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TODAY'S WEATHER

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# County sees decline in new COVID cases

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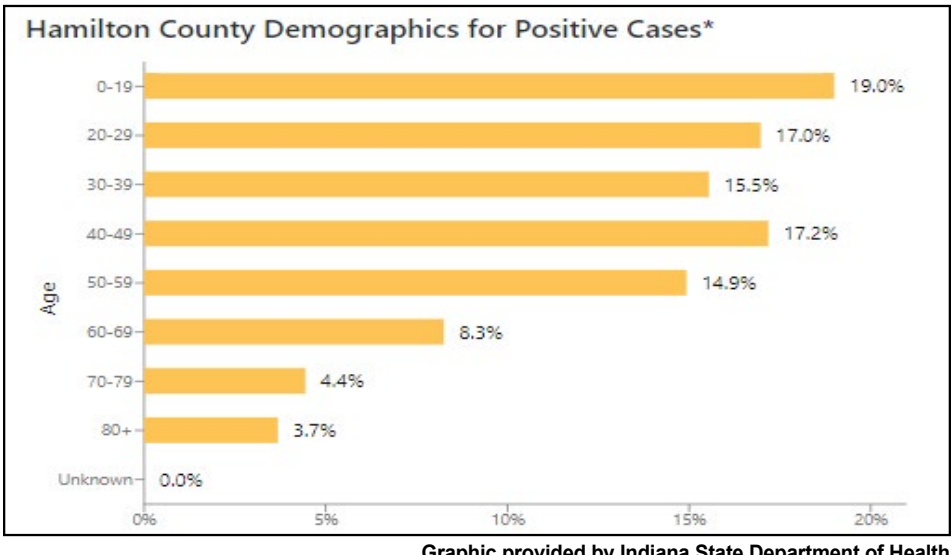
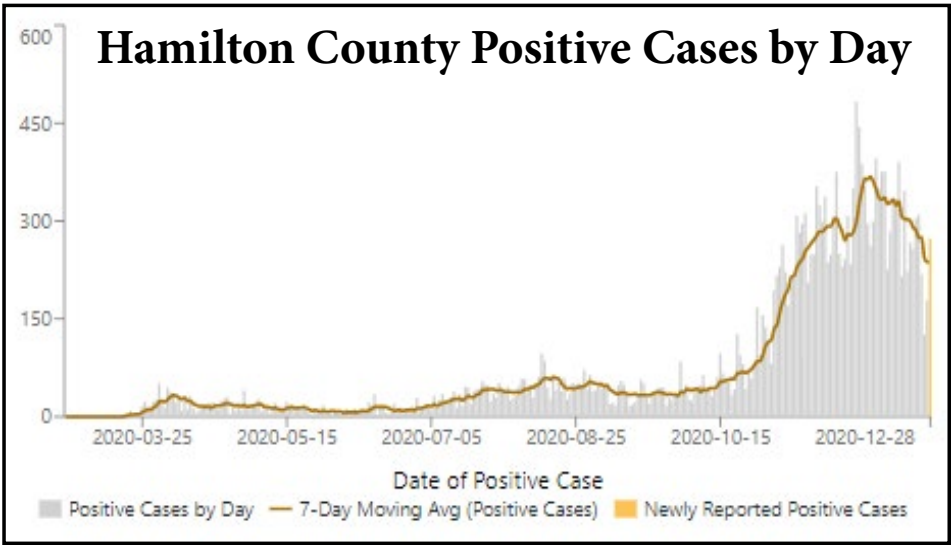
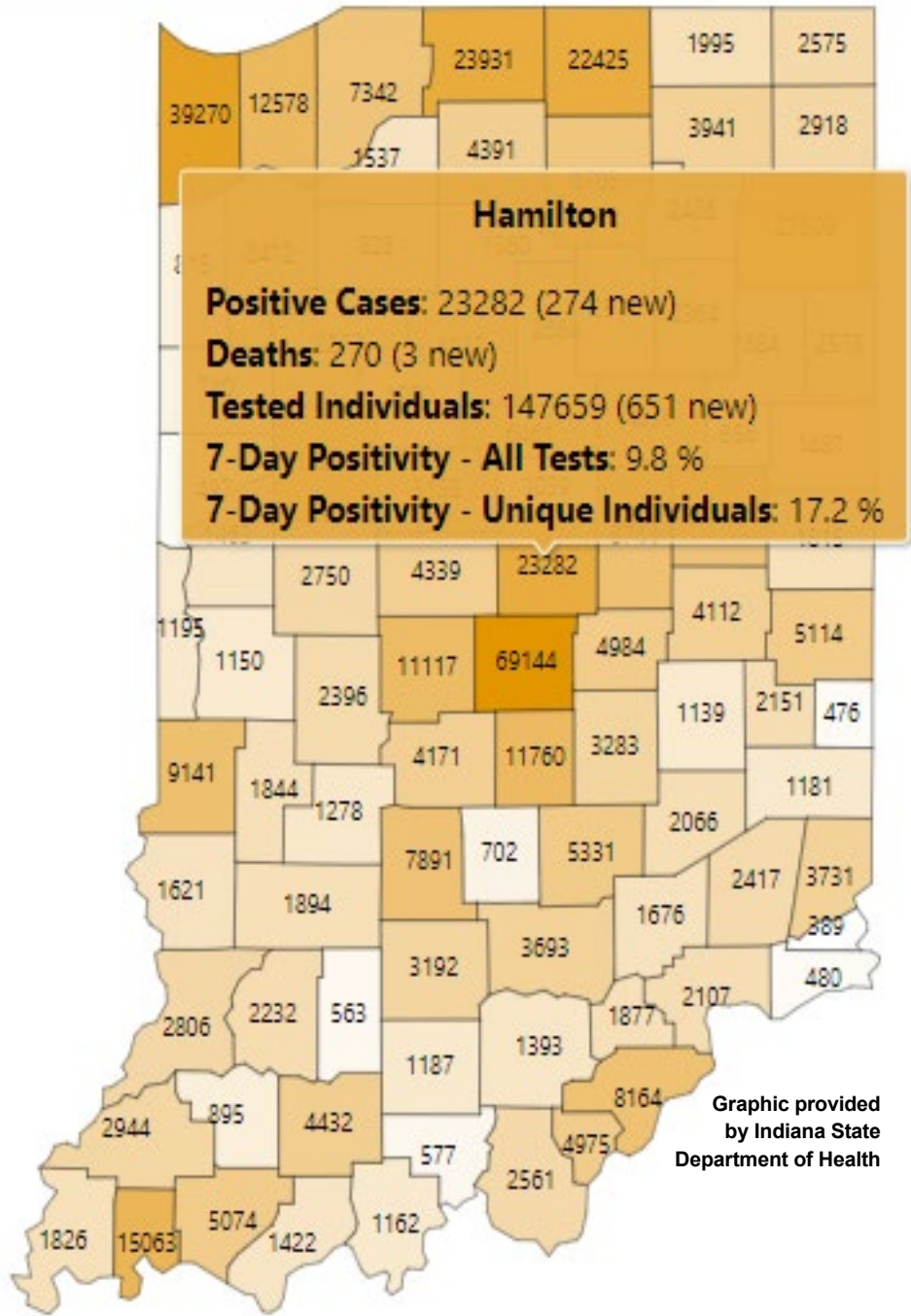
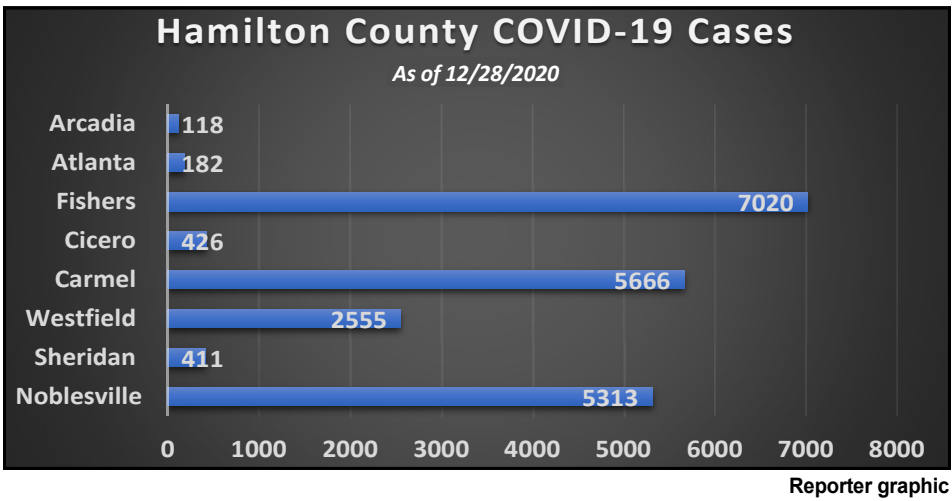
Indiana State Board of Health data indicates Hamilton County has experienced a decline in number of new daily COVID-19 cases. On Dec. 2, the county reported a record number of 482 new cases, with cases on a steady decline through Dec. 27 with 178 newly reported cases.

A total of 23,282 COVID cases have

been reported in Hamilton County since March 15, a total of 270 people have died in the county due to COVID-19.

The top 3 county zip codes with highest COVID-19 cases by percentage of population are:

- 1. 46074 (Westfield) – 9.55 percent
- 2. 46037 (Fishers) – 8.67 percent
- 3. 46062 (Noblesville) – 8.25 percent



## Federal government falls short of COVID-19 vaccination goal

By HANNA MORDOCH  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

As the new year inches closer, the number of people vaccinated is far below the federal government's goal. Operation Warp Speed created its own deadline to have COVID-19 vaccines distributed out to 20 million people by the end of 2020.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention, as of Monday morning, around 11.4 million COVID-19 vaccine doses had been distributed and just over 2.1 million of those doses had actually gone into people's arms.

Officials at the U.S. Health and Human Services and the CDC said the agency's tallies are undercounting many vaccinations due to data lags, but even accounting for reporting delays, the U.S. vac-

cination program appears to be taking longer than Warp Speed officials projected.

The FDA's two-day quality control requirement to assess each shipment of COVID-19 vaccines also slowed down early distribution.

Last week, Warp Speed officials said that they will have allocated 20 million doses by the end of the year, but they may not get distributed until early January.

"We do really have to ramp this up. Things are in a crisis. And we cannot get into big delays," said Dr. Ashish Jha, the Dean of the Brown University School of Public Health.

According to Jha, other countries such as Canada and Israel are moving at much faster rates, and the United States needs to do the same.

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## Robber flees CPD in high-speed chase with kids in back seat

The REPORTER

At 7:38 p.m. on Saturday, Carmel police responded to a robbery at the Walgreens located at 1424 S. Range Line Road.

An officer was in the area as the call was dispatched and observed a vehicle leaving the area at a high rate of speed. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver continued at a high rate of speed. The driver eventually stopped the vehicle after crashing on the property of Plum Creek Golf Course at 12401 Lynwood Blvd. and fled on foot.

Officers located an adult male inside the vehicle with two unrestrained small children. A six-year-old and a one-year-old child were transported to a hospital with minor injuries.

K9s and drones were deployed to locate the driver that fled on foot. Officers were able to locate the driver in the 5400 block of Kenwood Place. The individual fled from officers again before he was apprehended

a short time later. The investigation determined the driver committed the armed robbery inside the Walgreens before returning to the vehicle and leading

officers on the vehicle pursuit.

Michael L. Robinson, Jr., Indianapolis, was arrested and transported to the Hamilton County Jail on the following charges:

- Robbery of a Pharmacy – Level 4 Felony
  - Resisting Law Enforcement (two counts) – Class A Misdemeanor
  - Driving While Suspended – Class A Misdemeanor
  - Unlawful Possession of Firearm (Prior conviction) – Level 5 Felony
  - Possession of marijuana – Class B Misdemeanor
- Carmel Police Department was assisted by the Zionsville Police Department and the Carmel Fire Department.

If anyone has further information regarding this case, please call the Carmel Police Department at 317-571-2500.



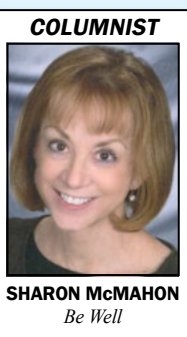
Robinson

## Despite challenges of past year, we can be thankful for good health

"Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity."

– John F. Kennedy, 35th President

We all know that this is the time of year (a normal year, at least!) when we start thinking about those "resolutions" for the new year. I don't know about you, but I just want to see the new year ring in with a successful vaccine and help for those individuals who have lost



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

family members, their employment, and those who have suffered from COVID and have recovered with lingering effects. THAT is what I am hoping for!

Most of us are familiar with the Scottish tune "Auld Lang Syne," but this year it is more meaningful than ever, in my opinion. The title words literally translate from the Scots language as "old long since" and reference times gone by or "old times." Wow, 2019 seems far, far away, doesn't it?

What happened to that "cup of kindness" to which the lyrics refer? Hope reigns supreme.

Beyond that, in thinking about my own physical fitness over the past year, I just don't feel like I have made any positive leaps forward. I turned 70 in March of this soon-to-be-past year and I had some pretty aggressive plans for my fitness regimen this past year. Although, thankfully, I have been healthy overall, I have not stepped up anything in that realm. The fitness classes I have taught for the past few years

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“I think one part of the problem is that the federal government has thought that their responsibility ends when the vaccine gets delivered to the states,” Jha said. “There’s a lot of work of getting the vaccine from the state into people’s arms, and we needed a clear set of plans than we’ve had on that.”

Indiana initially received 55,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, but health officials have not said how many they currently have or how many have been administered.

The Indiana State Department of Health reported Tuesday that 7,703 Hoosiers have died of COVID-19. A total of 500,282 Hoosiers have tested positive for the coronavirus.

SHARON

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were canceled for obvious reasons, and my incentive has been nicked by too many movies and too much cooking/eating! Although my usual habits are very healthy, I have found myself “nibbling” some salty snacks and a few other goodies over the course of the year and I have added more cheese than I would usually enjoy! Bring on the veggies! Drag out those workout DVDs! Let’s go!

Physically, I am grateful that I have a dog to walk and our weather has been somewhat cooperative for outdoor walking on most days. I continue to focus on my flexibility and movement and hopefully in 2021 I can ramp that up even more and enjoy the benefits of a more regular workout and less activities which require being zoned in to the television or Zoom meetings. (I have caught up with several movies I had on my “wish list” pre-pandemic!)

My quote, as I am sure you noticed, marries the physical activity with intellectual activity, and I will add here some of my personal observations regarding this. The increased negativity, animosity, and cruelty that are being waged primarily via social media may be partially due to people who are not getting enough physical activity. Perhaps they are spending many hours on their computers and devices, reading disinformation and propaganda which is rife on those platforms. If we remove ourselves from that captivity and focus on fresh air, movement, good eating, and keeping ourselves away from COVID-rampant events, we will benefit, and those who choose to interact with us will benefit as well.

I don’t know, just a suggestion...

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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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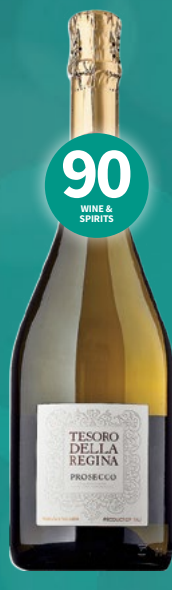


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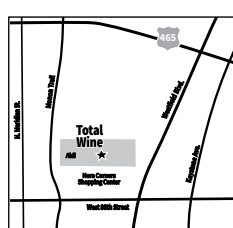
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# Register for Westfield Library’s Art, Love & Friendship event

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library will hold an Art, Love, and Friendship Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at the library, located at 333 W. Hoover St., Westfield.

Shop for art and hand-made crafts from a variety of artists with booths throughout the library. Children can enjoy a story time reading about love and friendship or make a project in the makerspace. Information on all activities is available at [www.westfield.lib.in.us](http://www.westfield.lib.in.us).

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Jan. 4.

Do you have old love letters or romantic photos? Send a photo of the origi-

nals for a special display of vintage Valentines cards and letters. Contact Tina at [TinaMangosArts.com](http://TinaMangosArts.com).

## Gary Lee Miller September 30, 1937 – December 27, 2020

With his family by his side, Gary Lee Miller, 83, Noblesville, passed away on December 27, 2020, after a several-year struggle with a progressive neurological disorder that left him unable to do the many activities that brought him joy. He was born September 30, 1937, in Ridgeville, Ind., to the late Chester “Chef” and M. Fern (Rust) Miller.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Barbara (Jensen) Miller; children, Kip (Suzanne) Miller, Greg (Audra) Miller, Shawn (Steve) Moore and Kirsten (Chris) Toner; grandchildren, Geoffrey (Kari) Miller, Nina (Matt) Matonich, Emily (Devin) Powell, Max Miller, Carson Moore, Avery Hancock, Clayton Toner, Walker Moore, Gretchen Moore, Ellen Toner and Graham Toner; great-granddaughter, Mae Rose Matonich; sister-in-law, Janet Jensen Laverty; brother-in-law, Skip (Linda) Jensen; former daughter-in-law, Kellie (Tom) Hargen; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. His brother Mike predeceased him.

Gary’s family brought him the most joy in life. He was a devoted, much-loved husband, father, grandfather (“Papa”), great-grandfather, son, brother, teacher, coach and mentor. He took great pleasure in attending his children’s and grandchildren’s sports events, concerts, graduations and weddings throughout the years. He and Barbara traveled throughout the 50 states, and he particularly loved the national parks and presidential historical sites. Their favorite times were spent for many years at Gulf Shores, Ala., and at Hilton Head Island, S.C., making wonderful memories at their annual family beach vacations.

Gary received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at Ball State University, and he also attended Greensboro College. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Indianapolis Civil War Round Table, Red-tail Land Conservancy, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Retired Teachers Association and The Nature Conservancy. He was a member of All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis. He taught American history and coached several sports at Storer and Northside Middle Schools in Muncie from 1966 until 1998, and also taught in Colorado from 1998 until his retirement and return to Indiana in 2002. He volunteered at Conner Prairie and at Riverview Health Center.

Gary enjoyed birding, gardening, hiking, genealogy and anything related to American history. He loved listening to his blues music. He was an avid runner for many years. He was a lifelong Detroit Tigers fan and he was also a fan of the Indianapolis Colts, the Cincinnati Reds and the Indianapolis Indians.

His family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff of Wellbrooke of Westfield and Paradigm Hospice for the incredible care given to Gary that allowed his journey to end with peace and dignity.

A private family graveside service will be held in the near future and a gathering to celebrate his life will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to All Souls Unitarian Church, 5805 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226; or to the Red-tail Land Conservancy, 125 E. Charles St., Muncie, IN 47305.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes in Noblesville will handle arrangements.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

## Michael Thomas Langhammer March 11, 1943 – December 26, 2020

Michael Thomas Langhammer, 77, Noblesville, passed away on December 26, 2020 at Riverwalk Village.

He was born on March 11, 1943 to Kenneth and Margarite (Gutsch) Langhammer. He attended Indianapolis schools and graduated from Ben Davis High School with the Class of 1961. He then furthered his education at IUPUI.

He had first worked as a patrolman for the Indianapolis Police Department. During his free time, he also worked security for various businesses. He then became a manager for various restaurants in the Marion County area. Lastly, he worked for Verizon in the customer service department.

Michael was an active member of Omega Christian Church where he also served as a deacon. He was also a member of the Noblesville Masonic Lodge and the Cicero Order of Eastern Star. Leisure time would find him using acrylic paints on cloth or canvases.

He married Barbara Ann (Sweitzer) Langhammer on June 28, 1963. She survives him. Additional survivors include a daughter, Sabrin Lynn (Mark) Shirley, Tipton; grandchildren, Harlie Shirley and Taylor Shirley; great-grandchildren, Nova and Atrous; and brothers, James, Dale and Robert Langhammer.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded by a son, Mark Alan Langhammer.

No public services are scheduled at this time. Burial will occur at Lincoln Memorial Gardens near Zionsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Omega Christian Church, 12763 E. 281st St., Arcadia, IN 46030.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel where you may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

# Winter coyote sightings no cause for alarm

## The REPORTER

The new year will bring coyote sightings around Indiana, but seeing coyotes, especially during winter, is normal and should not cause alarm.

Coyotes become more active during winter. Young coyotes are leaving their parents to find a new home, making them more visible. In January, coyotes will also be looking to breed, making them even more active. Bare vegetation also increases people’s chances of catching a glimpse.

Where people are, coyotes follow. Coyotes like to eat animals and plants that thrive around yards and homes. Their diet includes rabbits, mice, fruit and squirrels. They thrive around people because

of the abundant food that comes with human development. Coyotes are a common member of Indiana’s urban wildlife community, as are raccoons, red foxes and opossums.

Seeing a coyote is not necessarily cause for concern. They are common everywhere in the state, even in urban areas like downtown Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and South Bend. Coyotes are an important part of Indiana’s wildlife community and provide benefits by helping control rodent populations and cleaning up carrion.

Problems between coyotes and people are uncommon. To prevent them, be proactive by removing food and water sources, keeping pets leashed or contained,

and trying to scare a coyote when you see it. Follow these quick tips for making your yard less attractive to coyotes:

- Clean up fallen fruit from trees or gardens.
- Keep garbage secure.
- Make sure pet food and treats are not left outside.
- Take down bird feeders if you see a coyote around your yard; they could be attracted to the rodents eating the seeds.
- Never intentionally feed a coyote; it could lose its fear of people.

If you see a coyote, try to make it uncomfortable:

- Yell.
- Wave your arms.
- Spray it with a hose.
- Throw tennis balls or small stones, but don’t throw anything that could be food,

like apples.

- Carry a jar of coins or a small air horn to make noise.

Making a coyote feel unwelcome around people can help it maintain its natural fear of humans. Never corner or chase a coyote – they should always have a clear escape path to get away from you. Keep pets leashed, in a kennel with a secure top, or indoors to reduce the possibility of a negative interaction with any wildlife, including coyotes.

Find more information about coyotes, including factsheets and a webinar, at [wildlife.IN.gov/5688.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/5688.htm). Other webinar resources, including tips for maintaining positive interactions with wildlife in general, can be found at [on.IN.gov/fish-wilded](http://on.IN.gov/fish-wilded).

# How your family can adopt healthier digital habits in the coming new year

## StatePoint

As we head into 2021, adults and kids alike may still be enjoying the excitement of digital devices received as gifts over the holidays. However, the new year is always a great time for a reset, so alongside those new devices, consider adopting some new digital habits.

Here are some great ideas for helping your family build healthier relationships with their digital devices:

- **Get healthy:** Not all screen time is wasted time. You can use your device in positive, productive ways that help your family work toward improved physical health. For example, a steps counter might encourage your family to move more or even take up running, while a yoga app can help guide your family through quick routines you can practice from the comfort of home.
- **Get smart:** Likewise, the members of your family


can use their devices to exercise their minds. Encourage everyone to let their smartphones and tablets double function as e-readers, and to download apps that teach new skills and build knowledge. You can even try setting a goal as a family, such as learning a new language using the same app.

- **Schedule digital downtime:** Too much screen time is associated with poor quality sleep, increased anxiety and a range of other physical and mental health concerns, so be sure each day includes digital downtime. This is especially important if your family is working and learning from home right now. Make the most of these screen-free blocks by engaging in active play, moving, getting fresh air or spending quality time together.

- **Get assistance:** Making sure every member of the family is using their device only in safe and healthy ways is easier said than done, however, a parental guidance app can help. Using OurPact for example, the most comprehensive parental control app, you can remotely establish automated schedules for when internet, apps and the device itself are unavailable. Features include URL whitelisting and blacklisting, daily screen time allowances and iMessage/SMS blocking, helping ensure device usage passes your approval. Available at the iOS App Store and Google Play Store, parents can also sign up for an account at [ourpact.com](http://ourpact.com).

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The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet to elect officers at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers.	The Noblesville Council Wastewater Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, in room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Those wishing to listen to the meeting may call (469) 998-6201 and enter conference ID 825 918 884# when prompted.



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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them."

Romans 4:6-8 (NIV)

## George Antle Cottrell

December 11, 1934 – December 22, 2020

George Antle Cottrell, 86, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on December 11, 1934 to George B. and Mildred (Antle) Cottrell in Poseyville, Ind.

George proudly served his country in the United States Army. He graduated from Butler University and received a Doctorate of Law degree from Indiana University. George was partner in his own law firm and was a member of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum. He was a member of Fishers United Methodist Church and Indian Lake Golf Club.

George was a die-hard Butler basketball and St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Phyllis Cottrell; son, George T. (Anne Marie) Cottrell; daughter, Cathy Ann (Roy) Franklin; five grandchildren, Maddie, Lucy, George and Emily Cottrell, and Elly Lee Franklin; sisters, Carol Ann Tenbarger, Nancy Baker and Priscilla Rutledge; and his brother, Rodger Cottrell.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by two sisters.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with visitation from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Rev. Mark Ellessor will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

## Charlene Shaffer

November 11, 1937 – December 27, 2020

Charlene Shaffer, 83, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on November 11, 1937 to Marion and Flossie (Kirk) Dean in Pennington Gap, Va.

Charlene enjoyed working in a sewing factory until she was 81. She loved her family and taking care of them by providing good food and spending time with them.

She is survived by her daughters, Michele (Brian Slauter) Henson and Jodi (Tom Shuck) Randall; grandchildren, Erik Lintz, Kylie Henson and Thomson Shuck; and great-grandchildren, Gabriel Lintz, Kieran Lintz, Amira Putman and Malia Putman.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dave Dean; brother, Jay Dean; sister, Hazel Dowell; sister, Irene Thompson; sister, Bernice Napier; and sister, Jack Cook.

The Shaffer Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with the care of Charlene.

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## Jerry Lee Logan

March 24, 1939 – December 25, 2020

Jerry Lee Logan, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on March 24, 1939 to Bernard and Maxine (Hurst) Logan in Lebanon.

Jerry was a 1957 graduate of Frankfort High School and proudly served in the United States Navy for five years. He was a maintenance supervisor for Delco Electronics for many years. Jerry attended St. Luke's United Methodist Church and was a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed volunteering with Mended Hearts. Jerry liked repairing electronics, fishing and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Logan; daughter, Jennifer (Greg) Maiden; son, Robert Logan; daughter, Janet Logan; and grandchildren, Ella, Evalyn and Logan Maiden.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James Logan.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060 or the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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## Linda Lou Landis

December 6, 1939 – December 25, 2020

Linda Lou Landis, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020 at Grand Brook Memory Care in Fishers. She was born on December 6, 1939 to Arthur and Louise Sickbert in Huntingburg, Ind.

Linda was a school bus driver for Mt. Vernon School Corporation during the 1980s. She then worked for Naval Avionics in Indianapolis and retired from the Fort Harrison Finance Center in 2005. Linda was a licensed beautician and used her training to cut hair part time at home to keep in touch with her close friends. Linda enjoyed gardening and canning produce at home. She spent a lot of time in the kitchen cooking with and for her family, because she welcomed everyone with a smile and made them feel at home. This was instilled in her by growing up in a household of nine siblings and later cooking with her mother-in-law. Linda and her late husband, Veldon Landis, raised horses for trail riding. They often travelled and camped for trail rides where they enjoyed dancing and relaxing with friends. Linda was an avid collector of antiques and spent countless hours with friends and family tracking down her favorite "knickknacks."

She is survived by her children, Todd Brown, Jeff Brown, Andrew (Liz) Brown and Jennifer (Mike) Chadwell; step-children, Sharron Landis, Karron Monroe, David Landis and Valerie Castetter; five grandchildren; brothers, Arthur Jr. (Lillian) Sickbert and Herman Sickbert, along with several other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her husband, Veldon Landis, in 2009; and siblings, Erma Heim, Melvin Sickbert, Victor Sickbert, Ed Sickbert, Chester Sickbert, Mary Weyer and Warren Sickbert.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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## Evan Charles Thoennes

March 24, 1993 – December 19, 2020

Evan Charles Thoennes, beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend, promoted to glory on Saturday, December 19, 2020 in St. Petersburg, Fla., aged 27.

Evan was born in Houston, Texas, on March 24, 1993 to Cindy (nee Shaffer) and Gordon Thoennes where he lived until his family relocated to Fishers. He graduated from Fishers High School in May 2011, and upon graduation attended Purdue University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Building Construction Management in May 2015. Evan was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Upon obtaining his degree, Evan began working at Power Design, Inc., based in St. Petersburg, Fla., as a Project Engineer and rose to the level of Project Manager which was his position at the time of his passing. Power Design, coincidentally, afforded Evan the opportunity to return to Houston, Texas, to assist in project completion. Evan loved his work, his friends and coworkers at Power Design.

Soccer was Evan's long-time passion, from youth through college, and as an adult. He also enjoyed fishing, outdoor activities, and loved being near the water. He was a sports fan and especially enjoyed cheering his Purdue Boilermakers and Indianapolis Colts.

Evan will always be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, beautiful smile, calm demeanor, loving heart, and deep, kind soul.

He leaves behind his beloved parents; sister, Sara (Daniel) Thoennes Cline; nephew, Isaac Cline; uncles, Greg (Kathy) Thoennes and Gerald (Lisa) Shaffer; cousins, Jessica (Matt) James and their children Jonathan and Savannah, Matt (Hope) Thoennes and their children Lylah and Collins, Katherine (Brendon) Santolin, Michelle Shaffer, and Lauren Shaffer; and step-grandmother Penny Carmichael Shaffer.

Evan was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles Thoennes, Bob and Vera Densborn, Jerry Shaffer, and Patricia Shaffer.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021 at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers, with Father Thomas Haan officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in St. Petersburg, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to: Humane Society for Hamilton County, SPCA Tampa Bay, or St. Louis de Montfort Food Pantry (checks should be made payable to St. Louis de Montfort with a note in the memo line Sally Burton Food Pantry in memory of Evan Thoennes).

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Second tournament victory in four days . . .

## Huskies triumph at Lebanon Classic

In four days, the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team has played five games and won two tournaments.

How's that for a win streak?

Actually, the Huskies' win streak is up to nine, as Heights kept its unbeaten record intact by triumphing at the Lebanon Tiger Girls Holiday Classic early this week. The Huskies won two easy games Monday to advance to the Tuesday championship, where they beat the host Tigers 43-34.

Lebanon led Heights 10-6 after the first quarter of the final game, but the Huskies took control in the second period and led 18-13 at halftime. Camryn Runner hit two 3-pointers during that period.

The Huskies got up 28-20 by the end of the third period, with Jillian Osswald adding six points and MyKayla Moran scoring four. The fourth quarter was tight, but Heights clinched the win at the free-throw line – Runner went 8-for-8 from the line and Osswald was 2-for-2.

Runner finished the game with 14 points, while Moran scored 11 and Osswald added eight.

In their first-round game on Monday, Heights cruised past Perry Meridian 39-17, its best defensive effort since Feb. 2, 2019, when the Huskies held Muncie Burris to 16 points in a sectional game.

Heights was never troubled by the Falcons, leading 10-4 after the first period and 18-6 at halftime. Osswald and Moran both scored 10 points; Osswald made two 3s.

The Huskies beat Lowell 52-30 in the semi-finals. Heights again was in control from the beginning, going up 15-5 in the first quarter and 33-11 at halftime. Runner had an outrageous game, draining nine 3-pointers on her way to 31 points.

"Being able to win three games for the championship was a total team effort," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "Our girls played very unselfish basketball and competed hard the entire tournament. And hats off to my staff, they put in lots of hours preparing. We continue trying to play catch-up in terms of the COVID-19 quarantines and the game reps we've gotten in these last two tournaments have been great for us. Things we cannot repli-



Photo provided

The Hamilton Heights girls basketball team won its second tournament in four days by triumphing at the Lebanon Tiger Girls Holiday Classic on Tuesday. The Huskies beat Lebanon 43-34 in the championship and remain perfect for the season at 9-0.

cate in practice.

"I'm really proud of the character of this team. Everyone is embracing their role and is for each other. Camryn Runner was a beast the entire tournament and earned the tournament MVP. Jillian Osswald was selected to the all-tournament team."

The Huskies are now 9-0 for the season and host Winchester on Saturday afternoon.

### FIRST ROUND GAME HAMILTON HEIGHTS 39, PERRY MERIDIAN 17

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	1	2-2	4	0
Jillian Osswald	3	2-2	10	1
Camryn Runner	2	2-4	7	1
Syd Runyan	2	0-0	4	2
MyKayla Moran	5	0-0	10	0
Kaylee Rhoton	2	0-0	4	1

Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	1
Rachel Hunter	0	0-0	0	0
Alayna Baber	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15	6-8	39	7

Score by Quarters	Heights	Perry Meridian
1st	10	8
2nd	8	14
3rd	7	39
4th	4	2
5th	3	8
6th	17	1

### SEMI-FINAL GAME HAMILTON HEIGHTS 52, LOWELL 30

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	2	0-0	4	2
Jillian Osswald	3	0-0	7	1
Camryn Runner	10	2-2	31	1
Syd Runyan	2	0-0	4	2
MyKayla Moran	0	1-2	1	3
Kaylee Rhoton	1	2-2	5	2
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Rachel Hunter	0	0-0	0	0
Megan Ottinger	0	0-0	0	0
Alayna Baber	0	0-0	0	1

Totals	18	5-6	52	12
Score by Quarters				
Heights	15	18	10	9 - 52
Lowell	5	6	15	4 - 30
Heights 3-pointers (11)				Runner 9, Osswald
1, Cherry 1.				

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME HAMILTON HEIGHTS 43, LEBANON 34

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	2	0-1	5	0
Jillian Osswald	2	4-5	8	0
Camryn Runner	2	8-8	14	3
Syd Runyan	0	2-2	2	3
MyKayla Moran	4	3-4	11	2
Kaylee Rhoton	1	0-0	3	3
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	11	17-20	43	11
Score by Quarters				
Heights	6	12	10	15 - 43
Lebanon	10	3	7	14 - 34
Heights 3-pointers (4) Runner 2, Hickok 1, Rhoton 1				

## Tigers place third at Hall of Fame

By RICHIE HALL

**NEW CASTLE** - After two tough games at the Raymond James Hall of Fame Classic on Tuesday, was the Fishers girls basketball team exhausted once it finished its second game?

Possibly, although the Tigers didn't show it afterwards, if one goes by the loud cheering that could be heard just outside their locker room. Fishers may not have gotten the trophy, but did show, and perhaps learned, a few things about itself once the tournament was done.

The Class 4A No. 5 Tigers took on 3A No. 3 Evansville Memorial in their first game, dropping a tough one 46-41. It was Fishers' first loss after a 10-game win streak. In the third-place game, the Tigers held off 3A No. 2 Norwell in a top-sy-turvy contest, winning 75-70.

"Teams go through these ebbs and flows," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "And I think that one of the things that

happens when you play as well as you play against a team like Noblesville is that I think that the expectation is raised that that's maybe going to be the way you're going to play the rest of the year."

Votaw was referencing the Tigers' Dec. 11 win over the Millers, another one of 4A's top teams. Fishers followed that victory up with wins over Pendleton Heights and Frankton, the latter of which is ranked No. 2 in 2A.

In the morning semi-final, the Fishers Tigers led 12-8 after the first quarter. Katie Burton and Audra Emmerson both contributed five points – each player made a 3-pointer and two free throws. The Memorial Tigers came back to lead at halftime 24-21; Hope Lensing's six points led the way in that period.

Fishers grabbed the lead back by the end of the third period, going up 34-32. Hailey Smith added five points in that quarter. But Memorial took over in the

fourth, outscoring Fishers 14-7. Memorial would go on to overwhelm Mount Vernon in the championship game 69-38.

Smith scored all seven of the Tigers' fourth-quarter points, and lead all scorers with 12 points. Smith's 10 rebounds earned her a double-double as well. Hailey's twin sister Olivia Smith also had 10 rebounds to go with eight points, while Burton finished with eight points and five rebounds. Emmerson had four steals.

Fishers then had a small window of time before the third-place game with Norwell, which lost to Mount Vernon in the semi-finals 61-50. After losing for the first time in almost two months, the question now was, how would the Tigers respond?

"We just went over to this little church and hung out in this gym that they let us sit in," said Votaw. "I told them we were going to start scouting report at 4:30, and at 4:30, they're up and they're doing

cartwheels. They're relaxed and they're enjoying each other's company. And that was a good sign for me. I thought we came out ready to play, which is really hard to do."

Fishers zipped off to a 13-2 lead against Norwell. Emmerson scored five points during that stretch, including a three-point play to get the Tigers up 11. But the Knights stormed back to tie the game by the end of the first at 17-17, finishing the quarter on a 10-0 run.

Norwell took the lead early in the second period when Mackenzie Tolliver hit a 3-pointer. Fishers quickly came back with a 7-0 run; Burton started it with a lay-in, then Hailey Smith added five points with a lay-in and a 3-pointer. The Tigers would never trail again.

Fishers led 35-32 at halftime then sailed through the third quarter. The Tigers started it with a 15-3 run which saw

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Millers pick up Monday HCC win



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Noblesville's Jayla Jones led the Millers with 16 points during their Monday Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory over Avon.

Noblesville got back above the .500 mark in Hoosier Crossroads Conference play on Monday, beating Avon 59-52 at The Mill.

The Orioles had the advantage in the first half, leading 13-11 after the first quarter and 25-20 at halftime. But the Millers blasted back in the third period, scoring 22 points to take a 42-35 lead into the fourth period. Noblesville maintained that lead by scoring 17 points in the fourth.

Jayla Jones led the Millers scoring with 16 points, including three 3-pointers. Mallory Miller added 14 points while Ashlynn Shade earned a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Shade also had five assists and four steals, while Reagan Wilson made seven steals.

Noblesville is now 3-2 in the HCC and 9-3 overall. The Millers will compete in the Greensburg Tournament today, taking on New Palestine at noon in first-

round play. Southport plays Greensburg to open the event at 10 a.m. The consolation game is set for 4 p.m., with the championship game at 6 p.m.

NOBLESVILLE 59, AVON 52				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	1-5	5-8	7	2
Ashlynn Shade	2-13	8-8	13	4
Reagan Wilson	3-7	2-2	9	2
Mallory Miller	4-7	4-7	14	5
Emily Wood	0-4	0-0	0	3
Jayla Jones	4-6	5-6	16	1
Brooklyn Smitherman	0-1	0-2	0	2
Brooklyn Ely	0-1	0-0	0	0
Dani Mendez	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-45	24-33	59	19
Score by Quarters				
Avon	13	12	10	17 - 52
Noblesville	11	9	22	17 - 59
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-13) Jones 3-4, Miller 2-3, Shade 1-2, Wilson 1-2, Shoemaker 0-1, Ely 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (27) Shade 10, Jones 4, Wilson 4, Miller 2, Wood 2, Shoemaker 1, Ely 1, team 3.				

'Rocks pick up sixth straight victory

Westfield won its sixth straight game on Tuesday, beating Springboro (Ohio) 55-51 at the Paul Loggan Memorial Invitational at North Central.

The Shamrocks jumped out to a 17-8 lead after the first quarter, but Springboro came back, cutting Westfield's lead to 28-24 by halftime. The 'Rocks were up 39-37 after three quarters, then held on in the fourth to secure the win.

Alyssa Crockett scored 14 points and collected six rebounds, while Chesney Tebbe had 13 points and five rebounds.

Westfield is now 9-3 for the season and returns to North Central this afternoon for its second game at the tournament. The 'Rocks will play Silver Creek, the No. 1 team in Class 3A.

WESTFIELD 55, SPRINGBORO 51				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alyssa Crockett	5-6	3-5	14	2
Chesney Tebbe	6-7	1-4	13	3
Jessica Castor	1-5	0-0	3	2
Olivia Robey	3-5	1-2	8	3
Gigi Eldredge	4-7	1-2	9	2
Hailey Remaks	1-2	2-2	5	2
Ellie Kelleher	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jadeyn Hammes	1-1	0-0	3	0
Madi Kerrigan	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	21-33	8-15	55	15
Score by Quarters				
Springboro	8	16	13	14 - 51
Westfield	17	11	11	16 - 55
Westfield 3-point shooting (5-8) Castor 1-3, Remaks 1-2, Hammes 1-1, Crockett 1-1, Robey 1-1.				
Westfield rebounds (21) Crockett 6, Tebbe 5, Castor 3, Robey 2, Eldredge 2, Hammes 1, Kelleher 1, Remaks 1.				

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five different players score. Burton added six points in that run and Emmerson nailed another triple.

Kaiya Walker finished the quarter with yet another 3-pointer for Fishers, which lead 55-40 at the end of three. The Tigers got their lead up to 18 points twice, including a 67-49 advantage in the middle of the period. The Knights began a furious comeback, outscoring Fishers 19-4 to get within 71-68 with under a minute to go. But the Tigers were able to hang on, with free throws from Emmerson and Burton (plus a pair of offensive rebounds from Burton), clinching the game.

Burton scored 22 points, followed by Walker with 22 and Emmerson with 10. Olivia Smith collected eight rebounds, while Burton had six. As a team, Fishers handed out 22 assists on 30 baskets, and nine different players scored. Olivia Smith led that category with six assists, followed by Hailey Smith with five and Emmerson with four.

Fishers is now 12-2 for the season. The Tigers return home on Saturday to host Fort Wayne South Side.

SEMI-FINAL GAME EVANSVILLE MEMORIAL 46, FISHERS 41				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Audra Emmerson	2-8	2-3	7	2
Katie Howard	1-4	0-0	3	1
Hailey Smith	4-6	3-5	12	5

from Page 6				
Olivia Smith	3-8	2-2	8	4
Katie Burton	2-11	3-5	8	1
Jordyn Smith	0-2	0-0	0	2
Hailey Gausepohl	1-1	0-0	3	0
Kaiya Walker	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	13-40	10-15	41	16
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	12	9	13	7 - 41
Memorial	8	16	8	14 - 46
Fishers 3-point shooting (5-17) Burton 1-5, Emmerson 1-5, Howard 1-3, H. Smith 1-1, Gausepohl 1-1, J. Smith 0-2.				
Fishers rebounds (29) H. Smith 10, O. Smith 10, Burton 5, Emmerson 3, Walker 1.				

THIRD-PLACE GAME FISHERS 75, NORWELL 70				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Audra Emmerson	3-5	3-5	10	2
Katie Howard	4-7	0-0	8	1
Hailey Smith	3-5	0-0	7	0
Olivia Smith	3-4	2-2	8	1
Katie Burton	9-13	3-4	22	4
Karina Scott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jordyn Smith	1-4	0-0	3	2
Hailey Gausepohl	1-2	0-1	3	1
Emily Gausepohl	1-3	0-0	2	1
Kaiya Walker	5-5	0-0	12	0
Totals	30-48	8-12	75	12
Score by Quarters				
Norwell	17	15	8	30 - 70
Fishers	17	18	20	20 - 75
Fishers 3-point shooting (7-13) Walker 2-2, Emmerson 1-2, J. Smith 1-2, H. Gausepohl 1-2, H. Smith 1-1, Burton 1-1, Howard 0-2, E. Gausepohl 0-1.				
Fishers rebounds (29) O. Smith 8, Burton 6, H. Smith 3, Emmerson 3, Scott 2, Howard 1, J. Smith 1, H. Gausepohl 1, E. Gausepohl 1, Walker 1, team 2.				

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Boys basketball

# Sheridan opens season with victory



Sheridan's Kyle Eden sprints down the court for an easy layup during the Blackhawks' win at North Montgomery on Tuesday.

The Sheridan boys basketball team finally got its season underway on Tuesday, winning its opener at North Montgomery 39-33.

The Chargers led 5-4 after the first quarter and led 19-18 at halftime. Ethan Moistner helped keep the Blackhawks within shouting distance by scoring five points in the second quarter, including a 3-pointer.

North Montgomery then led 28-26 after three periods, but the Sheridan defense took over in the fourth, holding the Chargers to only five points. The 'Hawks scored 13 points, with Silas DeVaney getting five.

"Kids playing hard and playing good solid defense a lot of the time got us over the hump and we hit some big free throws at the end," said Sheridan coach Tod Windlan, in his first game with the Blackhawks.

Moistner finished the game with 12 points and eight rebounds, while Corbin Murray led the rebounds with nine. Kyle Eden had a solid all-around game with nine points, four rebounds and four steals.

Winland said the vision for his team is to "get better each game. Obviously get our legs underneath us, we've been off

for three weeks. And then just continue to chip away and get better."

Sheridan will get right back at it this morning as the Blackhawks will play in the Alexandria Tiger Classic. Sheridan takes on Greenfield-Central at 10 a.m., followed by Southern Wells playing Alexandria at noon. The consolation game is set for 6 p.m. and the championship game starts at 8 p.m.

SHERIDAN 39, NORTH MONTGOMERY 33				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Corbin Murray	1-2	1-2	3	2
Cayden Hunter	0-2	1-2	1	0
Kyle Eden	4-10	1-2	9	3
Silas DeVaney	1-8	5-8	7	4
Ethan Moistner	2-17	7-10	12	3
Keenan Waren	2-6	1-2	5	3
Carson Huffman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Evan Grinstead	0-4	2-2	2	0
Totals	10-49	18-28	39	15
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	4	14	8	13 - 39
North Montgomery	5	14	9	5 - 33
Sheridan 3-point shooting (1-17) Moistner 1-11, Grinstead 0-3, Murray 0-1, Hunter 0-1, DeVaney 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (30) Murray 9, Moistner 8, Eden 4, DeVaney 4, Grinstead 3, Hunter 1, Huffman 1.				

## HSE swimmers take second at Homestead

The Hamilton Southeastern swim teams competed at the Homestead Invitational on Monday, and both the Royals girls and boys squads finished second to the host Spartans.

The Southeastern girls scored 62 points, with Homestead totaling 99 points and Yorktown nine. Molly Pedersen and Kennedy Fisher each won an individual event, with Pedersen triumphing in the 500 freestyle and Fisher taking first in the breaststroke. Both swimmers also had strong relay performances, while Kaleigh Stivers, Grace Newton and Makana Goss also had solid meets as well.

The Royals boys team totaled 70 points, while Homestead won with 88 points and Yorktown scored 12. Keegan Streett was a double winner in the 200 and 100 freestyles. Other HSE boys having strong days were Thomas Reising, MacIolm Tarin, Matt Truxall, Logan Hess, Charlie Rogers, Noah Haines, Ryan Harrison, Drew Hershman and Justin Voelker.

"It is always nice when both the men and the women compete at the same meet - today was no different as the Lady Royals were crazy supportive of these guys and when the ladies were swimming, the men did a good job of supporting them as well," said Royals coach Andy Pedersen. "These teams truly have each other's backs."

## GC gets fourth straight win

Guerin Catholic won its fourth straight game on Tuesday, beating Kokomo 62-51 at the Wildkats' Memorial Gymnasium.

Kokomo led 16-15 after the first quarter before the Golden Eagles pulled ahead 29-18 at halftime. Guerin Catholic then jumped ahead in the third period, holding the Wildkats to seven points while taking a 44-35 lead. The Golden Eagles clinched the game with an 18-point fourth quarter.

Four players reached double figures for GC, starting with Matthew Gillis. He scored 20 points and came close to a double-double with nine rebounds. Kaleb Edwards had 16 points and seven rebounds, while Joseph Bobilya threw in three 3-pointers on his way to 12 points. Will Grissom added 12 points and Matthew Etchison dished out four assists.

The Golden Eagles are 7-1 and host Lebanon on Saturday.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 62, KOKOMO 51				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaleb Edwards	5-10	5-7	16	3
Joseph Bobilya	3-9	3-6	12	1
Will Grissom	3-12	5-7	12	2
Garrett Kreiner	0-0	0-0	0	2
Matthew Gillis	10-12	0-0	20	2
Matthew Etchison	1-1	0-1	2	3
Jack Cherry	0-0	0-0	0	2
Spencer Wilt	0-1	0-0	0	2
Patrick Baird	0-0	0-0	0	0
Elijah Edwards	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-45	13-21	62	17
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	15	14	15	18 - 62
Kokomo	16	12	7	16 - 51
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (5-16) Bobilya 3-7, K. Edwards 1-4, Grissom 1-4, Wilt 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (28) Gillis 9, K. Edwards 7, Kreiner 4, Bobilya 2, Wilt 2, Grissom 1, Cherry 1, team 2.				

## Westfield, Carmel have perfect days at events

The Westfield wrestling team took care of business at the Cascade Invite on Tuesday, winning the tournament.

The Shamrocks cruised through their first three duals, beating Columbus East 52-15, Greencastle 61-15 and Cascade 69-12. In the final round, Westfield won a back-and-forth dual with Avon, taking the last two matches by fall to grab a 37-31 victory.

Six Shamrocks wrestlers finished the event 6-0: Dylan Driver (at 113 pounds), Braxton Vest (120), Thadeus O'Neill (126), Austin McClure (170), Gabe Arvin (195) and Mike Platonov (285). Ike O'Neill was 3-0 at 132, with Hank Temples winning his 132-pound match. Alec McLaren (138) and Seth Martin (182) both were 3-1.

The Shamrocks return to action next Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Zionsville.

Carmel swept the Mooresville Holiday Duals on Tuesday with a 4-0 record. The Greyhounds beat Lebanon 67-12, Mooresville 50-21, Yorktown 59-18 and Greenwood 72-6. Gavin Thompson, Eitan Halevi, Brac Hooper, AJ Gunn, Nathan Powell, Robert Major, Jake Shafer and Billy Kepler all had 4-0 records on the day. Jackson Elliott was 3-0, while Gannon McDonald went 2-0. Luke Farling and Samuel Johnson both had 3-1 records for the tournament.

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# NFL standings - Week 16

Week 16 scores	
New Orleans 52, Minnesota 33	Baltimore 27, N.Y. Giants 13
Tampa Bay 47, Detroit 7	N.Y. Jets 23, Cleveland 16
San Francisco 20, Arizona 12	Carolina 20, Washington 13
Miami 26, Las Vegas 25	L.A. Chargers 19, Denver 16
Pittsburgh 28, Indianapolis 24	Dallas 37, Philadelphia 17
Kansas City 17, Atlanta 14	Seattle 20, L.A. Rams 9
Chicago 41, Jacksonville 17	Green Bay 40, Tennessee 14
Cincinnati 37, Houston 31	Buffalo 38, New England 9

National Conference						
East	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Washington	6	9	0	.400	315	315
Dallas	6	9	0	.400	376	450
N.Y. Giants	5	10	0	.333	257	338
Philadelphia	4	10	1	.300	320	398
North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
z-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	474	353
Chicago	8	7	0	.533	356	335
Minnesota	6	9	0	.400	393	440
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	342	482
South	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	11	4	0	.733	449	330
x-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	448	328
Carolina	5	10	0	.333	343	369
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	369	370
West	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
z-Seattle	11	4	0	.733	433	348
L.A. Rams	9	6	0	.600	354	289
Arizona	8	7	0	.533	403	349
San Francisco	6	9	0	.400	353	364
x - Clinched playoff spot				z - Clinched division		

American Conference						
East	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
z-Buffalo	12	3	0	.800	445	349
Miami	10	5	0	.667	378	282
New England	6	9	0	.400	298	339
N.Y. Jets	2	13	0	.133	229	429
North	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
z-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	394	288
Baltimore	10	5	0	.667	430	300
Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	384	397
Cincinnati	4	10	1	.300	308	386
South	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	10	5	0	.667	450	401
Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	423	348
Houston	4	11	0	.267	346	423
Jacksonville	1	14	0	.067	292	464
West	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
z-Kansas City	14	1	0	.933	452	324
Las Vegas	7	8	0	.467	402	447
L.A. Chargers	6	9	0	.400	346	405
Denver	5	10	0	.333	292	414

# NBA standings

Tuesday's games		Philadelphia 100, Toronto 93	Phoenix 111, New Orleans 86
New York 95, Cleveland 86	Chicago 115, Washington 107		L.A. Clippers 124, Minnesota 101
Golden State 116, Detroit 106	Milwaukee 144, Miami 97		Sacramento 125, Denver 115
Boston 116, Indiana 111	Orlando 118, Oklahoma City 107		

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	-
Brooklyn	2	2	.500	1.0
New York	2	2	.500	1.0
Boston	2	2	.500	1.0
Toronto	0	3	.000	2.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Indiana	3	1	.750	-
Cleveland	3	1	.750	-
Milwaukee	2	2	.500	1.0
Chicago	1	3	.250	2.0
Detroit	0	4	.000	3.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Orlando	4	0	1.00	-
Atlanta	3	0	1.00	0.5
Miami	1	2	.333	2.5
Charlotte	1	2	.333	2.5
Washington	0	4	.000	4.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	2	1	.667	-
Portland	2	1	.667	-
Minnesota	2	2	.500	0.5
Oklahoma City	1	2	.333	1.0
Denver	1	3	.250	1.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	3	1	.750	-
L.A. Clippers	3	1	.750	-
Sacramento	3	1	.750	-
L.A. Lakers	2	2	.500	1.0
Golden State	2	2	.500	1.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	2	1	.667	-
New Orleans	2	2	.500	0.5
Dallas	1	2	.333	1.0
Memphis	1	2	.333	1.0
Houston	0	2	.000	1.5

# Celtics rally, hand Pacers first loss

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After three quarters on Tuesday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, the Indiana Pacers appeared well on their way to a 4-0 start.

The Blue & Gold had built an 11-point lead thanks to another dominant third quarter, Victor Oladipo was attacking the rim at will, T.J. Warren was heating up like he was back in the bubble, and Domantas Sabonis was flirting with another triple-double.

But the Pacers' best laid plans went astray down the stretch, as the Boston Celtics (2-2) quickly rallied in the fourth quarter and held on down the stretch to hand the Pacers (3-1) their first defeat, a 116-111 decision that avenged a one-point loss to the Pacers two nights earlier.

The loss spoiled another strong performance from Oladipo, who was back in the lineup after sitting out Sunday's game for injury management on the second night of a back-to-back. The Pacers' star guard finished with a team-high 24 points, six rebounds, and six assists, his third straight 20-point game to open the season.

"I'm starting to get more and more confident going to the rim and going up there and finishing," Oladipo said. "It's just something that I've just got to keep

getting better at. I'm feeling stronger, feeling healed, and now I've just got to go."

The Celtics surged ahead early in Tuesday's contest thanks to an 11-0 run. Boston led by as many as eight in the first quarter. Myles Turner scored seven points in the frame for Indiana, but the visitors took a 31-26 lead into the second quarter.

The Pacers tied the game on five separate occasions in the second quarter thanks in part to eight points from Oladipo, but Boston never relinquished the lead.

The Celtics took a 58-57 advantage into halftime, but it did not last long past the intermission. Oladipo knocked down a three on the first possession of the second half to put the Pacers in front. The two-time All-Star quickly added a dunk and a layup, then assisted on Indiana's next two field goals as the Blue & Gold opened the third quarter with a 14-6 run.

The Celtics scored the next six points to trim Indiana's lead to 71-70 midway through the frame, but Indiana responded with another flurry. This time it was Warren leading the charge, scoring nine points as the Pacers reeled off a 17-1 run.

Warren scored 15 points in the third quarter alone as Indiana continued its early-season dominance of the frame,

outscored Boston 37-25 to take a 94-83 lead into the fourth quarter.

But the script flipped from there, as the Celtics opened the frame with 11 unanswered points, tying the game on Jayson Tatum's layup less than three minutes into the fourth quarter.

The visitors then took the lead on Tatum's jumper with 7:29 remaining. Indiana tied the game at 100 on Justin Holiday's layup with 6:45 to play, but Boston scored the next nine points. To make matters worse, Indiana lost Warren for the night when he picked up his sixth foul with 4:11 left.

"You can't let your guard down for a second," Pacers head coach Nate Bjorkgren said. "They came out and went bang, bang, bang, had three or four buckets in a row there. We started standing a little bit on offense, but it wasn't due to the lack of effort of our guys.

"Give their team a lot of credit. I thought both teams played extremely hard."

But the Pacers mounted a charge of their own, cobbling together a 9-2 run and cutting the deficit to just two points on Oladipo's layup with 1:01 remaining. After a timeout, Payton Pritchard air-balled a 3-pointer after a strong contest from Oladipo, giving Indiana the ball with a chance to tie or take the lead.

But they never got a shot off, as Holiday was stripped from behind, leading to an uncontested layup from Jaylen Brown. Malcolm Brogdon answered with a layup of his own with 16.5 seconds remaining, but the Pacers had to foul and Tatum hit both free throws to push the Celtics' lead back to four. Sabonis turned it over on the other end, ending any hopes of a comeback.

Brogdon finished with 19 points and seven assists for Indiana, while Warren added 17 on 7-of-13 shooting. Turner had 16 points, six boards, and three blocks while going 3-for-6 from 3-point range and Sabonis tallied 14 points, 11 rebounds, and eight assists.

Holiday chipped in 12 points and four steals off the bench.

Tatum led all scorers with 27 points, going 9-for-17 from the field and 8-for-10 from the free throw line while also collecting 11 rebounds and four assists. Brown added 20 points, Marcus Smart had 17 and five assists, and Tristan Thompson had a double-double (14 points and 10 rebounds) in the win.

The Pacers will look to bounce back on Thursday afternoon, when they continue a four-game homestand by hosting the Cleveland Cavaliers on New Year's Eve.

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