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St. Mary's Catholic School to host enrollment open house

St. Mary's Catholic School and Preschool will host New Enrollment Open Houses from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 4. Those who are unable to attend the above mentioned dates or times may contact the school for an appointment. The school is located at 226 E. 5th St. in Rushville and can be contacted at 765-932-3639.

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MARCH 14

- Manilla Lions Club is hosting a pancake, sausage, biscuit and gravy (and eggs) breakfast between the hours of 7 and 11 a.m. \$7 adults; \$3 children under 12. Carry outs available.
• Richland 4-H Club is having their annual hog roast at the New Salem Lions Club from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14. Carry out will be available.

Postal Delivery Information

RCHS graduate discusses Coronavirus

Former resident currently lives in China

KRAIG YOUNTS
CNHI NEWS INDIANA

RCHS graduate Jim Payne is currently teaching in Shanghai, China. China has been impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) more than any other country.

He has been in China since August of 2019. Payne taught public schools for 21 years before relocating to China.

"I'm in Shanghai now after getting burned out on the US public education system and wanting something

more for myself," Payne said. "I also wanted to get away from the American political fiasco and the gun culture."

Payne taught English and reading to middle school students for 17 years in Indianapolis. He also spent four years in South Florida teaching speech and debate for Broward County Schools.

According to Payne, he taught in the same school district in Florida, which was attacked by a gunman who killed 18 people.

"I was in the hallway where it happened less than 48 hours before the shooting," Payne said. "I feel so much safer here."

LIVING AMONG THE VIRUS

Since the Coronavirus outbreak, Payne has been staying in his modest sized apartment as much as possible, but he does venture out. His company has allowed him to work from home.

He's teaching multiple debate courses with the help of a video conferencing application. His mental health is good as of now.

"I'm using my time stuck inside my box to think outside the box," Payne said. "I've spent much of my time creating public speaking curriculum for online delivery to help

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Submitted photo

Pictured is Jim Payne, who currently resides in China. China has been dramatically impacted by the Coronavirus.



Submitted photos

Former Rushville resident Steven Cumberworth pictured with wife Na Zhao and children Rowena Jane and William Richard.

Cumberworth on front lines of COVID-19 outbreak

AARON KIRCHOFF
CNHI NEWS INDIANA

The world-wide scare from the outbreak of the coronavirus seems to creep closer and closer to home each day.

For RCHS graduate Steven Cumberworth, the threat is right outside his door. Cumberworth is on the front lines of the epi-

demic as he lives in Shenyang, China, in the northeast part of the country.

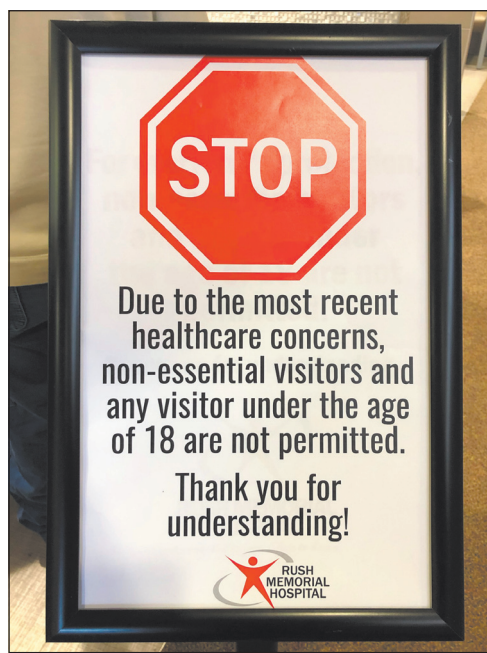
Cumberworth moved to Shenyang in 2010. He came back to America in 2013-14, so has spent nine of the last 10 years in China.

"I came right after graduating from Notre Dame to experience another culture and originally

planned to stay just one year. However, I enjoyed it here, so I started looking for more stable jobs and got one at a high school's international department. I started at the school as a U.S. History teacher, but now I am the academic principal of the international department in

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RMH LIMITS NON-ESSENTIAL VISITATION



With the concern over the COVID-19 (coronavirus) and other health concerns, Rush Memorial Hospital has placed these signs at entrances to the facility. As of Thursday, Miller's Merry Manor is allowing visitation to family members only. Flatrock River Lodge is on lock down.

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Library fundraiser ticket sales start March 16

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Tickets for the Rushville Public Library annual fundraiser will go on sale Monday, March 16. The event will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15 in the Library's Discovery Park with Happy Hour from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

Attendees must be 21 with a valid ID. Tickets will be available at the library or from library board and event committee members.

The price is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple and includes entry, a choice of a ribeye or chicken breast sandwich, sides,

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able. Dinner is \$8 per meal.

• A silent auction and homemade bake sale will take place during this year's Big Flatrock Christian Church Annual Chili Supper on Saturday, March 14. Angels by ceramic artist Joan Tatum will be auctioned alongside a lap size afghan of washable acrylic. The two angels, which are seven and 10 inches tall, are signed and dated and of fine quality.

• Big Flatrock Christian Church would like to invite everyone to their annual chili supper from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 14. The menu consists of chili, choice of hot dog/coney dog or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, carrot and celery sticks, dessert and a drink. A free will offering will be accepted. The church is located at 4782 W 650 S, Rushville. Please contact 765-932-5229 if you have any

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