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Fishers firefighters now giving COVID vaccines at assisted living facilities

The REPORTER
The Fishers Fire Department, in conjunction with the Fishers Health Department, is now providing COVID-19 vaccinations to assisted living facilities in Fishers. On Tuesday, firefighters vaccinated approximately 300 residents. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the elderly are most at risk of contracting COVID-19 with serious symptoms which may turn deadly. In efforts to curb the spread of the disease and protect the aging community, local facilities and the City of Fishers are partnering to provide the vaccination as soon as possible to meet the recommendations and guidelines established by state health officials.

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New four-acre Sister Cities Cultural Gardens coming to heart of Carmel

The REPORTER
Construction will begin soon on a new four-acre urban park in Carmel that will add new water features and walking trails in an area south of City Hall extending to Carmel Drive. City officials say the Sister Cities Cultural Gardens project will also help alleviate a wide area of storm water management to address historic flooding issues. In a partnership with Clay Township, the new park, to be located in the heart of the city, will also be an expansion of the existing Japanese Gardens located on the southern edge of the City Hall parking lot. In addition to providing new parkland and green space within the city's urban

core, the park will be a living Storm Water Management system and Regional Detention Basin serving an active watershed area of about 208 acres. City officials say this is very important as the watershed includes residential and commercial land uses that were developed many years prior to the city's current storm water management regulations. Detaining water in this area, along with drainage improvements along the Monon Greenway, will provide benefits for the watershed downstream in the southeast corner of the city.



Brainard

"One of the things we hear often from our residents is that they want more parks and places for recreation, especially in our rapidly growing central corridor," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "This new park will provide a beautiful new open green space with water amenities, walking trails and other features. Urban parks like this and our Midtown Plaza are key factors in creating a quality of life that helps us attract corporate employers and new residents looking to fill their high-paying jobs."

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Noblesville announces second round of Small Business Resilience Grant recipients

The REPORTER
On Tuesday, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen announced the 45 local establishments receiving of the second round of Noblesville Small Business Resilience Grants. The grant checks were distributed on Wednesday. The grant was created to help small businesses and organizations with unmet immediate needs such as maintaining payroll, paying rent and utilities, paying for personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies, and covering other expenses to remain operational and serve customers and clients. Based on demonstrated need, the grants provided up to \$10,000 per small business impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and \$5,000 to local businesses who opened within



Jensen

the last year or received funding from the first round. "COVID-19 continues to impact our local business and how they operate safely, which is why we offered a second round of grants," Jensen said. "We want to make sure our local businesses have the tools they need to continue to keep our residents employed, to serve residents in the safest way possible, and to stay open for business." The city's small business grant program intends to help those businesses that may not be eligible for other assistance or that have immediate needs beyond that which can be met by other federal and state assistance programs. "I encourage residents to continue to support local businesses and if you are looking

Noblesville Small Business Resilience Grant Recipients, second round	
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ABC Ballroom	Lucky Star Restaurant
Across the Pond	Maria's Mexican Grill
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for places to support, I recommend our cityofnoblesville.org/LoveNoblesville website, which has a business services database and other resources," Jensen said. "Together we can fight this pandemic and come out the other side stronger than ever."

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Prevail's Brittany Winebar chosen for Executive Journey Fellowship

The REPORTER
A total of 29 executives from youth serving organizations from across Indiana have been selected to the 2021 Executive Journey Fellowship. Locally, Brittany Winebar, Director of Mission Achievement at Prevail, Inc., was chosen for the nineteenth class of the Executive Journey Fellowship. In response to a growing need for ongoing professional and personal renewal in the field of youth work, the Journey Fellowship was created in 2002 and funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc. A program of the Indiana Youth Service Association, the Executive Journey Fellowship provides Indiana's youth workers greater opportunities to explore meaning and purpose in their lives and make stronger commitments to the field of youth work. "This Fellowship is about renewing individuals, which leads to renewing organizations and ultimately, to renewing the entire field of youth work," said Journey Leader Tom Plake. Each of the 29 participants in the Journey Fellowship will attend a series of residential retreats designed to create new ways of thinking about and practicing youth work within existing systems and youth programs. Fellows are awarded personal renewal scholarships, and will be supported to make a difference within their local organizations and communities. So far, the Journey Fellowship has served more than 1,000 prospective and current youth workers (2003-2020) through this retreat-based format. Fellows are engaged in creating leadership and renewal



Donate to help build Fishers Gold Star Families memorial



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The City of Fishers is raising funds to create the Fishers Gold Star Families Memorial Monument on the Central Green in front of City Hall to honor the survivors of veterans who gave the greatest sacrifice for this country and our freedom. The City hopes to raise \$60,000 to complete this project. [Click here](#) to donate and learn more.

Westfield issues record-breaking number of building permits in 2020

Submitted by City of Westfield
The City of Westfield announced on Wednesday a record-breaking year for residential building permits issued in 2020. The total number increased to 1,062 permits issued despite the COVID-19 pandemic. "These numbers are evidence that people want to be in Westfield. That speaks volumes on the quality of life here and our wonderful community," Mayor Andy Cook said. "As we bring in more homes, data shows that we are also adding more businesses to our local economy. All together, these are great indicators that we are doing things right in Westfield." "Permits are indicators of future tax revenue coming in to Westfield," Community Development Director Kevin Todd said. "As we continue to respond to the



Cook



Todd

market, Westfield is seeing a mix of residential and commercial activity. In fact, we also saw a record number of commercial permits 2020. This balance is important for city's long-term financial strength." Last year, Westfield was named one of the "Top 10 Places to Live in America" by Money Magazine. The city is also listed among the safest cities in Indiana and has one of the top high schools in America. These recognitions are among a long list of amenities that drive people to the city including Grand Park, a 400-acre sports campus that is home to the Indy Eleven professional soccer team and the Indianapolis Colts Training Camp, award winning parks and more than 110 miles of

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GARDENS

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The \$17 million project was partially funded through the Clay Township Impact Program, which paid for \$3 million in construction costs. Other sources of funding include the 2016 Storm Water Bond. The project cost includes the acquisition of properties along Carmel Drive as well as improvements to the ditch along the Monon Greenway from Carmel Drive to Gradle Drive in order to improve drainage flow into the Garden.

Additional improvements to Monon Greenway, Carter Green

The Monon Greenway improvements will nearly double the width of the trail between Gradle Drive and City Center Drive. The overall experience will also be enhanced as new landscaping, lighting and pedestrian activation areas will be added. On Carter Green, the existing amphitheater will be replaced with an at-grade stage platform that will be able to incorporate 360-degree performances during outdoor concerts, the Carmel Farmers Market, Christkindlmarkt and the Festival of Ice.

New seating areas and more pedestrian-friendly outdoor spaces are planned for areas adjacent to the Palladium and Hotel Carmichael. Additional seating areas and landscaping will be placed along the Mezz Building and the James Building, while the area where the historic phone booth Little Free Library will be transformed into a new play area.

The Monon Greenway from the Mezz south to Gra-

dle Drive will see changes as well. The existing drainage swale will be enclosed to allow for an added new attraction along the Greenway, a new Fire Fighter Memorial. This will provide new public space, providing a memorial to those faithful public servants that have represented the City so well through the years.

Between Gradle Drive and Carmel Drive, the Greenway will see the existing woodlands and tree canopy remain in place as lookouts are installed. Some minor tree clearing will take place to remove invasive species and those in poor health in order to begin establishing new plantings that will ensure the long-term success of the tree canopy. Dredging of the existing drainage swale will take place to enhance storm water drainage capacity and to eliminate the existing problems within the swale, including additional pooling water, trash collection and overall poor water quality in the summer months.

A new bridge structure will be installed between Gradle Drive and the existing red bridge that will allow for easier access to City Hall and the Gazebo area. A new gateway structure will be installed creating a prominent landmark feature that will flow into the newly expanded gardens.

Most of the construction is anticipated to begin this spring with substantial completion by the end of 2021. There may be some additional landscaping that will continue into the spring of 2022.

VACCINES

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On Monday, the Fishers Health Department opened a COVID-19 vaccination site open to all Indiana residents. It is located at 12520 E. 116th St. If you meet the state requirements for vaccination – 70 years old and older, healthcare worker, or first responder – you may go to ourshot.in.gov to schedule your appointment. Residents may also visit fishers.in.us/vaccine to fill out the Vaccine Interest Survey to indicate your interest and ability for standby vaccines and to receive additional vaccine information.

To further reach those aged 70 and older, firefighters will also provide the vac-



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cine to those who are unable to get to a vaccination site because they are medical-

ly homebound through its Community Paramedicine program. Residents may in-

dicate they are homebound through the city's Vaccine Interest Survey.

WINEBAR

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opportunities throughout the state of Indiana. Countless other youth workers have been served through conference workshops, day-long seminars, and other types of renewal for staff and organizations within local communities facilitated by Journey Leaders.

“We know that youth workers play a vital role in the lives of young people. It has been documented in dozens of ways that youth who enjoy positive relationship with adults over time do better in life,” said Journey Leader Janet Wakefield. “We also know that many people

enter the profession because they ‘want to make a difference’ and they enjoy building positive relationships with young people. The Executive Journey Fellowship provides Indiana’s youth workers greater opportunities to strengthen themselves as leaders and invest in their

careers serving the young people of Indiana.”

The Journey is home to a variety of programs that support the renewal and professionalization of youth workers in Indiana and around the country. To learn more, visit thejourneyonline.org.

PERMITS

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trails. The city is also currently redeveloping its historic downtown district and constructing the long-awaited, community-inspired Grand Junction Plaza.

The Builders Association of Greater Indianapolis (BAGI) recently released 2020 numbers of sin-

gle-family building permits in the Greater Indianapolis area, seeing an overall 24 percent increase in the area compared to last year. The data notes Hamilton County to be the most active for new home construction with a 13 percent increase over 2019. Westfield led

Hamilton County making up approximately 40 percent of the 2,607 permits issued county-wide.

According to BAGI, 2020 permits issued in the Greater Indianapolis region have created a total economic impact of \$1,552,477,490 in local in-

come, \$352,438,091 in local taxes and 26,284 local jobs. The median price of new homes in the area in 2020 increased by 4 percent to \$321,927, the highest of the decade.

[Click here](#) to learn more about BAGI and view the annual county data.

Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse
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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

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Teen Task Force updates ‘Show Some C.L.A.S.S.’ acronym

Students encouraged to make time for self-care, learn about vaccines

The REPORTER

Teen Task Forces at Hamilton County high schools have been encouraging their peers to “Show Some C.L.A.S.S.” in the fight against COVID-19 since the beginning of the school year. The original C.L.A.S.S. acronym encouraged students to (C)heck their temperatures, (L)ead by example, (A)void large gatherings, (S)chedule a COVID-19 test, and (S)tay home when they are sick.

But as students headed back to class for the second semester and as COVID-19

vaccines come online, teen leaders felt it was time to update the acronym. The new C.L.A.S.S. acronym stands for:

- **C – COMMIT TO SELF-CARE.** Take time to check on your physical and mental health. Teens often underestimate the importance of a good diet, exercise, and sleep and the potential effect that may have on their mental health.

- **L – LEARN ABOUT THE VACCINE.** Pediatric clinical trials will start soon on the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Teens are encour-

aged to talk to their parents and healthcare providers.

- **A – AVOID IN-HOME GATHERINGS.** Private parties and in-home gatherings are the leading cause of transmission. Visit with people outside your immediate family in public spaces.

- **S – SOCIAL DISTANCE AND MASK UP.** Combined with hand washing, these two habits are the best protection teens



Richardson

have from the COVID-19 virus at the current moment.

- **S – STAY HOME.** Stay home if you are sick, have been a close contact to someone with COVID-19, or are waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test.

“The new year offers new hope, but also pandemic fatigue,” said Westfield High School senior Jake Richardson. “We want our student body to take time for them-


selves and know it’s okay to not be okay. And although some of us are still too young to receive the vaccine, it’s certainly not too early to start thinking about it.”

The Show Some C.L.A.S.S. campaign was launched in August in schools across Hamilton County to encourage students to adopt healthy habits that would help slow the transmission of the virus among their peers. Most of those schools, through the students’ adoption of the acronym, were able to keep schools open for the entire

first semester. They’re hoping to have the same good fortune this semester.




“The kids really want to be in school,” said Beth Ellis with Westfield Washington Schools. “And they’re willing to do whatever they need to be here. I think a lot of adults underestimate the interest our kids have in the pandemic and the passion they have for being part of the solution. This campaign allows them some ownership over it.”

Learn more about the Show Some C.L.A.S.S. campaign, please visit showsomeclass.org.



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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer’s conversation with city officials “doesn’t do much for trust in government”

Dear Editor:

This is a warning to Carmel residents who, like me, have questions for city officials.

In a [letter to this newspaper](#) dated Jan. 6, I had asked why \$318 million disappeared from Carmel’s debt posting with the state’s Department of Local Government Finance.

A city council member replied that he’d like to answer my questions in a face-to-face meeting. He set up a meeting for last Friday afternoon.

When I arrived, I found him, the city controller, a representative of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission and a second city councilor leaving a prior meeting. They motioned me into a conference room.

Then, my host set up a tripod and camera to record things, asking if I minded. I didn’t mind since the innocent have nothing to hide.

My question was answered in five minutes and the balance of the two-hour-long meeting was spent questioning my choice of words, facts and metaphors in which I write.

My conclusion is that this new, 21st Century way of handling constituent questions has great promise for the utopians we elect to office, and to their appointees.

It just doesn’t do much for the “trust in government” account.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Mead: ‘Westfield Preservation Alliance’ making foolish, untrue exaggerations about SR 32 improvement plan

Dear Editor:

A few writers who call themselves “The Westfield Preservation Alliance” are at this late date writing about saving Westfield’s history by stopping 13 years of study by many Westfield citizens.

The study’s goal has been to save the failing of downtown Westfield. The special study group of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan has indeed rescued it – hardly a vacancy now. We became the Grand Junction Task Group (GJTG). As a 13-year member of the GJTG I don’t know of a single “historic” home that is proposed to be taken for the redesign of Main Street (State Road 32) through downtown.

These few folks would take us back to the old failing downtown that we saved with a carefully studied plan that does save historic buildings.

Yes, the owners of the pharmacy building, Erika’s Place/Pickett’s Cafeteria, and other commercial ones have long known they would be replaced with very attractive vintage designed commercial buildings and façades. One of the buildings they call “historic” is old, but not historic nor attractive. The new buildings between Grand Junction Plaza and Main Street will be very attractive and serve a great need.

We tried to move SR 32 with a bypass as they suggest, but that would cost a great deal more and still not relieve growing traffic on Main Street.

The [article in the Reporter last week](#) by the “Alliance” had many false statements. Westfield would not have its world-famous Grand Park if we followed the criticisms from Indy Star and IBJ that the “Alliance” quoted. We are trying to make downtown work.

Mic Mead
Westfield

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Schaibley’s bill to provide Hoosiers with more health care cost transparency moves forward

The REPORTER

State Rep. Donna Schaibley's (R-Carmel) bill to provide Hoosiers with more transparency about their health care costs took a step forward Monday with the support of the House Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

According to Schaibley, **House Bill 1402** would establish the in-

frastructure to create an All Payer Claims Database, which can be used by consumers to compare health care prices.

"Consumers compare prices for cars, homes and any other major ex-



Schaibley

informed decisions regarding their health care." Schaibley's bill this

session comes after a law she sponsored in 2020 provides Hoosiers with health care pricing information at hospitals and outpatient centers. This law also requires providers and insurance companies to disclose estimated costs in advance of the procedure.

HB 1402 now heads to

the full House of Representatives for further consideration.

For more information about HB 1402, visit iga.in.gov.

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Letter to the Editor

Smythe says “Thank you, Victoria!” for her vote against impeachment

Dear Editor:

Last week, within hours of the impeachment vote in the House, the one that our new Congresswoman Victoria Spartz voted against, my phone was blowing up with Never Trumpers asking me WTH. Seems my constant assurances that when the time came, she would do the right thing has different meaning to different people.

I do not take any credit for [her vote on impeachment](#), but I will acknowledge I did send her a text message advising of the same (admittedly not with the same degree of baby splitting as her) based simply on the fact – there was nothing for her to gain by voting in favor of impeachment.

A week later, and witnessing how the GOP at large reacted to those that did vote for impeachment, I remain confident my advice, and her decision, was the right one.

The **Wyoming GOP** censured the third-ranking member of GOP House leadership because she had the temerity to do what her conscience demanded.

The GOP has lost their collective minds.

The **AZ GOP** party just censured their sitting Governor along with the widow of John McCain and former Senator Jeff Flake.

The HamCo GOP could not bring themselves to publicly rebuke nor punish one of their own County Councilors that pleaded guilty to destroying a fellow GOP primary opponents’ sign. Yet all over the country the GOP is punishing elected candidates for doing their sworn oath.

Emotions are running high all throughout the country right now, but the Trump cult is not chastened as a result of his effort to incite an insurrection to overturn the election results. My observation is quite the opposite. Thus, as a newly elected representative from a highly competitive district (thanks Trump), Victoria needs to navigate the next two years with great caution. The parts of the district north of HamCo love Trump and will punish her for anything they view as “disloyal.” Those of us in HamCo and south (as is currently drawn) are not big fans of Trumpism nor his cult of personality politics.

My advice is for her to continue to do what she feels is the right thing for this country and this 5th District – not what is in the best interest for a twice-impeached disgraced ex-President.

Bill Smythe
Fishers
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 8:26-30 (NIV)

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Young helps introduce bipartisan bill to award Officer Eugene Goodman with Congressional Gold Medal

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), and 33 of their Senate colleagues introduced legislation to award Officer Eugene Goodman the Congressional Gold Medal to honor his heroic actions on Jan. 6, 2021. Goodman confronted rioters in the Capitol, delaying their access to the Senate chamber and protecting the lives of those inside.

"January 6 was a day that will not be forgotten," Sen. Young said. "U.S. Capitol Police officers, including Officer Goodman, stepped up to protect the Capitol building and the lives within it. Officer

Goodman acted quickly to divert the mob away from the Senate Chamber where Senators were still conducting business. His bravery on that day deserves recognition, and this Congressional Gold Medal will ensure his heroic actions are honored."

"Officer Goodman is a hero. He protected our democracy by holding off and then diverting a violent mob away from the Senate chamber," Sen. Van Hollen said. "His actions on January 6 saved lives – including those of many of our Senate colleagues and staff. Maryland is proud to call him one of our own, and I'm honored to introduce



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U.S. Senator Todd Young (right) thanked Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman (left) at the inauguration on Jan. 20.

this bipartisan bill to recognize his bravery."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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Girls basketball Millers overpower Arabians

By RICHIE HALL

NOBLESVILLE - The Noblesville girls basketball team was feeling sentimental going into its regular-season finale with Pendleton Heights Wednesday at The Mill.

The Class 4A No. 8 Millers channeled that emotion into a dominating performance on the court. After a tight first quarter, Noblesville turned up the heat and ran away from the Arabians 73-36. The Millers finished the regular season on a four-game win streak and head to Zionsville next week to begin play in Class 4A Sectional 8.

Pendleton Heights came into the game with an 11-8 record, and gave Noblesville a challenge in the first quarter. The two teams traded the lead six times in that opening period, with the Arabians up 7-6 midway through. Emily Wood scored the Millers' six points, keeping her team close.

Brooklyn Smitherman scored on a putback to put Noblesville up 8-7, and Kaitlyn Shoemaker added a free throw to give the Millers a 9-7 lead. Halle Brunner made two foul shots to tie the game at 9-9 with 29 seconds left in the quarter.

"We were just a little tight as a group," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "They were really excited and sentimental about it being their last game, so they came out just wanting to play really well and I think we were just a little bit tight from that."

Then Ashlynn Shade got going. The sophomore star scored on a putback to give Noblesville an 11-9 lead at the end of the quarter. She completely took over in the second period, pouring in 14 points in a row to put the Millers up 25-9. Shade hit two free throws, back-to-back 3-pointers, a fadeaway, a jumper and scored off a steal.

"We made a couple shots and then got on a roll," said Buckley. "Ashlynn obviously went wild there in the second. But other kids also hit shots and just blew the game wide open."

Reagan Wilson helped out with eight points in the second quarter, a layin and a pair of 3s. Meanwhile, Shade added nine more points late in the quarter, including another triple. Shade had 23 points in the second, and Noblesville held a 42-16 halftime lead.

It was Wilson's turn to dominate in the third quarter, as she scored 12 points during that period. Wilson had two additional 3s in the third, giving her four long-range baskets for the game.

"She was awesome in the third and she's been playing so well," said Buckley.

Mallory Miller also hit a 3 during the third quarter, which ended with Noblesville up 63-26. The Millers bench took care of business in the fourth: Jayla Jones drained a 3 and Dani Mendez also added three points.

"Brooklyn Smitherman played really well for us," said Buckley. "Dani was awesome tonight, she played hard and really more aggressive than she's been in a while. It was fun just to see have so many different kids contributing."

Shade totaled 27 points for Noblesville, with Wilson scoring 20 points. Wood finished with eight points. Mendez led the rebounds with seven, followed by Wilson and Smitherman with six each. Shade handed out six assists, Wilson had four assists and four steals and Smitherman blocked three shots.

The Millers completed the regular season with an 18-4 record and will play Hamilton Southeastern Tuesday in the first game of the Zionsville sectional.

NOBLESVILLE 73, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 36

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ashlynn Shade	10-21	4-4	27	1
Reagan Wilson	8-11	0-0	20	1
Mallory Miller	1-7	0-0	3	3
Brooklyn Smitherman	2-3	0-0	4	2
Emily Wood	4-5	0-0	8	2
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	0-4	1-2	1	2
Jayla Jones	1-4	0-0	3	0
Dani Mendez	1-3	1-3	3	2
Brooklyn Ely	0-3	0-0	0	0
Makenna Mundy	1-2	0-0	2	0
Emery Denison	0-1	0-0	0	1
Carly Motz	0-1	0-0	0	1
Ava Shoemaker	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	29-66	6-9	73	15

Score by Quarters
Pendleton 9 7 10 10 - 36
Noblesville 11 31 21 10 - 73
Noblesville 3-point shooting (9-24) Wilson 4-5, Shade 3-8, Jones 1-3, Miller 1-3, K. Shoemaker 0-3, Ely 0-1, Motz 0-1.
Noblesville rebounds (42) Mendez 7, Wilson 6, Smitherman 6, Shade 4, Miller 4, K. Shoemaker 3, Ely 2, Mundy 2, Wood 2, Jones 1, Denison 1, A. Shoemaker 1, team 3.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Emily Wood scored eight points for the Millers during their 73-36 win over Pendleton Heights Wednesday at The Mill.

Changes for state swimming, wrestling tournaments

There will be some major changes to the IHSAA's winter sports post-season this year as the high school sports scene continues to work around the effects of COVID-19.

The sports of swimming and wrestling will be affected, especially at the state level. The IHSAA has information publicized on its website under each individual sport, as well in the [minutes](#) of its most recent Executive Committee meeting, which took place on Jan. 14.

In both girls and boys swimming, the state tournaments will still have a Friday-Saturday format, but with adjusted times. The girls swimming state finals are set for Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13, and the boys swimming state finals are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 26 and Saturday, Feb. 27, both at the IU Natatorium.

The Friday preliminaries will take place in two session. Swimmers that qualify for state from odd-numbered sectionals will swim at noon, while those from even-numbered sectionals will swim at 5 p.m.

Fishers, Hamilton Heights and Hamilton Southeastern compete in Sectional 8 for both girls and boys, with the girls competing in the Fishers sectional and

the boys at Southeastern. Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Noblesville and Westfield compete in Sectional 9; the girls swim the sectional at Carmel and the boys at Noblesville. University's swimmers compete in Sectional 12, with the girls at West Lafayette and the boys at Lafayette Jefferson.

The Saturday championships will also have two sessions. All of the diving - preliminaries, semi-finals and finals - will take place starting at 9 a.m. The swimming events begin at 3:30 p.m., with both the consolation and championship finals.

The IHSAA said on its website that there will be no spectators at either the girls or boys state finals "due to local health guidelines" and that all competition at both meets "will be streamed live at IHSAAtv.org"

TWO WRESTLING SESSIONS

The IHSAA hasn't announced times yet for the wrestling state finals, which take place Friday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 20 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The format will stay the same, with first-round matches on Friday and the top eight competing for state championships the next day.

In the Executive Committee meeting minutes, it was noted that the Friday matches "will likely be run in two separate sessions divided by weight class," with the first session starting at noon and the second session starting at 7 p.m. "The facility will be cleared and cleaned between those sessions," the minutes said.

Locally, the Elwood wrestling sectional will take place Saturday with no fans in attendance, according to the Elwood Athletics Twitter account. Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights and Noblesville will compete at that sectional.

Dickerson ties 3-point record . . . Blackhawks cruise past Monrovia

Sheridan cruised past Monrovia 63-29 in a Wednesday away game that was the regular-season finale for the Blackhawks.

Sheridan outscored the Bulldogs in each of the four quarters, leading 19-6 after one period and 32-16 at halftime. The 'Hawks then had a solid defensive effort in the third quarter, allowing Monrovia only two points. Sheridan led 43-18 after three.

Lillie Dickerson scored 27 points and tied the school record for most 3-pointers made in a game by hitting eight triples.

Allie Delph added 11 points and Emma Went scored 10.

The Blackhawks' Friday game with Taylor is canceled, according to the Sheridan athletics website, thus the 'Hawks finish the regular season with a 10-4 record, 5-2 in Hoosier Heartland Conference play. Sheridan is next in action on Friday, Feb. 5 at Class 2A Sectional 38 at Fountain Central; the 'Hawks received the by and will play the winner of Tuesday's game between Seeger and Fountain Central.

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Hamilton Heights' Jillian Osswald to play basketball for Taylor University

Jillian Osswald, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Taylor University in Upland, Indiana this fall. Taylor University is a member of the Crossroads League and a NAIA athletic institution. She is the daughter of Brad and Amber Osswald.

Osswald, who also played volleyball for Hamilton Heights, began playing AAU travel basketball at age 8 and has played basketball at Heights since the third grade. A four-year varsity letter winner, it has been Osswald's dedication and hard work that has helped her to earn success in the classroom, on the court, and to improve upon her skills with every practice and every game.

This three-year varsity captain, named Indy Star Player of the Week (2019), voted season MVP, All-County Honorable Mention (2019), All-County First Team, Most Assists (2019), Indiana Class Basketball All-Star Candidate and Indy Star Girls Basketball Top Performer (2019), chose Taylor University for several reasons. The first is the family environment she felt during her visit to the campus. "The entire basketball team was welcoming and helped me feel like family," recalled Osswald of her visits to Taylor. "I always wanted to play basketball at the collegiate level and on a successful team with a strong coaching staff. Taylor provides that and a lot more. I am also looking forward to taking my game to the next level working with Coach Martinez."

The other reason for Taylor being a top pick is its strong sports management program that Osswald feels will help her to reach her post-college goal of managing an Indiana sports team or becoming an event coordinator.

Osswald credits her parents as having the biggest impact on her growth and development over the years, especially her dad, who never hesitates to take her to the gym or try to beat her on the court in a game of one on one. She also expressed gratitude to all her past and present coaches in the huge role they played in helping her to develop into the player she is today.

During Jillian's (aka "Oz") four years in this program, she has never let the situation define her," said Keegan Cherry, HHHS Varsity Girls Basketball Head



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights senior Jillian Osswald has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the Taylor University Trojans in Upland, Indiana. Osswald (seated) is pictured with (left to right) with her mother, Amber, Jody Martinez, Taylor University Women's Head Basketball Coach, and her father, Brad.

Coach. "She has strived to be great individually and as a team. I reflect with enjoyment and satisfaction that she is leaving the program better because of her contributions. Her dedication to our program and commitment to representing

herself, school, and community to our standard, has been a shining example. She embodies the type of characteristics that leave me with no doubt that Oz will be successful at Taylor University in the classroom and on the court. And more importantly, Jillian will be successful in the game of life."

"Jillian has been a pleasure to watch on the basketball court over the course of her high school career," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights Athletic Director. "She has been committed to the sport year-round for ten years and through her hard work, it has paid dividends. She is also another outstanding Hamilton Heights athlete that we are proud of for excelling in the classroom as well as on the court. She has been a phenomenal role model for her teammates and an outstanding

leader, on and off the court. We wish her well as she continues her basketball career at Taylor University."

When Osswald is not on the court or in the gym, she is active in a variety of extracurricular activities including National Honor Society and 4-H. In fact, she is a 10-year member of 4-H, a 4-H junior leader, and Pork Ambassador. She also regularly attends ITOWN Church.

"As I approach the end of my senior year," added Osswald, who recently spearheaded an event hosted by the HHHS Girls Basketball team, Pink Out for Breast Cancer, "I want to be remembered for my dedication to the community and in the basketball program. I hope to grow into an even better person in the future and leave a positive impact on my peers."

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Sacramento 121, Orlando 107	San Antonio 110, Boston 106			
Brooklyn 132, Atlanta 128	New Orleans 124, Washington 106			

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American	W	L	PCT.	GB	Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	12	8	.667	-	Utah	13	4	.765	-
Boston	10	6	.625	1.0	Denver	10	7	.588	3.0
Brooklyn	11	8	.579	1.5	Portland	9	7	.563	3.5
New York	8	11	.421	4.5	Oklahoma City	7	9	.438	5.5
Toronto	7	10	.412	4.5	Minnesota	4	12	.250	8.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	10	6	.625	-	L.A. Lakers	14	4	.778	-
Indiana	10	7	.588	0.5	L.A. Clippers	13	5	.722	1.0
Cleveland	8	9	.471	2.5	Phoenix	8	7	.533	4.5
Chicago	7	10	.412	3.5	Golden State	9	8	.529	4.5
Detroit	4	13	.235	6.5	Sacramento	6	10	.375	7.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	9	8	.529	-	Memphis	7	6	.538	-
Orlando	8	10	.444	1.5	San Antonio	9	8	.529	-
Charlotte	7	10	.412	2.0	Dallas	8	9	.471	1.0
Miami	6	10	.375	2.5	Houston	7	9	.438	1.5
Washington	3	10	.231	4.0	New Orleans	5	10	.333	3.0

Pacers beat Charlotte for season's fifth road win

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Domantas Sabonis didn't let a minor knee bump slow him down.

Just 48 hours after being diagnosed with a left knee contusion, the big man notched his second triple-double of the season by recording 22 points, 11 rebounds, and 10 assists. His elite performance led the Pacers (11-7) to a 116-106 victory over the Charlotte Hornets (7-11) Wednesday night at Spectrum Center for their fifth road win of the season.

"Yeah, I don't like sitting," he said postgame. "I felt bad I couldn't come back last game. It was a weird feeling – I was in pain, wanted to make sure with the MRI. I woke up today, felt a bit better, and then after my nap I felt good. ... I felt I could play."

After Indiana raced out to a 17-point advantage in the first quarter, Charlotte roared back in the second and took a slim lead in the second half. However, after former Indiana Hoosier Cody Zeller cut the Pacers' lead to 94-92 with 7:45 to go, Indiana outscored Charlotte 22-14 for the remainder of the period to seal the win down the stretch.

Two additional Pacers topped the 20-point mark tonight. Though he made only one shot from deep, Doug McDermott scored a game-high 28 off the bench on 12-of-22 shooting. The 28 points were also a season-high for McDermott, who found constant success cutting into the paint.

"Doug's been amazing all year," Sabonis praised. "They're pressuring him so much, they don't want him to shoot threes. So, he's finishing with twos. I think no one thought Doug can finish like that, but we've known for a while now and now he's having his opportunity to do it. I was trying to find him."

Malcolm Brogdon had another presidential night, recording 25 on 9-of-17 shooting, hauling in seven boards and dishing out six assists.

Trailing 13-8 with 7:28 to go in the first, head coach Nate Bjorkgren had seen enough. He called a timeout to regroup the squad. It appeared to ignite the team.

The Pacers raced out to an eight-point lead behind a 15-2 run. Justin Holiday, Jeremy Lamb, and Brogdon all connected from deep, while Sabonis found a pair of buckets in the paint. His driving left-handed layup with 4:08 remaining in the first gave Indiana a 23-15 lead and forced Hornets coach James Borrego to call his first timeout.

The timeout did little to stop Indiana, as Holiday nailed his third 3-pointer of the period from the right baseline. The snipe started another run of nine unanswered points for the Blue & Gold. Sabonis' heads-up outlet pass to a streaking McDermott gave Indiana a 32-15 lead with 1:34 left in the first. The Blue & Gold's stifling defense held Charlotte to just four points over the last 6:04 of the frame. They finished the first with a commanding 36-19 lead.

But Charlotte responded in the second quarter, outscoring Indiana 36-23 in the frame to pull to within four before halftime. The club opened the second with an 8-2 run before Goga Bitadze halted things with a putback slam. But they kept on chipping away.

Brownsburg native Gordon Hayward scored five straight, and Devonte' Graham's 3-pointer at the 7:52 mark trimmed

the once 17-point lead down to 40-35. Coach Bjorkgren attempted to slow things down with another timeout. Unfortunately, it didn't help.

Seven unanswered points from P.J. Washington eventually erased Indiana's early advantage and knotted things up at 42 apiece. Zeller's dunk with 4:21 to go finally pushed Charlotte ahead 46-44.

Indiana regained some control late in the second. Justin Holiday's fourth trey and a T.J. McConnell jumper gave the club a 54-49 lead with 2:05 remaining. Charlotte responded to nab a 55-54 lead. However, Brogdon hit a technical free throw and Sabonis banked in a wild shot-clock beating 3-pointer to push Indiana ahead 59-55 before the break.

What was a fast-paced first half turned into a foul fest for Indiana early in the third. The sporadic play allowed the Hornets to find extra possessions and grind their way to a 67-63 lead at the 8:14 mark of the third. But, the Blue & Gold fought through their struggles and tied things up at 67-all on a gritty layup from Brogdon amid three Charlotte defenders.

After an Indiana timeout, the squad outscored Charlotte 12-6 in a 3:33 span to grab a 79-73 lead with 2:31 left in the third. During the run, Sabonis tallied five more points – including an emphatic one-handed slam – while Holiday connected on his fifth and final 3-point shot of the night. He finished with 19.

Charlotte kept a close eye on Indiana, however, as Miles Bridges connected on a trey to cut Indiana's lead to 79-78 with 1:37 left. But, as is tradition, Brogdon carried Indiana late in the quarter. The president recorded the final five Pacers points of the frame, including a cold-blooded three with the shot-clock expiring, to grab an 84-80 lead before the fourth.

The Pacers responded another Bridges three with eight unanswered to open up a 92-83 lead with 10:07 to play. A few minutes later, Zeller's layup attempt had a fortunate bounce off the back of the rim and pulled Charlotte to within two.

But Indiana paid no mind. 0:41 later, McConnell drove the lane and collapsed the Hornets' defense. He then flicked a pass out to a wide-open McDermott for a three with 7:04 to play to push Indiana ahead 99-92.

The Blue & Gold stretched their lead to double digits for the first time in the second half at the 4:34 mark. McConnell found Brogdon for a 26-foot triple on the right wing that put Indiana ahead 108-98. It would be his eighth of nine total assists on the night. Less than 30 seconds later, Sabonis found McDermott cutting into the lane to put the Pacers ahead by 12.

Sabonis notched his 10th assist on a similar play to McDermott with 3:03 remaining that gave Indiana a 112-100 lead. From there, the defense kept the Hornets from mounting a serious comeback. The Blue & Gold cruised to the victory down the stretch. However, they'll have to keep the victory celebration short, as they'll now face a more-motivated Hornets team again in less than 48 hours from now.

"(This) game doesn't matter," Brogdon said. "You take the good from it, you learn from the bad, and you up your intensity for the next game. You cannot relax in this league and you can't relax this season – especially when you're playing a team two times in a row."

Wednesday high school basketball scores

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