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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Sunshine!
Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 39 LOW: 28



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

Elected officials and candidates came to celebrate a Century of Women's Suffrage at the Hamilton County Republican Women's annual meeting Thursday. (From left) JR Gaylor, Kim Good, Sue Finkam, Cecilia Coble, Jerry Torr, Sue Maki, Kelly Mitchell, Amanda Shera, David George, Laura Campbell, Donna Schaibley, Rick McKinney, Jim Brainard, John Chalfin, Robin Mills, Mark Heirbrandt, Suzanne Heinzman, Jeff Hern, Susan Byer, Victoria Spartz, Scott Baldwin, Leah McGrath and Chuck Goodrich.

Fishers non-profits forming a coalition

By LARRY LANNAN
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As Fishers has grown from the small town I found when moving here in 1991 to a city with a current population estimated at nearly 95,000, we have also seen growth in the number of not-for-profit organiza-

tions formed in our city. Even with the number of these organizations growing, the demand for services for Fishers families and young people grows even faster.

A group of Fishers non-profit leaders began to meet last year and explore ways to work together. That has resulted in the launch of the Fishers Non Profit Coalition. The Coalition has met four times so far, with the first gathering in July 2019 and the next session set for April 2020.

"As we have looked at data sets from the state and other organizations over the past few years we have seen a lot of disparity in numbers making it difficult for organizations like ours to serve the needs of our target population," said Dr. Jody Britten, co-founder of the Fishers-based non-profit Early Learning Alliance Network, in a Coalition news release.

The Coalition says it is being founded to "identify needs, cultivate community, and curate data sources to support the social infrastructure of our growing community." The idea for the coalition started with Alison Gatz, Executive Director of Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI).

"We started the Coalition to identify Fishers non-profits who want to gather for conversation," Gatz said. "There is power in collaboration and just understanding the landscape of support and expertise for the non-profit community."

If you are involved with a Fishers non-profit group and would like to be a part of the Coalition, fill out the contact form at [this link](#).

For more information about the Coalition, access the website at [this link](#).

100 years of women's suffrage Hamilton County celebrates women in politics

By DENISE MOE
For The Reporter

The Hamilton County Republican Women celebrated "A Century of Women's Suffrage" and honored local history-making female elected officials at the group's annual membership meeting on Thursday. The meeting was held at GAI Consultants, 9998 Crosspoint Blvd., Suite 110, Fishers.

To help celebrate, there was an "Art Walk" with six local female artists provided by the Fishers Art Council, performing artist, Olivia Landes, from the Fishers Music Academy, and delicious food provided by Nameless Catering Company.

Suffragette History

Women first organized and collectively fought for suffrage at the national level in the mid-1800s. In the following decades, women marched, petitioned and lobbied. By the 1870s, women started pressuring Congress to vote on an amendment that would recognize their suffrage rights. This amendment was sometimes known as the



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

Numerous works from six local female artists were featured at the event.

Susan B. Anthony amendment and became the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Indiana women were involved in the fight for women's rights from the early days of the movement. In October 1851, Amanda Way organized a convention in Dublin, Ind., with the purpose of advo-

cating for women's social, economic and political rights.

After the convention, women formed the Indiana Woman's Rights Association, one of the nation's first statewide organizations dedicated to the cause of women.

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Sheridan senior to compete at Rotary regional speech contest

The REPORTER

Worldwide, two pillar themes for Rotarians revolve around youth and education, and what better way to combine those pillars than to hold an annual speech contest for local youth?

This year, as it has for multiple years past, the Sheridan club reached out to Sheridan High School's speech teacher Mrs. Becky Pitzer for assistance.

Pitzer came up with two interested students to participate in the contest. Unfortunately, one of the students dropped out at the last moment due to illness, but the contest still went on as scheduled.

Sheridan High School senior Nolan Miller, proudly accompanied by his parents and Mrs. Pitzer as



Photo provided by Steve Martin

Congratulations to Sheridan High School senior Nolan Miller for winning the 2020 Sheridan Rotary Club Speech Contest. (From left) Sheridan Rotary Speech Contest Coordinator Missy Fisher, Sheridan Community Schools Superintendent Mary Roberson, SHS speech teacher Becky Pitzer, speech contest winner Nolan Miller, and Mary and Bill Miller, Nolan's parents.

well as new Superintendent Mary Roberson, came to last Tuesday's meeting and gave his seven-minute speech.

He walked away with first-place honors and is \$100 richer for his efforts. Miller is now eligible to move

on to Rotary District 6560 competition against winners from other regional clubs and a chance to win \$1,000.

Jeremiah Schroeder named new Noblesville Parks recreation manager

The REPORTER

Jeremiah Schroeder has been hired by the City of Noblesville to serve as its recreation manager in the parks department, where he is responsible for planning, promoting and supervising recreation programs. He started his new role earlier this month.

Schroeder will oversee the recreation team, which includes three full-time and over 30 part-time staff members responsible for developing

new programs and events. He will work with his team as they plan the parks' day camps during spring, summer, fall and winter breaks, and manage facility rentals, auditorium performances, and other events at the Recreation Annex at Noblesville's Ivy Tech Community College campus.



Schroeder

"I'm excited for the

opportunity to join the Noblesville Parks' team and help to continue to grow the strong camp and community programs," said Schroeder. "I look forward to helping residents take advantage of our current offerings and develop new programs they can enjoy with their families."

Schroeder has over 26 years of experience in the

parks and recreation field, including 15 years at the City of Greenfield Parks and Recreation, as well as with the Coconut Creek (Fla.) Parks Department, City of Miramar (Fla.), and most recently with the Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation. Throughout his career, he has managed aspects of various parks departments which include day camps, recreation programs and events, while

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Carmel awards \$1.17 million in arts grants

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has awarded 28 local arts organizations with \$1,172,250 in grants to date from the City's 2020 Arts Grant Program. This year marks the 17th anniversary of the City of Carmel's financial support for local arts, which amounts to roughly 1 percent of the city budget each year. Since 2004, more than \$13.5 million has been allocated to support local arts programs.

"It is our mission as a City to invest our money wisely in order to improve the quality of life in Carmel, a vital part of our overall economic development strategy to attract private investments in our city, which includes new corporate employers and a talented workforce to fill local jobs. We have done this by building the framework for a community that values the arts," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "As part of that strategy, it is important to support our local arts groups, which are worthy of public support. Studies by the Americans for the Arts show typical visitors to an event spend close to \$30 per person, per event, in addition to the cost of admission. That's money spent at our local restaurants, art galleries and other businesses."

According to the most recent statistics from Visit Hamilton County, it is estimated that visitors staying in Carmel spend about \$353 million annually in lodging, food and beverage, transportation and attractions purchases and contribute significantly to the overall county tourism impact. This economy also supports 5,000 jobs in Carmel and helps local taxpayers reap the support of \$42 million in additional state and local tax revenues, which help us keep our local city property tax rate the 12th lowest in the State of Indiana among 118 cities.

Carmel's support for the arts also helps the overall impact in Hamilton County. For every dollar spent in Hamilton County, 90 cents stayed local, contributing to the gross domestic product here. Visitor spending supports 11,554 jobs in Hamilton County and helps generate nearly \$98.6 million in state and local taxes. About \$820 million is spent by tourists in Hamilton County, which is ranked No. 3 in the state for total visitor spending.



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Indiana suffragists then collected over 700,000 signatures on a petition sent towards passage of the 19th Amendment. In 1918, they

collected over 700,000 signatures on a petition sent to Congress in favor of the amendment.

The amendment reads: *"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied*

or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

The State of Indiana was one of the original 36 states to ratify the 19th Amendment on Jan. 16, 1920. And here we are over 200 years later, celebrating the accomplishments of those history-making women.

Women in Office

Today, women hold 126 seats in Congress, including Hamilton County's member of Congress, Susan Brooks.

A total of 91 women hold statewide elected office, including Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Au-

ditor Tera Klutz, Secretary of State Connie Lawson, Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick.

Locally, women are well represented, with Senator Victoria Spartz and Representative Donna Schaibley. (And of course, long-serving Representative Kathy Richardson Williams, who is now serving as the County Clerk.)

Hamilton County has 68 elected female officials out of 184 total people in office, including Auditor Robin Mills, Recorder Jennifer

Hayden, Treasurer Jennifer Templeton, Assessor Robin Ward, Commissioner Christine Altman and Councilor Amy Massillamany.

Hamilton County's two largest cities, Carmel and Fishers, now have female leadership teams on their city councils with Cecilia Coble as President and Selina Stoller as Vice President of the Fishers City Council, and Laura Campbell as President and Sue Finkam as Vice President of the Carmel City Council.

All of Hamilton County's city and town clerks and clerk-treasurers are women.

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SCHROEDER

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managing a team responsible for bringing quality programs to the community he serves.

"With his previous parks and recreation experience, Jeremiah will be a great asset to our team and to the City of Noblesville. He will be charged with helping to expand or im-

prove our current offerings with new opportunities for the community to utilize our eight city parks, as well as rental facilities," said Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett. "We are excited to have him join our staff. His wide range of past experience and his passion for parks and rec-

reation makes him a perfect fit to our team."

Originally from Dayton, Schroeder grew up near Bloomington and graduated from Indiana University where he studied parks, recreation and leisure studies. Schroeder lives in Fishers with his wife and their two daughters.



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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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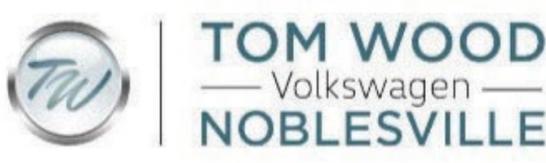
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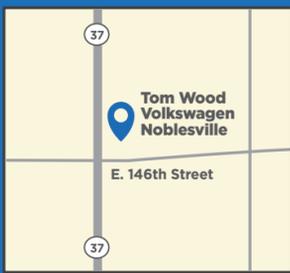




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Sue Maki calls for major changes to 146th Street

Submitted by Friends of Sue Maki

Hamilton County Council candidate Sue Maki is calling for major changes to what she calls one of the most dangerous stretches of roadway in all of Central Indiana – 146th Street from River Road to U.S. 31, a stretch of four-lane roadway that has been the scene of several fatalities and major accidents in the past decade.

Studies show that five of the top two dozen “most dangerous” intersections in the Metro Indy area are in Hamilton County, according to the November 2019 study by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization. Out of those five, four are on the 146th Street corridor, a street that is under Hamilton County’s jurisdiction.

Not much attention has been given to this recent study; probably because it is nothing new. Local commuters and residents will tell you that 146th Street has been a congested nightmare for many years.

Maki, a resident of Hamilton County for 30 years, has seen how smart, innovative solutions in intersection design along other dangerous roadways like U.S. 31

and Keystone Parkway has helped drastically reduce fatal and personal injury accidents. She is vowing to support changes to 146th Street, which has become a nightmare for commuters from Fishers to Carmel, Noblesville to Westfield.

“I have heard from so many people who hate 146th Street because it has become so congested and dangerous at each intersection ... they are asking why Hamilton County hasn’t done something to fix this problem,” said Maki. “I am in support of major changes to this thoroughfare, which is only going to get busier as we continue to attract more people and businesses to our community.”

Maki is seeking public input into this issue by creating a “hashtag” on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for local residents to voice their opinion. Please use #FIX146 to let her know of your personal experiences on this roadway.

“Although our Hamilton County Commissioners have been proactive in this matter, the fact is that some members of the County Council have been unwilling to invest in much needed improvements,”

Hamilton County’s top three crash locations

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush has released the county's top three crash locations.

According to the Sheriff, two of the three locations with the most frequent crashes are located on 146th Street:

- 146th Street & Hazel Dell Road
- 236th Street & U.S. 31
- 146th Street & Gray Road

According to Quakenbush, the main cause of accidents at these intersections were drivers following other vehicles too closely.

Sheriff Quakenbush recommends leaving at least three seconds between you and the vehicle in front of you. He also reminds all drivers to not text and drive and to obey all traffic controls.

said Maki. “It is sad that our current Council continues to delay when it comes to supporting much-needed improvements to our infrastructure and our public safety need. If I am elected, I vow to support major improvements to a corridor that is becoming increasingly dangerous. I will support changes to each intersection from the River Road to U.S. 31, as long as it improves safety and traffic flow, and also protects residential homeowners in the area.”

Maki is already working with neighboring city officials about this issue. It

is clear that all four of the communities that share the 146th Street border are in favor of making it safer for commuters and residents.

“It is important to remember that some of our current County Council members have rejected public safety concerns in the past,” said Maki, who added “Specifically, I am referring to the emergency training facility, which was endorsed by every city and town with the promise of financial assistance, only to be rejected by a short-sighted vote.

Maki is asking anyone impacted by the 146th Street daily dilemma to please share by tagging #FIX146 so she can take this message to voters this May and November.

COIT funding, Geist Reservoir subjects of two bills moving in state legislature

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

There are two pieces of legislation moving forward in the Indiana General Assembly of special interest to the Fishers area. One deals with a dispute over distribution of County Option Income Tax (COIT) funds, the other creates a conservancy district for Geist Reservoir.

First, the COIT dispute, mostly between Fishers and Carmel, may be on the way to settlement now that leaders of both cities have agreed on moving forward. In 2019, Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness told the City Council Finance Committee that Carmel was receiving about \$21 million more annually in COIT distributions compared to Fishers, despite the fact the two cities have roughly similar population numbers. Fadness cited the distribution formula created under state law as the reason for this.

A COIT distribution bill passed both houses of the legislature last year, but the local COIT provision did not survive the House-Senate conference committee that wrote the final version of that bill. State lawmakers are trying again this year, and State Representative Todd Huston, whose district encompasses the City of Fishers, says he is confident the issue will be resolved this time around.

The COIT agreement reached by leaders of Carmel and Fishers has passed the House this session and is poised for final passage

in the Senate.

“The bill will go to conference but I am confident the language will remain the same when we pass the final bill,” Huston said in an email to *LarryInFishers.com*. “I appreciate the work done by Fishers and Carmel leaders to get to this place.”

Fadness tells *LarryInFishers.com* the deal reached with Carmel calls for a revised COIT distribution formula that will add \$15 million to \$18 million in additional COIT funds to Fishers over three years, but that increase is tied to a rise in COIT tax collections of 2.5 percent each year. In other words, presuming a strong economy continues locally, Fishers will receive the extra funds. According to Fadness, after that initial three-year period, Fishers would receive \$4 million to \$6 million in additional money per year from COIT, but that would once again rely on continued COIT tax collection growth in the coming years.

On the second matter before state lawmakers, Huston says the measure aimed at creating a Geist Conservancy District has passed the Indiana House. State Senator Jim Merritt, whose district includes Fall Creek Township, is the Senate author of the Geist Conservancy District measure.

A conservancy district would have the legal authority to tax property owners and impose fees in the area of Geist Lake in order to do required maintenance on the reservoir.

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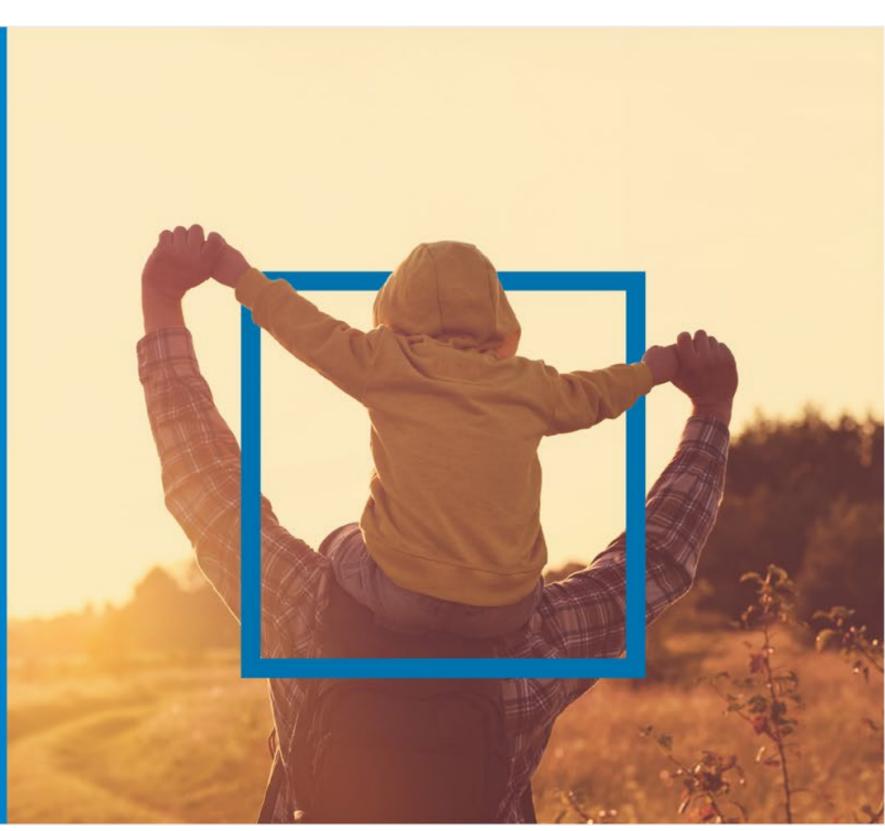
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Real-world accomplishments at Noblesville Learning Showcase



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On Thursday evening, students and faculty from all over the Noblesville school district showcased real-world learning accomplishments through interactive displays during the 2020 Learning Showcase. According to Noblesville Schools, the event, sponsored by Duke Energy, was a huge success.

Take time to take it easy for your health

"Take it easy ... don't let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy."
— G. Frey, J. Browne, 1972



increases sugars (glucose) in the bloodstream, enhances your brain's use of glucose and increases the availability of substances that repair tissues.²

Ah, stress. We live in a world of it don't we? Some of it due to our own making; some (much) due to outside influences. We are tethered to the outside world with little downtime. We constantly check phones, email, Facebook and various social media or the 24-hour news cycle.

We know we are stressed, but we seldom think about the cost to our health. That nagging headache, frequent insomnia, or decreased productivity at work or home – all of it may be the result of that culprit STRESS. Children, sadly, are experiencing more stress at younger and younger ages.¹

As February is heart health awareness month, let's look at the effects of stress on the cardiovascular system. Heart attacks, stroke and hypertension all continue to rise in America and have become the number one cause of death. Frequent or chronic stress makes your heart work too hard for too long, raising your risk of hypertension and problems with your blood vessels and heart, and putting you at higher risk of having a stroke or heart attack.

Is there a "higher purpose" for stress that I have not mentioned? Of course, if we are in a situation which induces a "fight or flight" response the release of cortisol serves a very important purpose.

When you encounter a perceived threat – a large dog barks at you during your morning walk, for instance – your hypothalamus, a tiny region at the base of your brain, sets off an alarm system in your body. Through a combination of nerve and hormonal signals, this system prompts your adrenal glands, located atop your kidneys, to release a surge of hormones, including adrenaline and cortisol. Adrenaline increases your heart rate, elevates your blood pressure and boosts energy supplies. Cortisol, the primary stress hormone,

Cortisol also curbs functions that would be nonessential or detrimental in a fight-or-flight situation. It alters immune system responses and suppresses the digestive system, the reproductive system and growth processes. This complex natural alarm system also communicates with regions of your brain that control mood, motivation and fear.

The body's stress-response system is usually self-limiting. Once a perceived threat has passed, hormone levels return to normal. As adrenaline and cortisol levels drop, your heart rate and blood pressure return to baseline levels, and other systems resume their regular activities. But when stressors are always present and you constantly feel under attack, that fight-or-flight reaction stays turned on.

Cortisol and the stress response have known deleterious effects on the immune system. High levels of perceived stress and increases in cortisol have been found to lengthen wound healing time in healthy, male adults.³

It's not quite that simple, is it? We can't tune out the "world" completely. We can, however, make a conscious effort to turn off the electronics, focus on breathing deeply, perhaps pray or meditate, get outside and take in the fresh air, or just do nothing every day for 10 to 15 minutes.

If you have a teenager in your home who takes their cell to bed with them, my suggestion is to change the rules ... yes parents, you are allowed to do that. Take care of your heart and "Take It Easy" friends!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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¹Johns Hopkins University

²Mayo Foundation for Medical Research

³Ebrecht M, Hextall J, Kirtley LG, Taylor A, Dyson M, Weinman J (2004). "Perceived stress and cortisol levels predict speed of wound healing in healthy male adults". Psychoneuroendocrinology 29 (6): 798–809. doi:10.1016/s0306-4530(03)00144-6. PMID 15110929.

Thanks for reading!

ALDI relocating to East 116th in Fishers

The REPORTER

After 16 years serving the community, ALDI will relocate its Fishers store to a new location at 9774

E. 116th St. The new store will offer a smarter, faster and easier grocery shopping experience for customers. The current store at 9505

Uptown Drive will close its doors on Wednesday, March 11.

To celebrate the new store opening, ALDI will

hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8:25 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, followed by its popular Golden Ticket giveaway, offering gift cards to the first 100 customers. Shoppers can also sample ALDI-exclusive brand foods and enter a sweepstakes for a chance to win a year's supply of ALDI produce.

The new Fishers store offers shoppers an improved layout with more refrigeration to accommodate the recently expanded fresh, healthy and convenient food selection. It will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"One of the reasons we are so successful is because we listen to our customers and have the ability to adapt quickly," said Laura Bauer, Greenwood division vice president for ALDI. "The Fishers community has been loyal ALDI customers for 16 years, and we can't wait to show them the same ALDI model they know and love, but with an updated and larger store with even more room for their favorite products."



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White River Township
Thursday, March 5, 2020 / April 16, 2020 / July 23, 2020
Walnut Grove Community Center
25587 State Road 213
Cicero, IN 46034
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Adams Township
Thursday, March 17, 2020 / June 25, 2020
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Support prevention of youth abuse at Rise Up For Kids Breakfast

The REPORTER

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide (ICPYAS) announces that it will welcome Erin Merryn as the keynote speaker for the April 22 Rise Up For Kids Breakfast. Merryn is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and will share her story of overcoming this abuse and empowerment she gained.

"We are certainly excited to welcome Erin to Central Indiana and hear her tell her story. As an advocate and a voice for children, she has been influential in the passing of Erin's Law across the country," said Maggie Owens, Director of Education and Community Relations at ICPYAS.

Erin's Law requires that all students in grades K-12 receive Child Abuse Prevention Education yearly in our schools. ICPYAS offers Child Lures and Teen Lures programming to schools across Indiana in order to offer this evidence based, mandated education.

This year is the 10th educational breakfast hosted by the organization (formerly known as Chaucie's Place). This event supports the organization's youth abuse and suicide programs in Central Indiana as well as providing an opportunity to network and hear more about how the organization's programs impact local communities.

"We have our breakfast annually in April because it

is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month, and by gathering people to learn about prevention education and the positive outcomes it has on a community is so rewarding," said Owens. "The objective of the event is to raise awareness and funds to further our mission to end youth abuse and suicide in Indiana."

Interested in attending this free breakfast or sponsoring the event? Contact Maggie Owens at maggie@indianaprevention.org. Registration can be done online at bidpal.net/riseupforkids2020.

To learn more about Erin Merryn, visit erinnermryn.net. For more information on ICPYAS, visit indianaprevention.org.

Patrick Walters to speak at next Retirement Journey meeting

The REPORTER

The next meeting of Retirement Journey: Now What? is set for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10 in the Stage Room at Fishers Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

Patrick Walters, Director of Business Development at Independent Adult Day Care Centers, will be the speaker. He will discuss the comprehensive services offered by Independent Adult Day Care Centers to afford loved ones the opportunity to maintain their independence, dignity and respect while providing respite for the caregiver. Care is not limited to seniors but includes young adults age 18 and above.

Please come and join this discussion in discovering ways to assist retirees in finding their purpose and apply their skills and experience in meeting needs in Hamilton County.

For more information about Retirement Journey: Now What?, please contact Joe Grecu by calling (317) 902-5774 or by emailing joegrecu@sbcglobal.net.

Westfield receives Duke Energy grant

The REPORTER

Duke Energy has awarded a total of \$28,500 to six Indiana economic development organizations to receive Foreign Direct Investment Partnership Program grants. Each organization was awarded up to \$5,000.

"We have to cultivate successful relationships with overseas customers to encourage them to in-

vest in our Indiana cities and regions," said Erin Schneider, Indiana director of economic development for Duke Energy. "These grants will help supply funds for print or electronic collateral, sales trip coordination fees and marketing initiatives and materials."

Grant funding does not include travel, lodging, food and beverage and en-

tertainment expenses.

The six regional organizations receiving the 2020 grants include:

- City of Westfield
- Crawford County Economic Development Corporation
- Grow Wabash County
- Indy Partnership
- Radius Indiana
- Economic Development Corporation of Wayne County

Obituaries

Wanetta T. Edgerly

October 7, 1933 – February 26, 2020

Wanetta T. Edgerly, 86, Noblesville, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Five Star Senior Living in Noblesville following an extended illness.



She was born on October 7, 1933, in Edmore, Mich., to Emerson Harkness and Ellen (Beer) Harkness.

Wanetta was graduated from Edmore High School. She was a homemaker, and she also helped her husband in his business as his office manager.

Wanetta enjoyed gardening, cooking, entertaining, and playing cards. Wanetta had the true gift of hospitality. She was a member of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. She was also a 50-year member of the Profit and Pleasure Homemakers Club.

She is survived by her children, Nancy (Kelly) Wiseman, Anderson, Kathy (Richard) Barker, Noblesville, and Frank (Kathy) Edgerly, Indianapolis; brothers, Tom (Patry) Harkness and Edward (Kimberly) Harkness; sisters, Mary (Jim) Brown and Audrie (John) Jorgensen; brother-in-law, Keith Sanderson; grandchildren, Rob (Debbie), Andy (Bridgette), Joe (Krista) Barker, Luke (Brittany), Nick (Sarah) Wiseman and David Edgerly; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Wanetta was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ronald Edgerly; and a sister, Betty Sanderson.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, at Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home, 1010 N. Main St., Lapel, with Pastor Brian Marler officiating. Burial will follow at Prairie Memorial Cemetery, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Third Phase Inc., 15755 Allisonville Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, or Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 11818 State Road 32, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Arrangements
 Calling: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 2
 Service: 1 p.m., March 2
 Location: Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home
 Online condolences: hersbergerbozell.com

Mildred Irene Babbitt

April 29, 1927 – February 24, 2020

Mildred Irene Babbitt, 92, Noblesville, passed away Monday morning, February 24, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Born April 29, 1927 in Sheridan, she was the daughter of the late Gurnie Basil and Edith M. (Clampitt) Stowers.



Mildred graduated from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1945. After graduation she enrolled at Indiana Central Business College, earning her degree and heading off into the workforce. Shortly after completing her degree Mildred took a bookkeeping position with the Indiana State Board of Health. She would stay with the Board of Health for a few years before moving on to other job opportunities. Throughout her career, Mildred worked as a bookkeeper for numerous companies, both big and small, around the state. Her last position was in the accounts payable department at ITT Tech.

When she found a free moment, you could sometimes find her working on a cross stitch or needlework projects, but more often than not you could find her at the bowling alley. Mildred loved to go bowling and was active in her league play until she turned 90 – at that time she decided she might slow down just a little. This "slowing down" period gave her much more time to devote to watching the Colts and the Pacers, as well as her favorite channel, QVC. Mildred also raised and bred parrotlets for many years.

She was a 50 years member and past Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star. Mildred also attended the First United Methodist Church of Noblesville.

Mildred is survived by her three sons, Dennis L. Babbitt, Muncie, Gary Allen Babbitt, Trinity, Fla., and Randall Lynn Babbitt, Lebanon; three nieces, Debbie L. Price (Randy), Marcia McKenzie and Charlene Ferger; and two nephews, David L. Stowers (Julie) and Devon L. "Sparky" Stowers (Julie).

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Warren E. Stowers; sister Bonetha J. "Bonnie" Ferger; daughter-in-law, Joanne Babbitt; and by her husband, Russell B. Babbitt, on August 30, 2004. She and Russell were married on April 7, 1947.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020 at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Mary Eileen Spence will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements
 Calling: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 2
 Service: 2 p.m., March 2
 Location: Kercheval Funeral Home
 Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com



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Matha "Matt" Fugate
June 14, 1931 – February 27, 2020

Matha "Matt" Fugate, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on June 14, 1931 to Tom and Margaret (Bush) Fugate in Ned, Ky.



Matt proudly served in the United States Army. Before his retirement, Matt worked as a supervisor for Firestone for 32 years. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rosemary Fugate; sons, Tom Fugate and Terry Fugate; daughter, Cherylene Cottrill; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Lizzie Hall and Ellen Redd; and brother, Pearl Fugate.

Services will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Mitchell Haynes officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.



Memorial contributions may be made to Green Valley Church of Christ, 19005 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

Arrangements
Calling: 10 a.m. to noon, March 3
Service: Noon, March 3
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home
Condolences: randallroberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:29-31 (KJV)

Richard W. Garcia
March 13, 1934 – February 25, 2020

Richard W. Garcia (née Fodor), 85, Carmel, passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 12:04 a.m. He was born March 13, 1934 to Samuel and Marie (Gerasin) Fodor in East Chicago, Ind.



Richard was a hard-working, loving and devoted husband and father, and worked as an Industrial Fire Brick Mason, laying brick at Inland Steel Company for 34 years, and then as an independent contractor for three years.

He served in the US Army from 1952 to 1955. Richard joined as a Radio Operator in the Battery C 86th AAA Missile Battalion and in the same year completed training and worked as a Pole-lineman. He served in the Korean War for 15 months, and received the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Ribbon, the United Nations Service Medal, and two bronze stars.

Richard was born Richard W. Fodor. After his parents divorced, his mother met Jose Garcia and they had a family of their own. Following his mother's death when he was 12, Richard and his siblings were placed and grew up in the Carmelite Homes for Boys & Girls. Eventually, Jose Garcia became his adoptive father and Richard legally changed his last name to Garcia. He attended Bishop Noll Institute High School and turned down a football scholarship to Notre Dame University to go on to serve in the U.S. Army, and then married Joan on June 4, 1956.

Richard enjoyed hunting, arts and crafts, building model airplanes, cooking, gardening, music, dancing, and spending time with family, going fishing and playing games – especially cards and dice. Richard was a Webeles leader for several years with the Boy Scouts of America. He was a jack of all trades, very good with his hands, and enjoyed remodeling his house with the help of his wife, Joan.

Richard is survived by his children, Debra Nisevich, Richard (Lisa) Garcia, Tony (Robyn) Garcia and Diana (Allen) Linn; grandchildren, Daniel Nisevich, Melissa (Kyle) Brown, Carly Smith, Anthony Garcia, Luke Garcia, Johnathan Ferguson, Carolyn Ferguson, Sarah Linn and Scott Linn; several great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and extended family; dear brothers, Joseph (Barbara) Garcia and Frederick Garcia; dear sister, Mary Johnson; and long-time friends, Dave and Angie Lucero, Jerry Lovich, Keith and Millie Rich, and Rosemarie DeRosa.

In addition to his parents, Richard was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Joan E. Garcia (Plys); adoptive father, Jose Garcia; brother, Victor (Frances) Fodor; sisters, Millie Sanchez and Gloria Garcia; son-in-law, Patrick Nisevich; and grandson, Phillip Nisevich.

Richard was a very kind and generous man who has helped many along the way. He enjoyed entertaining, telling stories, making others happy, and has impacted many lives. Loved by many friends and family, he will be greatly missed.

To all of his beloved friends at Magnolia Springs Assisted Living where he resided, he said, "Keep on singing!!" and to all family and friends, to know that he didn't suffer, and "Que sera sera."

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday March 7, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with the service beginning at 2 p.m.

He requests no flowers be sent, but to have a mass said in his honor.

Arrangements
Calling: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 7
Service: 2 p.m., March 7
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Gymnastics sectional Noblesville finishes fifth, posts season-best score

By RICHIE HALL
NOBLESVILLE - The Noblesville gymnastics team had a goal in mind as it hosted Sectional 2 Friday night at Noblesville East Middle School: Get into the 90s.

The Millers did that and more. Finishing the meet with a solid balance beam score, Noblesville posted a 92.00, good enough for fifth place and by far a season-best mark.

"I'm super proud of the girls today," said Millers coach Jody Ramey. She had all the reason in the world to be proud of her team, reflecting on how far her gymnasts had come from the beginning of the season - "A lot of these girls were brand-new, beginner gymnasts coming in," said Ramey.

Noblesville was led by a freshman, Keira Harper. While she wasn't new to gymnastics, Harper took a year off before returning to competition. She finished her season strong, scoring a 32.475 in the all-around. Harper's best individual mark was an 8.70 on the balance beam, good for 11th place.

The Millers were solid on the beam as a team. Hailey Knoll scored a 7.80 and Ella Deno posted a 7.45. That added up to a beam total of 23.950, the second-highest of the four rotations.

Noblesville scored a 24.425 on the vault, an event in which it is traditionally strong. Harper earned an 8.325, Knoll posted an 8.00, and Alexis Riester and Cailey Hurst both scored 7.80.

The top three teams advance to the regional, which takes place next Saturday, March 7 at Portage. Harrison scored a 107.075 to win the team championship, followed by runner-up Logansport with a 104.875. Northwestern placed third with a 103.85 and also had the all-around champion: Katie Smith scored a 36.75. Harrison's Haiven Gipson had the best score of the night, a 9.60 on the vault.

"For me, it's not always about the winning," said Ramey. "It's about bringing the whole team together and being able to be united as a team and learn the



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Keira Harper had the highest Millers score of the night on the balance beam at the gymnastics sectional Friday at Noblesville East Middle School. Harper scored an 8.70 on the beam. Turn to Page 9 to see more pictures.

discipline and learn how to better your mistakes. This team was able to do that and more."

Fishers had a gymnast compete at the sectional for the first time. Freshman Savannah Strange had a solid day in all four events, compiling an all-around score of 31.475. Strange's top score was an 8.20 on the vault.

Strange said competing was a "little bit nerve-wracking but a little bit excit-

ing, saying that I'm the only one competing for my high school," and the overall experience was "really fun. I made a lot of friends," she said.

Team scores: Harrison 107.075, Logansport 104.875, Northwestern 103.85, McCutcheon 98.35, Noblesville 92.00, Lafayette Jefferson 87.725, Crawfordsville 86.375, Western 83.60, Southmont 78.70, North

Montgomery 74.275, Peru 53.55, Lafayette Central Catholic 53.45, Lapel 36.625, Tri-County 34.925, Fishers 31.475, North Miami 28.825.

All-around scores: 14. Keira Harper (N) 32.475, 18. Savannah Strange (F) 31.475.

Vault: 17. Harper (N) 8.325, T18. Hailey Knoll (N) 8.30, T20. Strange (F) 8.20, T33. Alexis Riester (N) 7.80; Cailey Hurst (N) 7.80.

Uneven bars: 17. Strange (F) 7.60, 18 Harper (N) 7.175, 22. Knoll (N) 6.925, 28. Ella Deno (N) 5.85, 29. Riester (N) 5.725.

Balance beam: 11. Harper (N) 8.700, 18. Knoll (N) 7.800, 21. Strange (F) 7.65, 22. Deno (N) 7.45, 30. Riester (N) 6.70.

Floor exercise: T16. Harper (N) 8.275, T19. Strange (F) 8.025, 22. Deno (N) 7.875, 25. Hurst (N) 7.525, T31. Grace Bastin (N) 7.05.



Savannah Strange became the first Fishers gymnast ever to compete in a sectional Friday. Strange had an all-around score of 31.475.

BOYS SWIMMING STATE PRELIMS

Carmel, Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern all had solid performances at the IHSAA boys swimming state preliminaries on Friday. Find out the results on Page 8.

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Boys swimming state championships...

Carmel, Fishers, HSE send many on to finals

The IHSAA boys swimming state preliminaries took place Friday evening at the IUPUI Natatorium, and three Hamilton County teams are primed for high finishes in today's finals.

Carmel, the five-time defending state champion, is in good position to make it six in a row after qualifying 19 swimmers to the finals. The Greyhounds have 16 swimmers in the championship heat, with three making the consolation heat.

Two Carmel swimmers earned the top seed in two events. Jake Mitchell is first in the 200 and 500 freestyles, while Wyatt Davis holds the top seed in the individual medley and backstroke. The Greyhounds' 400 free relay team also finished first in the prelims, getting the top seed there.

Carmel's two other relays (medley and 200 free) also reached the championship heat. The other championship qualifiers were: Kayden Lancaster in the 200 free, Gus Rothrock and Ryan Malicki in the IM, Rothrock in the butterfly, Griffin Hadley in the 100 free, Lancaster in the 500 free, Hadley and Nolan Kopp in the backstroke and Malicki in the breaststroke. The Greyhounds also sent Kopp to the consolation heat of the 200 free, while Griffin Seaver made the consolation

of the butterfly and the 500 free. Fishers had a solid prelims, qualifying nine swimmers for the finals. Seven of the Tigers' swimmers made it to the championship heat, including all three of the 500 free: Jackson Carlile, Kyle Ponsler and Aaron Frollo finished 2-4-5.

Carlile and Frollo also reached the championship heat of the 200 free, with Ponsler making the fast heat of the IM. The Tigers' 400 free relay team also qualified for the championship heat. Fishers' two consolation qualifiers were Connor Carlile in the IM and the 200 free relay.

Hamilton Southeastern also did well in the prelims, sending eight swimmers to the final. Five Royals swimmers qualified for the championship heat, including all three relays; the 200 free relay team earned the top seed. Keegan Streett will also swim in the championship heat, in the 200 and 100 freestyles.

Three more HSE swimmers made the consolation heat: DJ Rogers qualified in the 50 and 100 freestyles, while Evan Sellers made the consolation of the 500 free.

Westfield's Cameron Clayton swam in two individual events and two relays at state, placing 18th in the butterfly. University's Keegan Priest finished 28th in

the backstroke. Today's championships begin with the diving preliminaries at 9 a.m., with the semi-finals to follow. Finals in the swimming and diving begin at 1 p.m.

Complete Hamilton County results now follow. Positions 1-8 qualify for championship heat, positions 9-16 qualify for consolation heat, positions 17-18 are alternates.

200 medley relay: 2. Carmel (Wyatt Davis, Ryan Malicki, Griffin Hadley, William Kok) 1:30.16, 8. Hamilton Southeastern (Marcus Eden, Andrew Truxall, Connor Harrison, Andrew Christopher) 1:34.46, 21. Westfield (Noah Brauer, Alex Casas, Cameron Clayton, Michael Simpson) 1:37.82, Fishers DQ.

200 freestyle: 1. Jake Mitchell (C) 1:35.85, 2. Keegan Streett (HSE) 1:38.04, 5. Jackson Carlile (F) 1:38.99, 6. Aaron Frollo (F) 1:39.06, 8. Kayden Lancaster (C) 1:41.02, 11. Nolan Kopp (C) 1:41.48, 17. Tyler Schwertfeger (F) 1:43.13, T20. Evan Sellers (HSE) 1:43.99.

200 individual medley: 1. Davis (C) 1:46.79, 4. Gus Rothrock (C) 1:48.80, 7. Kyle Ponsler (F) 1:49.58, 8. Malicki (C) 1:50.11, 15. Connor Carlile (F) 1:55.03, 17. Eden (HSE) 1:55.12, 18. Harrison (HSE) 1:55.17.

50 freestyle: 11. DJ Rogers (HSE) 21.00, T18. Christopher (HSE) 21.24, 25. Brandon Edwards (C) 21.68.

100 butterfly: 6. Rothrock (C) 49.74, 11. Griffin Seaver (C) 50.67, 18. Clayton (W) 51.17, 19. Harrison (HSE) 51.19.

500 freestyle: 1. Mitchell (C) 4:18.60, 2. J. Carlile (F) 4:25.93, 4. Ponsler (F) 4:31.22, 5. Frollo (F) 4:31.23, 6. Lancaster (C) 4:34.65, 12. Seaver (C) 4:39.98, 16. Sellers (HSE) 4:42.63.

200 free relay: 1. Southeastern (Streett, Rogers, Christopher, Zack Bostock) 1:23.77, 7. Carmel (Edwards, Rothrock, Kok, Christopher Holmes) 1:25.36, 9. Fishers (J. Carlile, Frollo, Bruno Kitazuka, Ponsler) 1:25.96.

100 backstroke: 1. Davis (C) 46.85, 6. Hadley (C) 49.03, 8. Kopp (C) 49.29, 17. Eden (HSE) 51.46, 23. Israel Harding (F) 53.13, 24. Logan Ayres (F) 53.49, 28. Keegan Priest (University) 54.49.

100 breaststroke: 4. Malicki (C) 55.10, T22. Kevin Sweeney (C) 58.88, 25. Bostock (HSE) 59.12, 26. Clayton (W) 59.53.

400 free relay: 1. Carmel (Lancaster, Johns, Kopp, Mitchell) 3:04.48, 3. Fishers (J. Carlile, Ponsler, Schwertfeger, Frollo) 3:05.57, 4. Southeastern (Streett, Sellers, Eden, Rogers) 3:05.62, T20. Westfield (Simpson, Brauer, Evan Lesniewski, Clayton) 3:14.63.



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'Hawks drop regular-season finale to Frankton

Sheridan dropped its regular-season finale on Friday, losing at Frankton 47-36.

The Eagles jumped out to a 12-6 lead after the first quarter, then went up 26-15 at halftime. The Blackhawks had a great defensive performance in the third period, only allowing Frankton four points. Sheridan cut the Eagles' lead to 30-22 by the end of the third, but Frankton outscored the 'Hawks 17-14 in the fourth.

Nolan Buckner led Sheridan with 18 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Buckner had four 3-pointers for the game. Ethan Moistner added eight points, including two 3s, and led the rebounds with five.

The Blackhawks finished the regular season 5-17. They travel to Blackford on Tuesday to play the first game at Sectional 39, taking on Tipton. Tipoff is 6 p.m.

FRANKTON 47, SHERIDAN 36				
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sheridan				
Kyle Eden	3-7	0-0	6	5
Silas DeVaney	0-0	0-0	0	5
Nolan Buckner	7-11	0-0	18	2
Nick Roberts	0-2	1-2	1	0
Ethan Moistner	3-12	0-0	8	2
Tyler Lowder	1-5	1-2	3	1
Will Zachery	0-0	0-0	0	0
Corbin Murray	0-0	0-0	0	0
Dylan Cork	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jacob Shreve	0-0	0-0	0	0
Keenan Warren	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-38	2-4	36	15

Score by Quarters

Sheridan	6	9	7	14	36
Frankton	12	14	4	17	47

Sheridan 3-point shooting (6-23) Buckner 4-8, Moistner 2-11, Lowder 0-3, Eden 0-1. Sheridan rebounds (14) Moistner 5, Buckner 4, Eden 2, Zachery 1, DeVaney 1, Roberts 1.

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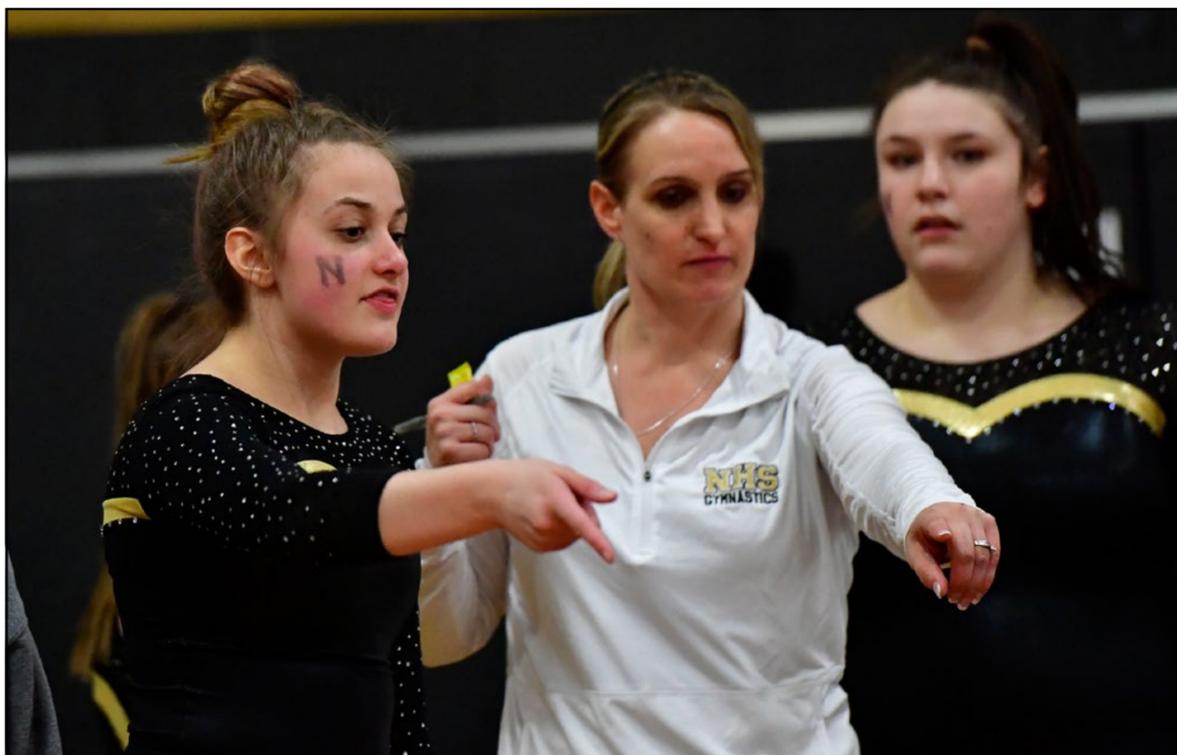
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Brooklyn	26	32	.448	15.5
New York	17	42	.288	25.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Milwaukee	51	8	.864	-
Indiana	35	24	.593	16.0
Chicago	20	39	.339	31.0
Detroit	20	41	.328	32.0
Cleveland	17	42	.288	34.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	37	22	.627	-
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Dallas	36	24	.600	3.0
Memphis	28	31	.475	10.5
New Orleans	26	33	.441	12.5
San Antonio	24	33	.421	13.5

Reporter photos by Kent Graham



TOP LEFT: Noblesville gymnast Hailey Knoll and coach Jody Ramey point something out during the gymnastics sectional, which took place Friday evening at Noblesville East Middle School. The Millers finished fifth as a team with their best score of the season, a 92.00.



BOTTOM LEFT: Alexis Riester lands a vault for Noblesville. The Millers totaled a 24.425 on the vault, the best score of their four rotations.

BELOW: Ella Deno performs a routine on the balance beam. Noblesville posted its second-highest rotation score on the beam, with a 23.95.

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