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Hamilton County calls on surrounding counties to collaborate in COVID-19 fight

By DEMIE JOHNSON
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Hamilton County health officials have called on local elected leaders to begin working with surrounding counties to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Their message, which was written in a

letter, echoes one made by Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and Dr. Virginia Caine last week.

"The more we know about what each other is doing as a region, I think will strengthen our fight against the pandemic," Hogsett said.

Hogsett and Caine

suggested counties begin working together. At the same time, Hamilton County Health Department administrator Barry McNulty and his team were planning a response to a rise in cases, hospitalizations and deaths in Hamilton County.

"We were already

talking about this at the same time that came out, so we just incorporated that information to the local elected officials," said McNulty. He added that with so many people living in one county and working in another, a regional approach just makes sense.

The letter did not

discuss a specific plan of attack or what restrictions could come, but McNulty said the goal seems to be for most of the counties surrounding Marion to work as one when it comes to coronavirus restrictions, even if the state doesn't change its plan.

"We're pretty much

all on the same boat, some are a little better than others, but we're all on the same boat, so it makes sense to work together," said McNulty.

He also said some mayors and county commissioners have already agreed to meet, but did not say when.



McNulty

Fishers announces completion of Nickel Plate Trail paving

The REPORTER

Fall construction season is in full swing around Fishers, and this month the City of Fishers plans to debut several long-awaited projects around the city.

"Many of these projects have been in the works for years, so I'm incredibly excited to see the culmination of our work," Fishers Director of Engineering Jason Taylor said. "These improvements will enhance both the motorist and pedestrian experience around our community, in a time where it's more important than ever that we help our residents get to where they're going quickly and efficiently, and give them new opportu-

nities to explore our community by foot."

Fall projects include:

Nickel Plate Trail

The first paved portion of the Nickel Plate Trail is set to be completed later this month. Paving has been completed between 106th and 126th streets, and grading, paving and crossing improvements are in progress between 126th and 131st streets. The paved trail extending between 106th and 131st streets is set to open before Thanksgiving. Paving between 96th and 106th streets and 131st and 146th streets will be completed when funding becomes available.

96th Street

On Monday, Nov. 9, the City will debut two projects along the 96th Street corridor. The first project, in partnership with Hamilton County and the City of Indianapolis, is located east of Sargent Road to Cumberland Road and includes additional travel lanes, a walking path, and a widened bridge over Mud Creek. The second project, which began this summer, consists of major resurfacing and construction of grass medians on 96th Street, east of Interstate 69.

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Noblesville leaf collection now underway

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Street Department is in the process of its annual leaf pickup program, which continues through Dec. 11, as weather permits.

There are two methods that residents may use to dispose of leaves: 1) Placing leaves in free, biodegradable bags; or 2) Raking loose leaves to the grass area next to the curb without placing leaves in the street.

Biodegradable bags are available free of charge to Noblesville residents at all Noblesville fire stations, at City Hall (16 S. 10th St.) and at the Noblesville Street Department (1575 Pleasant St.). Both bagged and loose leaves are recycled into compost.

Residents are also strongly encouraged to bag their leaves after Dec. 11 because loose leaves run the risk of freezing. If residents have loose leaves for pickup after Dec. 11, they will need to contact the Street Department and provide their address.

For more information, call the Noblesville Street Department at (317) 776-6348.



File photo

Leaf collection by the Noblesville Street Department will continue through Dec. 11.

'Don't Leave It to Beaver' continuing its own public education campaign

Submitted

Editor's note: The Don't Leave It to Beaver grassroots organization that has been advocating against the proposed gravel pit near Potter's Bridge Park recently released the following statement to citizens of Noblesville and all of Hamilton County. The Reporter is printing the statement in its entirety. Please note that the following does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Hamilton County Reporter newspaper, its publisher or its staff.

Don't Leave It to Beaver continues its public education campaign, both online and on foot, endeavoring to reach hundreds of homes and several businesses throughout Noblesville and warn them of the dangers a gravel pit and gravel pit lake could pose to their health and wealth in the coming decade.

At the same time, the Hamilton County Parks Department Board lent its support to Chris Beaver and Beaver Materials in a revised submission to the Noblesville Planning Commission. Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is officially designated as a co-petitioner.

A deal with Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department, it appears, has been in the works out of the public eye for several months as stated in the project application: "The Hamilton County Parks Department has been collaborating with Chris Beaver for several months."

The Don't Leave It to Beaver group is profoundly disappointed in the Hamilton County Parks Department for the lack of public transparency on the issue, for its support of a gravel pit near Potter's Bridge Park despite numerous ecological and safety concerns, and for the subse-

quent atmosphere of distrust.

Indeed, sheriff's deputies were prepared at the Parks Board meeting to handle protesters who never appeared.

"If you were talking to your neighbors, you would understand that people are up at City Hall holding signs," said Noblesville resident Jack Tharp, as he recounted the Parks Boards meeting where Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Director Chris Stice recommended that the Parks Department sign on with Beaver as co-petitioners. "This is how out of it you are."

The Don't Leave It to Beaver group remains undeterred and will continue to fight for the good of the Noblesville community. Concerned Hamilton County residents should sign the online petition at Change.org/StopBeaver and take action at DontLeaveItToBeaver.com.

Hats off to people who organized the election

Almost going unnoticed in all this week's election excitement was the role of the Hamilton County elections office and the hundreds of workers in the precincts. They did an admirable job of tallying the incredible 200,000 votes cast before and during Election Day.

County Clerk Kathy Williams, Elections Administrator Beth Sheller and their staff not only had to get the votes counted, but had to oversee the staffing of 221

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FRED SWIFT
The County Line

Assisted living facilities need tech support

This pandemic has made me appreciate the employees at my mother's assisted living facility now more than ever. They've been there to show her care, concern and love each and every day when her family and friends can't. I'm grateful for the one time a week I can visit, but I wish it could be more.

As I've previously shared, we did have a fleeting four weeks in October where we could enter her apartment, with everyone wearing masks and keeping their distance.

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AMY SHANKLAND
Sandwiched

Community First Bank to hold Veteran's Day Thank You Lunch

The REPORTER

Community First Bank (CFB) will hold a drive-thru, take-home lunch to all veterans in and around Hamilton County from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Veterans are invited to pick up a free lunch (grilled hamburger, sides, dessert) from the comfort and safety of their car at the Oak Ridge Branch, located at the corner of State Road 32 and Oak Ridge in Westfield.

"As a son and grandson of a veteran, I am truly honored to be able to give back to those who have given and those who continue to give so much for our country," said Nicholas Harbin, CFB Oak Ridge Branch Manager.

CFB volunteers will be wearing masks, regularly sanitizing, and respecting guidelines from local officials to protect the health and safety of all in attendance.

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CONSTRUCTION

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precincts and make sure that hundreds of voting machines were placed and operating properly.

Elections today are not simple and not inexpensive. The total cost has not yet been calculated, but whatever the cost, it is worth it to enable county voters to easily participate in this basic American right.

Tuesday's election was the biggest in county history by far and presented a real challenge for a county that has never before been considered a major center of political importance.

But with 200,000 voters participating, second largest in Indiana, you can bet Hamilton County will attract a lot of attention in future elections both statewide and nationally when candidates and news media are looking for places where contests are decided.

In the meantime, congratulations to the folks who made Election Day efficient and successful in Hamilton County.

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State Road 37

The work at 126th Street, east of SR 37, is wrapping up and the interchange is set to open next week. Construction is also underway at SR 37 and 146th Street and left-turn lanes are currently restricted. This work will be completed in the Fall of 2021. To learn more about the SR 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

Roundabout at 126th Street and Ford Drive

The new roundabout at 126th Street and Ford Drive opened to traffic this week.

Resurfacing

Road resurfacing is in progress in Burberry and will be completed before Thanksgiving.

Downtown Improvements

The South Street project has been completed and the road opened to traffic in September. There is still construction occurring in the area due to development projects. The Lantern Road drainage improvement and resurfacing project is nearing completion. Lantern Road is complete and open to traffic with pavement work along Frances Street anticipated to be completed before Thanksgiving.

To stay up to date on all city construction projects, subscribe to the weekly construction newsletter at fishers.in.us/DriveFishers.

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During that time period, I got that old familiar phone call from Mom.

“Amy, my TV’s not working. Can John come by and take a look?” she asked.

John, my husband, (a.k.a. Technology Guru) was wonderful as usual and kindly stopped by her apartment that evening on his way to a sales appointment. John knew what the problem was even before he entered her apartment. With a press of the input button on her remote, Mom’s television was back in business.

But when I got the same phone call last week, we had returned to having to schedule visits in the front of the facility. I told Mom to try the good old input button and hoped for the best. Thankfully someone on staff figured out the problem for her.

I know Mom’s situation is actually quite common among the elderly – just look up the Amazon Echo commercial from *Saturday Night Live* on You Tube.

I realize most assisted living facilities do their best for those we love and are probably stretched thin at times with their budgets and staff. But in an ideal world, what they all need is their own Tech Support staff.

Think about it – this would greatly relieve the CNAs and maintenance people from spending their time fixing the following scenarios and so many others:

“My computer’s not working – how can I get it started?”

“Why can’t I get my email on this tablet?”

“Help! The people on my TV are suddenly speaking Spanish?”

I bet this person would be quite busy each and every day. In fact, he or she would probably be the most well-known staff member there!

Alas, I know this can’t be a reality, so we have to do our best with Post-It notes, long phone calls, and the amazingly patient staff members who are already there. Thankfully, companies are recognizing this struggle and have created wonderful products such as the Grand Pad and the Flipper Big Button Universal Remote.

After the past two weeks, I just might invest in the latter.



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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:

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Thief picks up leaf blower, dodges arrest in Carmel



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On Oct. 17, the suspect shown in the photo above was seen taking a backpack leaf blower from the bed of a pickup truck parked along Brigade Circle in Carmel. The suspect was driving an early 2000s Dodge Durango with a white rectangular decal on the back windshield. The suspect appeared to be wearing a red hoodie with a white logo on the back, and blue jeans. If you have any information on this person, please contact Carmel Police Officer Cristhian Rodriguez at (317) 571-2500 or call Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference CPD case number 20-70313.

How hunters can test harvested deer for chronic wasting disease

The REPORTER

Hunters can help the DNR with chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance efforts by submitting samples from harvested deer during the 2020-21 deer hunting season.

CWD is a neurologic disease that affects white-tailed deer. The fatal disease is transmitted directly through bodily fluids such as feces, saliva, blood, or urine, or indirectly through environmental contamination of soil, plants, or water. CWD is found in free-ranging white-tailed deer in several Midwestern states close to Indiana, including Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. To date, CWD has not been detected in deer tested from Indiana.

During three weekends in November (Nov. 7-8, 14-15, and 21-22), biologists will operate sampling stations to collect lymph nodes from deer harvested within the CWD surveil-

lance area. The surveillance area includes Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Newton, Porter, Pulaski and Starke counties in northwest Indiana, and Dekalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties in northeast Indiana.

Sampling stations will be located at DNR fish & wildlife areas (FWAs), state fish hatcheries (SFHs), and cooperating businesses in the 11-county surveillance area. The locations of these sampling stations can be found at on.IN.gov/cwd.

Hunters may also have their harvested deer sampled for CWD outside the surveillance area throughout the entire 2020-2021 season at select FWAs, SFHs and National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) statewide. At FWAs, DNR staff will collect samples in-person by appointment during normal business hours. Some FWAs, SFHs, and NWRs will offer a 24/7 option through which

hunters can place the head of their harvested deer in a designated cooler for CWD testing. Contact information for participating properties is at on.IN.gov/cwd. No fee will be charged for voluntarily submitting harvested deer for CWD testing at these locations.

As thanks for submitting deer for testing, participants will receive a metal tag reminiscent of historical harvest registration procedures.

Successful hunters who would like to have their deer sampled for CWD but do not wish to visit a property may submit samples directly to the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) at Purdue University for a fee. More information and submission forms are available at this link.

For more information or to view sampling location information, visit on.IN.gov/cwd.

Fishers Police issue car break-in alert near 116th Street & Brooks School Road

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

The Fishers Police Department has issued a warning to residents of the Sandstone and Meadow Brook neighborhoods, in the area near 116th Street and Brooks School Road, after reports of 12 thefts from vehicles and two thefts of vehicles in the early morning hours Thursday.

Detectives are asking residents living in this area to check their home security surveillance footage for suspicious persons or vehicles on or near their property between the hours of 1 and 4 a.m. Thursday. Anyone with information regarding these thefts is asked to call Detective/Sergeant Ruble at (317) 595-3319.

Residents are advised to follow the guidance below, issued by Fishers Police:

1. **Never** leave your vehicle unsecured, even if you are only going to be away from it for a short time. Thieves only need a few seconds to open an

unlocked door and retrieve valuables that are left in plain sight.

2. Secure valuables in the trunk before leaving your vehicle. Thieves will often take the time to look into windows before choosing a particular vehicle to break-in. Unsecured items such as credit/gift cards, electronic devices (laptops, iPads), purses, cellular phones, audio systems, keys, and other items are often the targets of a thief.

3. Etch your driver's license number on all items of value and that are removable, e.g., audio equipment, electronic devices.

4. Park in your garage, if you have one. Don't leave your vehicle on the street, in an alley or in your driveway. If you have to park on the street, avoid dark or isolated areas and **remove your garage door opener**.

5. Install an alarm system that will sound when someone attempts to break-in, move, or start your ve-

hicle. Always activate the system when leaving your vehicle unattended.

6. Don't leave spare keys attached to the outside of your vehicle or hidden inside your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places.

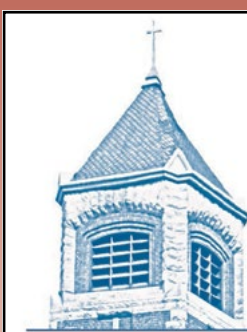
7. Park in open, well-lighted, and populated areas near your destination. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters, or other objects that obstruct visibility and provide hiding places. Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.

8. Turn off your engine, roll up all your windows, lock all doors, and take your keys with you even if you are making a quick stop at a store or gas station, or even in your driveway.

9. Follow the 9 p.m. Routine and double check that all valuables are removed, and your vehicle is locked before going to bed.

10. Lock it, hide it, keep it!

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Janus clients supplying artwork, handmade projects for new store

The REPORTER

While the staff and clients at Janus may not be able to come together as in the past due to COVID restrictions, many clients are back in the building and busy with their work.

With this in mind, Janus will offer an opportunity for some of its supporters to visit the new Janus Store. The front lobby at Janus has taken on a new look with a store that displays clients' artwork and projects for sale.

A Fall Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14. The Janus Open House will be a RSVP event only. Attendees will follow the COVID guidelines that Janus clients, staff and guests follow, which include entry temperature checks, masks, and social distancing. The store will be open to only four guests at a time.

Reservations will be taken for 30-minute time slots starting at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., etc., which will allow time to browse and purchase items. Client items include handmade canvas artwork, bird houses and feeders, dog toys, Mary & Joseph



Photo provided

Next weekend, Janus will welcome supporters to the open house for the new Janus Store. RSVP is required in order to attend.

and snowmen wooden figures, ornaments, notecards, key chains, magnets, canvas bags and decorative wine bottles. Credit cards and checks are welcome, as well as cash in the exact amount.

If you would like to make a reservation for a specific time slot, please email psteffen@janus-inc.org or call Jerry at (317) 773-8781 ext. 100.

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Meeting Notices	
The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, in the Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan. An executive session will precede at 6 p.m.	The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.
The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, in the Multi-purpose Room at Washington Woods Elementary School, 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.	The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, in the Board of Room at the Noblesville Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.
TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Capital and Construction meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday Nov. 9, 2020, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.	TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities. Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

Acts 26:10-13 (KJV)

Sherman Lee Templeton

January 28, 1938 – November 4, 2020



Sherman Lee Templeton, 82, Atlanta, died at 5:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on January 28, 1938 in Alpine, Tenn., to William M. & Sallie Mae (Cleghorn) Templeton. His parents preceded him in death. Sherman had previously lived in Tipton and Windfall. On February 8, 1962 Sherman married Rosemary Lay and she survives.

Sherman worked for Dan Mattingly's farm for 27 years, a job he really enjoyed. He later worked for Paul Hopkins with his excavating business and then 20 years at Atlanta Crop Service. Sherman had attended the Church of the Living God in Atlanta before it closed. He loved listening to Bluegrass music, watching Westerns and spending time with his family.

Survivors besides his wife Rosemary include his son, Lee Templeton and wife Jennifer, Cicero; four sisters, Verble Todd and husband Jerry, and Frances Templeton, all of Russiaville, Judy Stover and husband Clay, Crossville, Tenn., and Mary King and husband Renzo, Clarkrange, Tenn.; two brothers, Coy Templeton, Clarkrange, and Bill Templeton and wife Carolyn, Crossville. Sherman also has three grandchildren, Madeline, Benjamin and Thomas Templeton. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Dean Smith and Betty Bird; as well as three infant children.

Graveside services for Sherman will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Monday, November 9 at Fairview Cemetery in Tipton. The funeral service will be taped and available for viewing on Sherman's obituary page at young-nichols.com, where condolences may be left for the family. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday at Young-Nichols Funeral Home.

Masks or facial coverings as well as proper social distancing will be required both at the funeral home and cemetery. If you do not have a mask, Young-Nichols Funeral Home will provide you one.

Memorial contributions in Sherman's honor may be made to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital through the St. Vincent Foundation, 8402 Harcourt Road, Suite 210, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46260.

Wilma "Jean" Klutey

August 21, 1924 – October 29, 2020

Wilma "Jean" Klutey, 96, Westfield, passed away October 29, 2020. She was born August 21, 1924 in Idaville (White County) to Clifford H. and Gladys (Burns) Ogle.

Jean was a 1942 graduate of Idaville High School. Following graduation, Jean worked at Diamond Chain and Eli Lilly. She also was an Elizabeth Arden Consultant at L. S. Ayres in the Glendale Mall for several years.

Jean was a member of the Alpha Pi Omega sorority as well as Westfield Christ United Methodist Church. Jean enjoyed singing in the church choir.

In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Wayne Ogle; and her husband, Carl Kenneth Klutey, in 2019.

Survivors include her son, Darrel Leroy Klutey; and daughter, Carol Jean Klutey.

A Committal Service took place at Marion National Cemetery on Thursday, November 5, 2020, where Jean was buried alongside her husband, Carl.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals, Westfield-Carmel. Condolences: BussellFamilyFunerals.com

Margaret Francis Harber

June 22, 1948 – November 4, 2020

Margaret Francis Harber, 72, Anderson, passed away on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on June 22, 1948 to Otis and Ruby (Roberts) Sutton in Lee County, Va.

Margaret was a school custodian for many years. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her companion of many years, Gary Teichman, Pendleton; son, Lee (Ruth) Harber, Pendleton; daughter, Glenda (Kirk, companion) Harber, Mt. Herman, Ky.; daughter, Paula (Wayne) Bledsoe, Noblesville; daughter-in-law, Angela Harber, Noblesville; son, Adam Harber, Noblesville; stepson, John (Laura) Teichman; stepdaughter, Amy (Scott) Meisberger; brother, Otis (Cynthia) Sutton; sister, Carolyn (William) Townsend; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Freddy Harber, in 1998; son, Tony Harber; sister and brother-in-law, Cynthia (Gary) Campbell; brother, Charles Sutton; son-in-law, Charlie Turner; and great-granddaughter, Lillian Tae Bledsoe.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Charles C. Fitzgerald

August 3, 1935 – November 1, 2020

Charles C. Fitzgerald, 85, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at his home. He was born on August 3, 1935 to Clarence and Zillie (Norfleet) Fitzgerald in Nancy (Somerset), Ky.

Charles proudly served his country in the United States Army. He worked for Bowen Engineering Corporation for 30 years, managing and leading with expertise the underground utilities division, among many other projects. Charles was an avid golfer. He was an open-minded man, very caring, loving, and a hard-worker. Charles was a great husband, father, stepfather, and brother who was loved by everyone. He loved his grandkids. He was very faithful to God, and the Lord was his strength throughout his life.

Charles is survived by his loved wife of 21 years, Maria Fitzgerald; siblings, Roy Fitzgerald, Ina Hall and her husband Carl, and Paul Fitzgerald and his wife Susanna; daughter, Pam Gordon and her husband Bob; granddaughter, Rachel Martin and her husband Joshua Brooke; step-daughters, Victoria Romero and her husband Juan Tejada, Carolina Landsberger and her husband Josh, and Natalia Namenye and her husband James; and his grandchildren, Sara, Ben, Gabriela, Mila, Liam and Santiago.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Grace, Cora and Nelva; and sister-in-law, June Fitzgerald.

Private family services were held. Charles' care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

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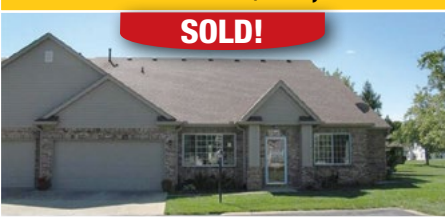
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Girls basketball

Millers stun Wildcats in opener

By RICHIE HALL

NOBLESVILLE - Even if the Noblesville girls basketball team has quite a few young players, no one can say the Millers play like a young team.

Not anyone who watched Noblesville's season-opening game Thursday night at The Mill. The Millers took on defending Class 4A state champion Lawrence North, and won by the score of 48-40. It was Noblesville's first victory over the Wildkats since Feb. 4, 2010.

The Millers used tough, aggressive defense to get the win, setting the tone in the first quarter. Noblesville allowed LN only four points in the entire period.

"I thought our kids did a nice job, just being really aggressive, flying around," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. "Our defense carried us. We turned the ball over too many times, obviously. We just counted on our defense. They did a great job, whether it was our 1-3-1 or just being up pressing. Our kids were just so active and did a great job of not letting them get into any kind of rhythm on offense."

Noblesville led 7-4 after that first quarter. Senior Emily Wood scored the Millers' first basket of the season on a layin, then sophomore Ashlynn Shade, back after a spectacular freshman season, made a basket off a steal.

Freshman Reagan Wilson scored her first-ever varsity points – the first of what will be many – with a floater, and Noblesville held a 7-2 lead.

"Reagan's a pretty special kid," said Buckley. "She did a great job. I can't say enough about her ability to, as a freshman, step up against Lawrence North and just take care of the basketball and be that kid that you can put the ball in her hands and get everybody where they're supposed to be, get your offense going. She did not play like a freshman by any means. She looked like a senior, playing in a big-time game. She was really good."

The Wildcats took their only lead of the game in the second quarter, after Jayla Smith opened the period by making back-to-back 3-pointers. That put Lawrence



Noblesville's Ashlynn Shade scored 21 points for the Millers in their 48-40 win over defending Class 4A state champion Lawrence North Thursday at The Mill. It's the first victory for Noblesville over the Wildcats since Feb. 4, 2010.

Reporter photo by Kent Graham

North up 10-7. But the Millers took over after that, going on an 11-0 run. Shade powered most of the run, making consecutive baskets and finishing things up with a triple. That put Noblesville ahead 18-10, and it would never trail again.

A pair of free throws from Sydnee Hughes got the Wildcats within 18-17 with 1:23 left in the first half. Noblesville held firm, and pushed the lead back up to

four with 13.3 seconds left when sophomore Dani Mendez made a three-point play. Buckley called Mendez's and-1 the play of the game, as it took away LN's chance to hold a halftime lead.

"That play was huge," said Buckley, who called it a "huge, huge, huge reason why we won the basketball game."

The Millers kept things rolling in the third quarter, which ended with them leading 35-28. Noblesville answered each shot from the Wildcats, with Shade hitting two 3-pointers and Wilson making one. Senior Mallory Miller opened the half with a jumper.

Two sophomores scored to open the fourth period. Brooklyn Smitherman, a 6-5 forward, started the quarter with a layin, then Kaitlyn Shoemaker's 3-pointer got Noblesville ahead 40-28. Smitherman made another basket to answer two LN free throws, giving the Millers a 42-30 lead.

Lawrence North made a furious comeback that took up most of the fourth, going on a 10-2 run to get within 44-40 with a little over three minutes remaining. But Noblesville stepped up its defense again, not permitting the Wildcats another point. Shade got the Millers back up six with a layin, then sealed the deal by making a pair of free throws with 15.5 seconds left.

"You know they're going to make a run at some point and we just fell apart," said Buckley. But she credited her players with regrouping and doing "a great job of just settling in. And again, that comes down to just great leadership from our seniors and from those kids on the floor, and Reagan just getting the ball under control."

Buckley gave extra credit to Smither-

man for her basket in the midst of LN's run, and said she also "rebounded the heck out of the basketball." Smitherman led the Noblesville rebounding with seven.

"Things that nobody will talk about at the end of the day because it's not the flashy stuff," said Buckley. But man, those kids just made huge, huge plays down the stretch."

Shade finished the game with 21 points, six rebounds, six steals and five assists, draining three 3-pointers along the way. Miller dished out five assists, Wood had four steals and Mendez collected four rebounds.

Noblesville will play at Mount Vernon next Thursday, Nov. 12. This game will be a varsity-only contest and tip off at 6:30 p.m. The Millers and Marauders were originally scheduled to play in January, but decided to move the game up to next week.

NOBLESVILLE 48,
LAWRENCE NORTH 40

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ashlynn Shade	8-17	2-2	21	3
Reagan Wilson	2-8	0-0	5	0
Mallory Miller	3-6	0-1	6	3
Brooklyn Smitherman	2-4	1-3	5	1
Emily Wood	1-3	1-2	3	4
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	1-3	0-0	3	1
Dani Mendez	1-1	3-3	5	3
Brooklyn Ely	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-42	7-11	48	15

Score by Quarters

Lawrence North	4	13	11	12	40
Noblesville	7	14	14	13	48

Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-13) Shade 3-8, Wilson 1-3, Shoemaker 1-2. Noblesville rebounds (29) Smitherman 7, Shade 6, Mendez 4, Wilson 2, Shoemaker 1, Miller 1, Wood 1, team 7.

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Girls basketball previews

Young Royals open season at Center Grove Classic

This year's Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team will trend towards the younger side when the Royals begin their season this weekend.

Southeastern will have a different look this year after some key graduations, most notably 2020 Miss Basketball Sydney Parrish, who is about to start her college career at the University of Oregon. But that doesn't mean the expectations will be lowered any for the Royals, as they will aim to be competitive in each game.

"This team will be young and inexperienced," said Royals coach Chris Hupenthal. "After losing seven starters the last two seasons, this team could have used this past summer to help them grow. While we may struggle initially, we still hope to be competitive each night."

Senior Lydia Self, who played on HSE's state championship team as a sophomore, will provide leadership for the Royals. Self, a 5-10 forward, returns 3.4 rebounds, 3.3 points and 1.6 assists per game.

Two juniors are back from last year. Ryan Viele, a 5-7 guard, averaged 4.6 points, 1.9 rebounds and 1.0 steals per game, while Makayla Hinshaw, a 5-8 guard, added 4.0 points, 2.8 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 1.6 steals per contest.

The above three players will be projected starters for Southeastern. Filling the other two spots are two sophomores,

Olivia Brown and Riley Makalusky, both of whom saw varsity action as freshmen last season.

Senior Brin Bair and sophomore Lauren Stewart also return some varsity experience. Shalyn Rathbun is the third senior on HSE's roster this season. The junior class will feature 6-3 Zoe Bolding, Caleigh Scott and Gabi Layman, while Teegan Acres and Jocelyn Davis are part of the Royals' sophomore list. Another sophomore, Charity Beal, is out injured.

Southeastern will start its season Saturday with two games at the Center Grove Classic. The Royals play the host Trojans at 11:30 a.m., then take on Ben Davis at 6 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN SCHEDULE

Nov. 7: At Center Grove Shootout
- Center Grove, 11:30 a.m.
- Ben Davis, 6 p.m.
Nov. 14: HSE Shootout
- Columbus East, TBA
- Terre Haute South, TBA
Nov. 20: at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 21: at Fort Wayne Carroll, 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 24: Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 27: at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 2: at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8: Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 11: at Avon, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15: New Castle, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19: Fishers, 7:30 p.m.



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Hamilton Southeastern senior Lydia Self, shown here in a game from last year, is one of the projected starters for this year's Royals team.

Dec. 29: Springboro (Ohio), 1 p.m. at Paul Loggan Memorial Invite at North Central
Dec. 30: at Paul Loggan Memorial Invite at North Central, time and opponent TBD
Jan. 2: Northridge, 2:30 p.m.
Jan. 7: at Warren Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15: Westfield, 6 p.m.
Jan. 19: Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22: at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
Jan. 26: at Pike, 7:30 p.m.

'Good group' returns for Golden Eagles

Guerin Catholic girls basketball coach Marc Quaranta likes what he sees from this year's Golden Eagles team, as he saw most of them play last year.

"We have a good group coming back," said Quaranta.

All of the players returning for Guerin have some form of experience. That includes three seniors, each of whom helped out the team in her own way. Olivia Labus, last year's second-leading

scorer and top rebounder for GC, returns 10.1 points and 7.0 boards per game. Delaney Klee pulled 3.5 rebounds per game, while Aliyah Dorsey added 3.0 points per contest.

"Our seniors were all contributors, and mostly starters, last year and will add experience to the team.

Juniors make up a majority of the Guerin Catholic varsity roster, with five players in that class. That includes Kath-

ryn Loso (7.8 points, 6.1 rebounds, 1.9 assists, 1.8 steals) and Katie Koger (5.7 points, 2.7 rebounds, 1.7 steals and 1.6 assists).

Other returning juniors are Halley Buehler, Mia Thompson and Hannah Weitzel. Sophomores Megan Cobb, Natalie Fernandez and Caitlyn Sharpe also return after getting varsity playing time last year as freshmen.

"Our juniors are a strong group," said Quaranta. "And we have good young players. Another year together, and I think this group will be able to compete with some of the best teams on our schedule. We play together and we play hard, so we will be right there toward the end of games."

The Golden Eagles open their season Saturday at University.

GUERIN CATHOLIC ROSTER

Seniors: Aliyah Dorsey, Delaney Klee, Olivia Labus.
Juniors: Halley Buehler, Katie Koger, Mia Thompson, Kathryn Loso, Hannah Weitzel.
Sophomores: Maris Bulger, Megan Cobb, Natalie Fernandez, Julia Hart-

ley, Caitlyn Sharpe.

GUERIN CATHOLIC SCHEDULE

Nov. 7: at University, 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 14: at Greenfield-Central, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 19: Cardinal Ritter, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 21: at Heritage Christian, 2:30 p.m.
Nov. 24: at Lapel, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 1: at Shortridge, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 5: Covenant Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 8: Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12: Tri-West, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17: Tipton, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19: at Indiana Math and Science, 1 p.m.
Jan. 4: Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5: at Shelbyville, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8: Bishop Chatard, 6 p.m.
Jan. 12: at Roncalli, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15: Lafayette Jefferson, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16: Bloomington North, 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 19: at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22: Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.
Jan. 26: Decatur Central, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29: at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6 p.m.

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