

THURSDAY, Nov. 19, 2020

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny and warmer.
Wind gusts to 40 mph.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.
Wind gusts to 30 mph.

HIGH: 62 LOW: 47



Fishers to open second COVID-19 testing site

New location prioritizes testing for school-related exposures

The REPORTER

In the City of Fishers' ongoing effort to support its schools, the Fishers Health Department this week announced a second COVID-19 testing site dedicated to prioritizing testing for school-related exposures for Hamilton Southeastern Schools and private schools in Fishers.

The site will open Monday, Nov. 23 for testing Monday through Saturday. Alternative hours will be in place for Thanksgiving week.

As COVID-19 cases have increased over the last several weeks, the Health Department has been working with its suppliers to dedicate additional testing for schools. Students, teachers and staff of all Fishers-based schools (including Noblesville-based Durbin Elementary) will receive priority testing at this location. This includes testing for any same-household individuals of those with a positive case or confirmed close contact.

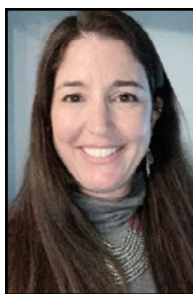
Fishers Public Health Director Monica Heltz told the Reporter's newsgathering

partner WISH-TV that most of the cases in the schools aren't actually happening during school.

Heltz said her staff continues to hear about sleepovers, family gatherings and parties which have turned out to be where many of the cases are coming from.

"The inability to get a test has impacted what's happening in schools, like Hamilton Southeastern which first had to switch to remote learning because of staffing issues. Several days later, the district announced all students would learn from home through at least Dec. 4," Heltz said. "If they want their kids in school, or if they want the economy to be able to stay open and all of those things that we are trying to support the best we can in a public health system, and all the systems we're trying to put in place, then it's really important to understand the effect the outside interactions have on our ability to do those things."

Residents may make an appointment



Heltz

by visiting fishers.in.us/testing and selecting Testing for Fishers Residents.

The Fishers Health Department secondary testing site is located at 8933 Technology Drive, Fishers. Appointments can be scheduled beginning Monday, Nov. 23.

Hours of operation for the secondary site:

- Monday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

Thanksgiving week hours of operation:

- Monday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Fishers Health Department continues to identify ways to increase its testing capacity and resources to better serve its residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

HSE staff member dies

WISH-TV | wistv.com

Hamilton Southeastern Schools staff member Pam Podany has passed away due to COVID-19, according to Superintendent Dr. Allen Bourff.

Bourff posted a message on social media Wednesday morning saying that the district's thoughts and prayers are with the family of Pam Podany.

According to the superintendent, Podany was the head cook at Thorpe Creek. She was entering her eighth year as an HSE staff member, according to the district.

The school system announced this week that all grades would go virtual due to the surge in coronavirus cases.



Podany

Take a virtual tour of new Fishers Fire Department HQ



Photo provided

Although Fishers fire departments are closed to the public unless for an emergency, firefighters recently opened the doors to the city's new fire headquarters for a [virtual community tour](#). Fishers Fire Department Public Information Officer John Mehling said, "The pandemic is a struggle for everyone, and firefighters are constantly trying to be innovative in keeping their connection to our community. While we wish the tour had a cookout and kids in the trucks, we hope this is the next best thing." [Click here](#) to take the virtual tour. (Pictured) Station 91 houses an engine, medic, ladder, tactical rescue, inflatable boats and Battalion Chief. It also houses the fire department headquarters.

From the desk of Superintendent Derek Arrowood

The fact that we know the only constant is change doesn't necessarily make change any easier. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it is that things can change quickly and with little warning.

In just a few weeks since Fall Break, we've been given a glimpse of what we can likely expect for the foreseeable future as higher virus rates, cooler temperatures, and the cold and flu season meet up.

Like the rest of our county, Heights has seen an uptick in positive COVID-19 cases among our students and staff. In fact, two staff members have tested positive this week and are isolating at home. However, there are no additional quarantines related to these individuals because they were already among a group quarantining from last week.

For Heights, the larger impact is the related quarantines which affect both the attendance threshold and our ability to staff in-person classes. So far, we've done a pretty good job of making it work.

We are closely monitoring the situation and in constant communication with our partners at the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the Hamilton County Health Department – both of which have been invaluable resources in helping us to navigate this exceptional journey that began in March.

Because the positivity rates are increasing in our community, a change

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COLUMNIST



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

Members appointed to Bicentennial Commission

By FRED SWIFT

ReadTheReporter.com

The membership of the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission has been established with one member from each of the county's nine townships, according to Brenda Myers, director of county tourism, who will lend support to the commission.

Chairing the commission will be Jessica Petty, who also serves as president of the county historical society. Co-chairs are Kathy Williams and Kent Ward.

The commission is charged with developing a bicentennial celebration in the year 2023. The county was organized in 1823 after the Indiana General Assembly created the county and established its boundaries.

The county was named for Alexander Hamilton, considered one of the nation's 'founding fathers' and a Revolutionary War hero. Originally the county was larger in area, including the southern half of what is now Tipton County.

The Bicentennial Commission will meet in December to review a charter

and goals for the celebration. The charter will be adopted by county commissioners.

Township members of the commission are: Ron Stone, Adams Township; Debbie Gangstad, Clay Township; Rick Fain, Delaware Township; Diane Wheelchel, Fall Creek Township; Nicole Duncan, Jackson Township; Dottie Young, Noblesville Township; Diane Nevitt, Wayne Township and Jamie Rulon, White River Township.

County Historian Dave Heighway will serve as an ex-officio member.

Emma Mendez to serve as county's new Agriculture & Natural Resource Educator

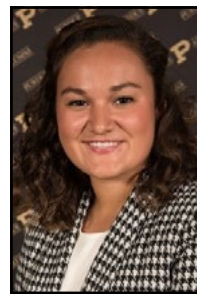
The REPORTER

Purdue Extension has hired Emma Mendez as the Agriculture and Natural Resource (ANR) Educator in Hamilton County.

ANR Educators serve as a research-based, unbiased information source for county and state constituents on a variety of topics, including crops, ag business, livestock, natural resource, horticulture, small farms, urban ag, pesticide use and land conservation. In partnership with Purdue University subject matter experts, ANR Extension Educators can provide relevant and proven best management practices to

address many clients' situational needs.

Mendez says one of her primary goals is to help bring awareness and education on Agriculture to the community. She will begin by assessing the community's needs, networking and building relationships. Her work will continue with community partners, developing programs and initiatives to address those needs. She will be involved in a variety of initiatives that could include anything from schools, farmers' markets,



Mendez

Master Gardeners, local parks, soil and water conservation, and many more.

"I am very excited to be the ANR Educator in Hamilton County," Mendez said.

"It presents me with a great opportunity to help make an impact in this county I serve."

Mendez was employed as the 4-H program assistant in Hamilton County this past year before taking this position. She holds a bachelor's degree from

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in the county color code from orange to red could occur. The color determination for Indiana counties is updated every Wednesday at noon on the [ISDH website](#). For this week, Hamilton County remains at orange. The corresponding K-12 recommendations based on county color codes can be accessed [here](#).

For now, even if the color changes to red, we believe we can safely keep in-person classroom instruction as an option with the ability to transition to e-learning if mandated. With that said, our staff has been preparing to make the shift to our virtual learning model and communicating their expectations and encouraging students to plan ... just in case.

On Monday, we re-opened our high school building, and it was a welcome sight. All buildings are open with in-person instruction. It is our goal to keep our buildings open through next Tuesday, Nov. 24.

We are also taking all necessary and recommended steps to protect the health of our students, school personnel, and the greater Heights community every single day. I do want to commend our students and staff for their excellent efforts in distancing and wearing their masks, and for the highly effective contact tracing effort that enables us to limit the spread within our buildings and on our campus.

I am extremely grateful to our staff who have proven time and again that they have the tenacity to move between in-person and virtual learning options, support our students in untold ways, be able to meet the moment, and inspire learning under any circumstance.

#WeAreHuskies

MENDEZ

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Purdue University in Animal Sciences with a minor in Horticulture. She is currently working on her online master's degree from Colorado State University in Extension Education with a certificate in Horticulture and Human Health.

Mendez is working in the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office. For more information about Agriculture and Natural Resources or other programs provided by Purdue Extension, visit extension.purdue.edu/hamilton.

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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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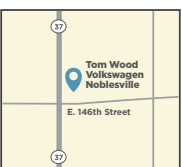





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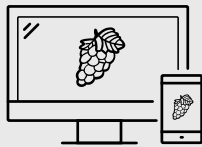


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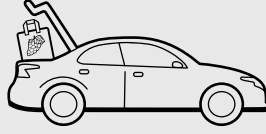
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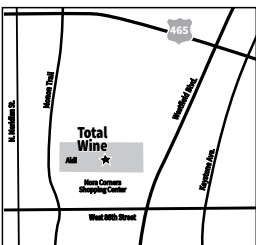


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Baldwin sworn in as state senator for District 20

The REPORTER

State Senator-elect Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) became the state senator for Indiana Senate District 20 after taking the oath of office Wednesday. He was sworn in by Indiana Supreme Court Justice Loretta Rush.

"I am honored the Hoosiers in Senate District 20 have chosen me to be their voice here at the Statehouse," Baldwin said. "I look forward to transitioning to a new form of public service, and I believe my years in both the private and public sectors will be a strong addition to the Senate."

Baldwin arrives at the Senate with more than 25 years of military and law enforcement experience. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corp during Operation Desert Storm, Baldwin returned to serve with



Photo provided

the Indiana Department of Corrections and later the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, where he earned two Medals of Bravery and a Medal of Valor.

Baldwin is a successful entrepreneur and business owner who has owned or

helped grow several companies in the IT, real estate, construction and security sectors. He is the owner and president of Envoy, Inc., a construction and real estate development firm.

He and his wife live in Noblesville with their three children.

Constituents can contact Baldwin by phone at (317) 232-9400, by email at Senator.Baldwin@iga.in.gov or by mail at 200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204. His virtual office can be found online at IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Baldwin.

AG Hill: Millions of Hoosiers eligible for money after Equifax settlement

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill is urging Hoosiers to visit IndianaEquifaxClaims.com and file a claim for a restitution payment in light of the massive 2017 Equifax data breach. **The last day for Hoosiers to file claims is Dec. 16**, but Hill said

Hoosiers should file their claims as soon as possible.

The Equifax data breach occurred from May 2017 to July 2017 and impacted approximately 147 million Americans, including roughly 3.9 million Indiana residents. The breach compromised Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses and, in some cases, driver's license numbers and credit card information. Hill **sued Equifax following the data breach and secured a settlement** with the company, which agreed to pay the state of Indiana \$19.5 million.

Indiana was one of two states that opted not to participate in a multistate settlement with Equifax in July 2019. Instead, the



Hill

Office of the Indiana Attorney General opted to file its own lawsuit against the company. As a result, Indiana received more money than any of the states that participated in the multistate settlement, which distributed \$175 million among the participating states.

All the nearly 4 million Indiana residents impacted by the data breach are eligible for a portion of the \$19.5 million Equifax paid the state of Indiana. Many eligible Hoosiers have yet to file claims on IndianaEquifaxClaims.com, Hill said.

"We structured our settlement with Equifax so that we could give Hoosiers the opportunity to claim money they may

have lost due to Equifax's failure to protect personal information," Hill said. "That money is just waiting to be claimed. Now, it's up to Hoosiers to visit IndianaEquifaxClaims.com and secure their rightful portion of the settlement."

Hill encourages all Hoosiers who were Indiana residents between March 2017 and July 2017 to visit IndianaEquifaxClaims.com and enter the required information to file a claim. You will be able to select whether you would like your payment digitally or in the form of a paper check. Payments will be distributed after the Dec. 16 claim deadline.

Visit IndianaEquifaxClaims.com for more information about filing a claim and for answers to frequently asked questions about the settlement.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: Not all residents celebrate Christmas season

Dear Editor:

Three cheers to Carmel city councilor Miles Nelson for noting, after hearing of all the taxpayer monies being spent on Christmas season events, that not all Carmel residents are Christians and many celebrate their own religious events during December and January.

In a city which bends over backwards claiming to be so open and inclusive and politically correct to exclude at least two major faiths is inexcusable ignorance in the extreme.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Carmel firefighters distributing free masks this week at Kroger, IMCU

The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Department has scheduled two more COVID-19 information booths to hand out information on virus prevention and safety and answer questions from the public. Firefighters will offer free bottles of hand sanitizer and disposable face masks while supplies last. The type of masks being distributed are similar to what you would find in a doctor's office waiting room.

CFD will be at Kroger, located at 10679 N. Michigan Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. The booth will be set up near the main entrance.

CFD will be at Indiana Members Credit Union, lo-

cated at 4790 E. 96th St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20. The booth will be set up near the main entrance.

During the event, representatives from CFD will wear masks and keep to physical distancing guidelines to avoid possible spread of the virus. The event is open to the public and visitors should also wear masks and maintain proper distance from others as they approach the booth.

The goal of this booth is to provide the community with COVID-19 information, including handouts showing the City of Carmel and Carmel Fire Department "Best Practices" for dealing with the virus.

Meeting Notice

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet to discuss the process of selecting a new superintendent at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020, in the Community Room at Washington Woods Elementary School, 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield. Please enter through Door 4A.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Update Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, in the County Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Noblesville.

Meeting Notice

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville. Social distancing recommendations and mask requirements will be observed.

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Letter to the Editor

Today is your day to quit smoking

Dear Editor:

Today is the day – the day to take a step toward a healthier you! The Great American Smokeout, a day set aside by the American Cancer Society, encourages smokers to give up tobacco, at least one day, and think about quitting for good.

These days, most people have a pretty good understanding of the harms caused by cigarette smoking, but here in Indiana, we still have some work to do because one in five Indiana adults still smoke.

We can support Hoosier smokers attempting to quit by encouraging participation in the Great American Smokeout. Please ask your loved one to start Day One of their Tobacco-Free journey. Let them know they are not alone! They have your support and are also supported through free resources such as the Indiana Tobacco Quitline. No matter how long you have smoked, it's not too late to see the health benefits of quitting.



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A growing number of youth are joining together as one 'VOICE' as part of the Breathe Easy Hamilton County initiative.

What can one day do? Within 20 minutes, your heart rate drops, within 12 hours, the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal, and if you continue your quit plan, you will continue to see the health benefits to the lung and heart.

This is also a day to encourage youth who may be vaping. Let them know you care, you support them, and there's help for them, too! Indiana residents ages 13 and over can also contact the Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or QuitNowIndiana.com.

LoisAnn McDole,
CHC, CTPS
Founder & Owner of
Women Kicking Nicotine

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Obituaries

Joshua Shane Wright
April 8, 1985 – November 16, 2020

Joshua Shane Wright, 35, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, November 16, 2020 at his home. He was born on April 8, 1985 in Noblesville to Gary and Kathy (Howard) Wright.

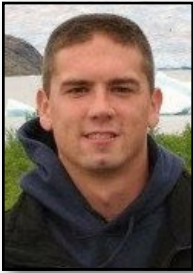
Joshua graduated from the University of Southern Indiana and worked for Dickinson Fleet Service as a customer onboarding leader. He enjoyed travel and was a sports fanatic who played basketball in high school, enjoyed golfing, had Fantasy Football teams, and was an avid Colts and Pacers fan. Joshua was well-liked and loved his niece and nephews.

He is survived by his parents, Gary and Kathy Wright; sister, Alyssa (Brandon) Swart; and his beloved niece and nephews, Carter, Caidey and Cooper.

Joshua was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ernie and Hazel Howard, and Donald and Donnabelle Wright.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. The family requests masks be worn for those attending.

Condolences: randallroberts.com



Kelly Ann Kibbey
July 9, 1973 – November 13, 2020

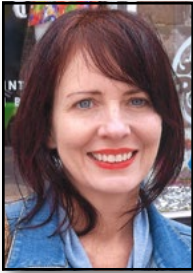
Kelly Ann Kibbey, 47, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2020 at her home. She was born on July 9, 1973 in Indianapolis.

Kelly is survived by her fiancé, Gary Pfeffer; aunts, Mary (Curtis) Lake and Kathy (Bill) Talley; cousins, Jeremy Reel, Lisa (Josh) Cornelius, Alek Lake, Jill (Mike) Jones, Karen (Marlon) Jones and Amy Hayden; and several second cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Karen S. Hayden; grandparents, Bob and Ann Hayden; and uncle, Bobby Hayden.

Private services will be held with burial at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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See more obituaries on Page 6

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William B. Capps, Jr.
February 23, 1971 – November 16, 2020



William B. Capps, Jr., 49, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, November 16, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on February 23, 1971 in Tipton.

Since he was a teenager to 2008, Bill worked as a carpenter and cutman. Since then, he was self-employed in the flooring business. Bill loved camping, dancing, playing pool, and playing his PS4. Most of all, he enjoyed hanging out with his friends and family.

Bill is survived by his wife, Felicia Capps; father, William B. Capps, Sr.; mother, Sandra J. Helton; children, Brance Capps, Will Capps, Kayla Capps, John and Maranda Everett, Michael Harrison, Andrew and Alexis Swecker, and Katie Byers; grandson, Luke Byers; sisters, Sandy Herron and Taffy Lantz; as well as several nieces and nephews and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his stepfather, John Helton; and his brother, Johnny Capps.


Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Redeeming Love Church, 1950 Conner St., Suite C, Noblesville. A private Celebration of Life will be held.

Masks are required for those attending.

Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP) is a rare blood disorder. Memorial contributions may be made to fund TTP research, c/o The Ree Wynn Foundation, P.O. Box 524, Pennsauken, NJ 08110.

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Beatrice Colgan
September 9, 1925 – November 14, 2020



Beatrice Colgan, 95, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Maple Park Village in Westfield. She was born on September 9, 1925 to Harry and Nellie (Bailey) White in New Windsor, Ill.

“Sweet Bea” worked as a beautician for 10 years and was a member of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church. She was a very giving and kind lady whom everyone loved. Bea had a terrific sense of humor and a great smile. She enjoyed baking and decorating cookies. Bea was a wonderful mother and grandmother who adored her grandchildren.

She is survived by six children, Pamela (William) Beard, Michael (Bobbie) Colgan, Steven (Barb) Colgan, Betsy (Randy) VanCamp, David (Tara) Colgan and Patricia (Jay) Thurman; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Bea was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Mark Colgan; siblings, Nellie Ann Cox, Robert White, Patricia Cox and Betty White; and grandson, David Scott Beard.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Spring Mill Road, Westfield, with visitation one hour prior at the church. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

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Football preview

Shamrocks taking a trip to Merrillville with state finals berth on the line

In order to play in the biggest game, the Westfield football team will have to make one of its longest trips in program history on Friday.

The Shamrocks will travel to Merrillville to play in the Class 6A north semi-state Friday night. The game is set to kick off at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time, or 6:30 p.m. Central Time – this might be the first time Westfield has played a game in the Central Time zone.

With a bus ride that will probably last as long as a normal football game (it's roughly a two-hour, 15-minute trip from Westfield to Merrillville), Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert and his staff put together a plan to make sure that his team is ready to play after the trip.

"We have put quite a bit of planning into what's best for our guys mentally and physically," said Gilbert. "We have to get focused at the right time without burning ourselves out too early. We have to make sure we eat, but again eat at the right time so that we are ready for the football game. We have a plan, but it certainly has taken quite a bit of logistics."

Of course, Gilbert is also focused on the Merrillville football team. Everyone is good at the semi-state level, and the Pirates are no exception.

Merrillville will come into the semi-state with a 10-1 record. The No. 7-ranked Pirates were 7-1 in the regular season (they did not play a Week 5 game), with their only loss to Bishop Chatard, the top-ranked team in 3A. The Trojans won 45-28 in a Week 7 contest.

Aside from that, Merrillville has had its way with most every other team on its schedule. The Pirates beat next-door neighbor Andrean 40-13 to open the season, then took care of another close-by rival, Hobart, 23-7, in Week 2.

The remainder of the schedule went to Duneland Conference play, and Merrillville finished 5-0 to win the league title.

The games were all easy: Crown Point 42-7, Portage 58-19, La Porte 33-7, Lake Central 35-7 and Chesterton 34-10.

In the post-season, the Pirates took care of Crown Point 39-0 in the semi-finals of Sectional 1, then beat Lafayette Jefferson 48-14 for the championship. Merrillville traveled to Elkhart for the Regional 1 championship, and emerged victorious in a back-and-forth game, 27-24.

"They are big and fast," said Gilbert. "They are explosive on offense with some scary wide receivers."

Junior Angel Nelson is the Pirates' quarterback. He has completed 125 of 193 pass attempts for 2,348 yards and 24 touchdowns. Senior Jojo Johnson is the top receiver with 44 catches, nine of them for scores. Another senior, Marcus Hardy Jr., has 31 receptions, but leads in touchdown catches with 11. Junior Lavarion Logan is Merrillville's leading rusher, with 1,492 yards and 23 TDs.

Gilbert also praised the Pirates' defensive line as well. Merrillville has allowed opponents only 13.9 points per game this season.

"All in all, they have a lot of seniors playing, which makes you pretty sound," said Gilbert. "We are going to have to out-execute them and not allow the big, explosive play."

"On offense we are going to have to do what we do and continue to get great quarterback play," said Gilbert. The coach also said that Westfield's special teams will "have to find a way to tackle their returners."

Westfield is 11-1 for the season, having won 11 straight games since dropping its opener to Cathedral. The Shamrocks won the Sectional 4 title with two shut-outs, over Noblesville 35-0 and Fishers 31-0. Westfield then beat Homestead

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Kirk Green/File photo

Westfield quarterback Maximus Webster (right) has rushed for 15 touchdowns this season and thrown 25 TD passes. The Shamrocks will travel to Merrillville on Friday for the Class 6A north semi-state championship. Also pictured for Westfield is Aiden Roberts (62).

Wrestling

Tigers edge Millers in county's first dual

The first high school wrestling meet in Hamilton County was described as a "chess match" by Noblesville coach Michael Weimer.

The Millers were at the Tiger Den Wednesday evening, taking on host Fishers. The meet showed right away the strengths of both teams: The Tigers have a solid cast in the lighter weights, while Noblesville has a good group in the heavier weights.

As it turned out, the battle was won by the "little guys," as Fishers edged out the Millers 39-33. The meet started at 152 pounds, and although the Tigers won that

bout, it was all Noblesville for the first half of the dual.

"We started at the perfect weight class for Noblesville tonight," said Fishers coach Frank Ingalls. "That's where they were strongest. Our guys didn't get down, though, and they just kept going. The guys who needed to get pins got pins for us and made the difference. I think we all just kept fighting and pulled it out."

The Tigers' Alex Hartman won at 152 pounds with a 10-4 decision, but Noblesville took the next six matches. Five of those six bouts were decided by pins; getting falls were Cesar Sierra at 160, Joey Kitko at 170, Gavin Kynon at 182, Jacob Etchison at 220 and Jake Long at 285.

Sierra, Etchison and Long were all regional qualifiers for the Millers last season. Seth Stone also made it to the regional; he won at 195 pounds on Wednesday in a 9-2 decision.

Once the lighter weights started getting on the mat, Fishers took over. The Tigers ran out the next seven matches, which featured pins from Quinten Riley at 106, Griffin Ingalls at 113, Zachary Streuder at 132 and Josh Thompson at 138.

Dylan Parodi was victorious at 126 in a technical fall, while Teyon Leonard got a major decision win at 120. The last bout of the night was the toughest one: Fishers' Tyler Lindamood took on Noblesville's Tim Alexander at 145 pounds. Lindamood finally won 11-9 in overtime.

Ingalls, Streuder, Parodi, Thompson and Lindamood all made it to the regional for the Tigers last season, with Lindamood and Ingalls both advancing to the semi-state.

"Coach and I were actually talking after the match about how their lower weights are really tough and our upper weights are really tough," said Weimer. "Came down to the last match and unfortunately, they won in overtime. But I'm

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Noblesville High School athletic signings



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Ella White has committed to play softball at Butler University. Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Dean White (Brother), Kelli White (Mother), Ella White, Mike White (Father). Back Row (Left to Right): Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach Larry DeSalvo, Noblesville Softball Head Coach Deke Bullard, Noblesville Softball Assistant Coach Matt Moore.

Pacers draft Cassius Stanley SHAMROCKS with 54th overall pick

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers selected Cassius Stanley with the 54th overall pick in the 2020 NBA Draft on Wednesday night. Stanley is a 6-6 guard who spent one year at Duke.

In his lone season with the Blue Devils, Stanley averaged 12.6 points and 4.9 rebounds over 29 games. He was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team.

"Cassius I think is amongst the tops in this draft when it comes to just pure athleticism, which is something our roster kind of lacks," Pacers general manager Chad Buchanan said of the Pacers' lone selection.

"Cassius is the type of player that when you watch him on film, he pops."

Stanley, who turned 21 in August, set the Duke record last fall for highest vertical jump, breaking the previous record of 45 inches set by Zion Williamson. Stanley's mother, Tonya Sedwick, was a long jumper on the track and field team at UCLA.

"He's really the only person in the country who can get up like that," Duke teammate Tre Jones said of Stanley's leaping ability. "When he's running like that and he's by himself, you've got to give it to him. There's no better athlete in the country to do that."

Stanley is a Los Angeles native who attended Sierra Canyon High School, the same high school as current Sacramento Kings forward Marvin Bagley III.

One of Stanley's mentors is Russell Westbrook. Stanley played for Westbrook's AAU team his senior year in high school and has remained in touch with the 2016-17 NBA MVP. Westbrook actually

joined Stanley at his house on Wednesday night to watch the draft.

"He's taught me so many things, even just in the past hour," Stanley said. "Just (about) staying patient...I really just try to pick up everything I can from him. He's such a great role model, like a big brother to me."

This year's draft was perhaps the most uncertain in NBA history in large part due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the pre-draft process. There was no Draft Combine this season and while the Pacers interviewed close to 100 prospects virtually, they did not bring anyone in to Indianapolis for a pre-draft workout or in-person interview like they would in a typical year.

Buchanan said the Pacers had Stanley rated much higher on their board and were "very happy" when he was still available with the 54th overall pick.

"Talking with Cassius tonight, he was expecting to be drafted much higher. I think he's going to come in with a chip on his shoulder, which is usually a good sign."

The Pacers will now turn their attention to free agency, which begins on Friday afternoon. Indiana has two players from last year's roster entering free agency, Justin Holiday and JaKarr Sampson.

The abbreviated offseason schedule gives teams just a handful of days to reconfigure their rosters before training camp opens in December. The 2020-21 season will tip off on Dec. 22.

"We've been prepping for the draft and free agency for quite a while," Buchanan said. "It comes at us fast, but it's something we've had a lot of time to prepare for, too."

42-9 to win the Regional 2 trophy.

Junior quarterback Maximus Webster has completed 118 of 175 pass attempts for the 'Rocks, totaling 1,906 yards and 25 touchdowns. Senior Mason Piening has 42 of those catches, including 12 scores. Junior Nic Depasquale has made 31 receptions and four touchdowns, while senior Reid Schepers has 24 catches, eight of them TDs.

Junior Micah Hauser is the top rusher with 932 yards and 10 touchdowns. Webster has gained 656 yards on the ground

with 15 scores. Hauser is also Westfield's top tackler with 97 stops, followed by senior Kyle Pape with 70 tackles. Junior Popeye Williams has 10 tackles for a loss and four sacks.

"We are beyond grateful for this opportunity," said Gilbert. "We started the season just wanting to be able to play at all. We are hoping and praying we can stay healthy and avoid quarantines and finish the season. We have a big challenge Friday, but we are happy to be there. God willing, we aren't finished yet."

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proud of the fight and effort of our guys. Every year we're getting better. And hats off to Fishers. It's a great program run by a great coach. It's fun to be in duals like those."

Alexander and Keaton Sepiol, who wrestled at 138, were both regional qualifiers for the Millers last season.

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182: Gavin Kynon (N) def. Jacob Carrol (F) by fall, 2:52
195: Seth Stone (N) def. Sam Latim-

er (F) by decision, 9-2
220: Jacob Etchison (N) def. Wyatt Holley (F) by fall, 5:23
285: Jake Long (N) def. Joel Costen (F) by fall, 2:11
106: Quinten Riley (F) def. Paxton Cook (N) by fall, 2:51
113: Griffin Ingalls (F) def. Nate Gregory (N) by fall, 0:56
120: Teyon Leonard (F) def. Elijah Peyton (N) by major decision, 9-1
126: Dylan Parodi (F) def. Cooper Frahm (N) by technical fall, 15-0
132: Zachary Streuder (F) def. Gage Gouilly (N) by fall, 5:56
138: Josh Thompson (F) def. Keaton Sepiol (N) by fall, 4:44
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