwell Call and Brooks Call; and sister-in-law, Sharon Call.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Gregory Call.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Private family burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

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New Millers head coach getting creative . . .

Noblesville volleyball team using Zoom workouts to prepare for season

By RICHIE HALL

It's become a different world for high school sports coaches over the past three months.

Because of schools being shut down to the COVID-19 pandemic, these coaches are unable to meet with their student-athletes in person. So, they've had to get creative and take advantage of technology to help their athletes prepare for the upcoming season. This is true for everyone, from long-time to first-year coaches.

One of these first-year coaches is Annie Phillips, who has taken over the head coaching position of the Noblesville volleyball program.

"This has always been my dream, to lead a high school program," said Phillips. "I felt like it was a really good opportunity timing-wise, because I'm truly invested in the girls."

If that name sounds familiar, it's because Phillips was a Miller volleyball player, graduating from NHS in 2014. She went on to play college volleyball at Trine University, and served as the junior varsity coach last season.

"It's special because I came through this program as well," said Phillips, who is also a fourth-grade teacher at Stony Creek Elementary.

Phillips was announced as the new Millers head coach in February, back when there was awareness of COVID-19, but it wasn't seen as a threat just yet. That all changed in March. Soon the schools were shut down, and they won't be re-opening until July 1, meaning that coaches can't work with their athletes in person until then.

"I had to completely uproot what my original plans were and get creative," said Phillips.

Thankfully, this is the age of videoconferencing. People who probably hadn't heard of Zoom before the pandemic started soon became regular users of the software, which has actually been around since 2012. But as people were trying to stay connected while staying at home, it became a popular way to communicate.

Noblesville volleyball has been using Zoom to bring its team together.

"We started with the seniors, and I had a couple Zoom calls with the seniors, getting ideas from them and getting this program to come together," said Phillips.

The Millers seniors stepped up, with each of the five seniors forming her own group of eight or nine underclassmen. Phillips sends out weekly workouts to the seniors, and they lead the other members of the team. The senior leader picks a time, then she and her group work out together while using Zoom.

"Myself or one of the other coaches tries to hop on a couple of each senior's groups, so they can see us and get to know us," said Phillips.

"I've been really impressed with the seniors, watching them take on this challenge," said Phillips.

For the workouts, Phillips said her athletes "do a couple from our strength and conditioning coach each week, then a couple volleyball-specific drills," such as ball control or footwork. She noted that everyone on the team has attended at least

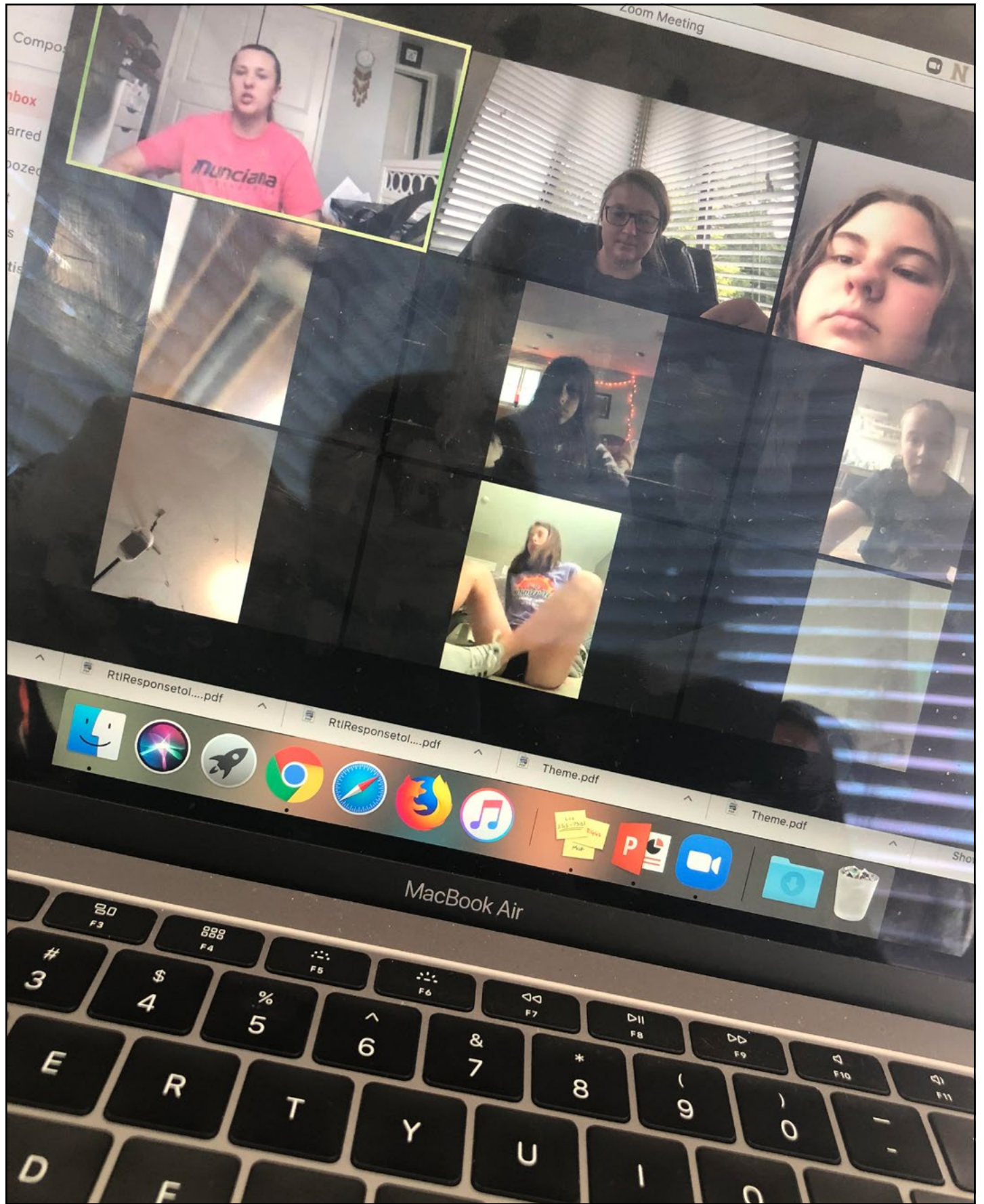


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Instead of doing workouts in the gym, the Noblesville volleyball team has been on Zoom this month. The Millers' new head coach Annie Phillips sends out workouts to the seniors, who lead their group of underclassmen through the workout using Zoom.

one or two Zooms.

"For strength and conditioning, they've been doing a lot of body weight, movement, sprints, core workouts, jumping," said Phillips. They do some circuits every week from the strength and conditioning coach."

As for the volleyball drills, Phillips said the team started with ball control "and everyone doing the same thing." But as the workouts continue, they will start to become more individualized, with setter drills and hitting drills as an example.

The seniors have also incorporated some fun into the workouts, such as different challenges. There's also an Iron

Miller club, where seniors nominate athletes that have gone above and beyond during the workouts. One of the seniors took it upon herself to start sending out a motivational quote of the week.

"They have been into it," said Phillips.

The workouts have also been helpful in getting the freshmen prepared for high school volleyball. Phillips said the Millers have almost 30 freshmen on the team, with each senior having five or six in her group.

"I'm really excited to get them in the gym and see what they're capable of," said Phillips.

While the Zoom workouts have been

fun, they also serve another purpose: Getting the team in top physical condition. If that is successful, then Phillips said "hopefully the girls will be in shape, and we can really get right into volleyball and not waste time with getting them back into shape."

The target date for that is July 1, and getting back in the gym can't come soon enough.

"We're still waiting to hear from our athletic department for what that looks like for Noblesville," said Phillips. "We're just excited for any chance to get together and meet the incoming players."



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IMLA sports physicals cost just \$65. Be sure to come prepared to your appointment with your [IHSAA physical form](#) printed and your portions filled out so that it can easily be completed during your physical.

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rently wearing masks to reduce airborne droplet transmission as well, and has a strong supply of level 1 surgical masks for our patients to wear in the office.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IHSAA has waived Rule 3-10 requiring

updated physicals for the 2020-21 school year in an effort to reduce stress on the medical community. If your student has a valid 2019-20 physical on file with their member school, it will still be considered valid during the 2020-21 school year.

However, if your student-athlete is transferring from an out of state or non-IHSAA school, or did not participate in sports during the 2019-20 school year, you will need to provide a current physical form. Be sure to review the updated rules and regulations issued by the IHSAA, and if your student is in need of a current physical, IMLA is happy to help.

WNBA announces plan to tip off 2020 season

The WNBA announced today elements of plans to return for the WNBA 2020 season, with a partnership being finalized that would make IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida, the home for the 2020 season. Beginning in July, IMG Academy will be the home for each of the league's 12 teams and serve as a single site for training camp, games and housing.

"This is a tremendous step in the right direction toward a competitive and entertaining WNBA season for our fans to come together across the state to support the Indiana Fever," Fever President Dr. Allison Barber said. "We are excited to bring the Indiana Fever franchise to fans to watch in their homes in all 92 counties in the

state as we build our championship culture for fans to engage with this season."

The proposal includes 22 regular-season games followed by a traditional playoff format. All games will be played without fans in attendance. All Fever regular season games will be live-streamed at no cost to fans. More information will be announced at a later date.

"We are so energized and excited to begin playing a WNBA season," Vice President of Basketball Operations and General Manager Tamika Catchings said. "Our staff and players have been in constant communication during this challenging time and we're ready to compete. From COVID-19 to the current state of our

nation, it has been amazing to watch our players' voices be heard in a respectful and positive manner. We are excited to showcase our team on the court and our organization will continue to support the powerful platform we have to fight for social justice off the court."

Throughout this unique season format, the WNBA will build on its commitment to social justice and will support players in launching a bold social justice platform as a call to action to drive impactful, measurable and meaningful change. The WNBA 2020 season will include a devoted platform that will aim to support and strengthen both the league and teams' reach and impact on social justice matters.

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