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# Reporter's top stories of 2020



The Noblesville girls soccer team defended its Class 3A state championship on Oct. 31 at Reynolds Tigers Stadium in Fishers. The Millers beat Guerin Catholic 3-0 and finished their season 17-0-1.

By FRED SWIFT  
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Rarely in our time has there been an event that has affected every person in our county as has the current COVID-19 epidemic. About 275 lives have been lost to the invisible enemy.

Schools, churches and most businesses have curtailed activities. Many sports programs, Fourth of July activities, organizational meetings and large gatherings have been suspended in an attempt to stem the spread of the virus.

At year's end, there is hope that the newly introduced vaccine will enable the community to return to some degree of normalcy during the new year.

Second on our list of top stories for 2020 was the social unrest following the death of George Floyd that spilled over into Hamilton County with several protests conducted in Carmel, Noblesville, Fishers and Westfield. Unlike other protests conducted throughout the nation, all in Hamilton County were peaceful.

Election 2020 is our third story of the year. Locally, Democrats mounted their greatest effort in a century to break the Republicans hold on public offices. But, in the end, the GOP won out.

Although Democrats

point to getting an increasing percentage of the vote, in raw numbers Republican candidates won by huge margins except at the top of the ticket where President Donald Trump's vote total was only 14,000 ahead of challenger Joe Biden.

The fourth story involves the sudden surge in plans for downtown Noblesville redevelopment as the city moves to catch up with neighboring cities. Plans for three new mixed-use projects and a three-level parking garage were unveiled, and at year's end another earlier project, The Levinson, is nearing completion.

Early in the year, allegations of favoritism for some taxpayers led to a lengthy State Police investigation in the County Treasurer's office. Police found no illegal practices but civil lawsuits followed. A former employee, Susan Byer, made the allegations of wrongdoing, then ran and won the office in the November election.

Late in the year, a still-unresolved spat developed between Noblesville city leaders and officials of Industrial Dielectrics Inc. (IDI) The city's planned route of the Pleasant Street Bypass takes out a portion of the IDI parking lot. It's a move that the longtime business strongly opposes and has indicated it will leave Noblesville if the city pur-



Following the death of George Floyd, peaceful protestors took to the streets of Hamilton County's cities this past summer, as they did in Carmel on June 1.

sues its current plans.

High school sports, always popular in our county, continued to make history during the year. The Carmel girls swim team won a national record 34 consecutive state championships.

The Noblesville girls soccer team won a second consecutive state championship while Westfield's football team, rapidly becoming a state power, became state runner-up in the "big" school Class 6A. They won the state in 5A a few years ago.

And, in basketball, defending state champion Carmel won a sixth straight sectional before the state tourney was suspended due to health concerns.

The county's taxable assessed valuation surged this year by \$1.3 billion mostly due to record new construction. The big increase in assessed value enabled taxing units to hold tax rates to existing, or in some cases lower levels.

A community controversy developed in October when Beaver Materials

Inc. announced plans to dig a gravel pit along Allisonville Road south of Potters Bridge. Residents of nearby subdivisions protested vigorously, and after a plan commission tie vote on the gravel proposal, Beaver withdrew its request for rezoning. It can reapply later, but there has been no indication if or when that might be.

Work got underway this year on the State Road 37 conversion to a freeway-style highway, but major cost overruns of at least

\$40 million were announced in November. Work will continue as Fishers city government and county officials vowed to take the project to completion.

And, last but not least, Clay Township officials unveiled a huge \$60 million Community Impact Program, likely the largest township building program in the state. It includes new fire department facilities, park upgrades, a historical society museum and a fieldhouse for the Carmel Dads Club.

## Larry Lannan's analysis of biggest stories affecting Fishers

By LARRY LANNAN  
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During the final days of December, I have been mulling the question of how to handle the top Fishers news stories for the year of 2020. In the past, I have ranked the top 20 stories, from number 20 or 25 up to the top news story at number one.

In 2020, that just doesn't work because we have never had a news year that compares in any way. The novel coronavirus has upended the lives of most people in the world, and Fishers is part of that world.

COVID-19 is so pervasive in most of the news stories in 2020 I cannot do the normal ranking. So, here is what I will do in this piece. I will begin with the ways COVID has impacted the lives of those of us living in Fishers.

Then, I will simply list the other news stories in the past year that were important, but not COVID-related, in no particular order, because the coronavirus was by far the biggest story of 2020.

I was covering a Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) School Board meeting early this year when the news broke that the NBA was "suspending" its season after a COVID outbreak in Oklahoma City. It didn't

take long to see the impact on all of us as the days rolled along in March and April.

I recall my last in-person podcast with Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, asking him what the experts he consults were telling him in April about just how bad the coronavirus crisis would be. The mayor pulled no punches in saying this will be bad and it is up to all of us to behave in a way that will limit the spread of the virus.

Sadly, many of us have not behaved so well.

So, what stories in Fishers were related to COVID? The start was the decision by Mayor Fadness to create a city Health Department. He did so after discovering that county health officials had no plan in April to implement a COVID testing regime. The mayor was convinced having COVID testing available would be key to promoting health and commerce in his city. So, had it not been for the novel coronavirus, it is unlikely Fishers would have its own health department.

The testing began in late April, free for Fishers residents and available to businesses for a fee. The mayor recently said on a Zoom podcast recording that Fishers had conducted more than 29,000 tests so far.

COVID has crippled HSE Schools' ability to

conduct in-person classes. When the pandemic first hit in the spring, all classes went all-virtual. Later, a plan was developed to allow grades K-4 to have in-person classes, set up a 50 percent in and out of in-person classes and virtual for grades 5-8.

Then, the coronavirus numbers spiked in October and November. Substitute teachers were in short supply and the in-person classroom sessions could not be staffed. Classes went all-virtual again.

A new school board will take office in January (more on that later) and will need to decide what to do about the virtual classes now in place through Jan. 15.

That's just an overview; there are many more aspects. This is just the way of saying COVID was by far the biggest news story of 2020.

Now, let's look at some other important news for Fishers in 2020, in no particular order:

- The racial issues sparked by the death of George Floyd were felt in Fishers. There were several demonstrations dealing with race in the city during 2020. The City of Fishers offered a program, Interrupting Racism, to any Fishers resident wanting to attend the seminar. This city program was in the works

long before Floyd's death.

- HSE School Superintendent Allen Bourff announced his intention to retire at the end of June 2021. He and his wife plan to remain residents of Fishers.

- The HSE School Board will swear in three new board members in January. Sarah Donsbach, Sarah Parks-Reese and Suzanne Thomas will take office at the first board meeting in 2021, scheduled for Jan. 13.

- The City of Fishers landed some economic development projects. INCOG, a biopharma firm, plans to locate in a building yet to be constructed near Interstate 69 and 116th Street. The former Roche Building facing I-69 will now be the headquarters for Round Room. Also, the major development in downtown Fishers, along 116th Street just west of the municipal complex, continues its construction with part of the development set to open in 2021. This includes a new headquarters building for First Internet Bank.

- The State Road 37 construction continues,



Bourff



Coble

with the interchange at 126th Street complete. The cost of the project rose from the initial estimates, but Mayor Fadness says the extra money can be borrowed with no impact on the city's property tax rate. The Hamilton County Council voted to provide its share of the extra cost.

- Cecilia Coble was elected President of the Fishers City Council. She is the first woman to assume that post.

- The Fishers Test Kitchen opened as part of the Fishers District development. Many new restaurants opened their doors in that project in 2020.

- A September fire at Sunblest Apartments resulted in no injuries but many families were forced to find other arrangements for a home.

- Finally, I announced in late March my intention to end the news blog after eight years of writing about news in Fishers. It is hard work to cover news as a volunteer and I just wanted to focus on reviewing films and other arts events in the area. Then COVID

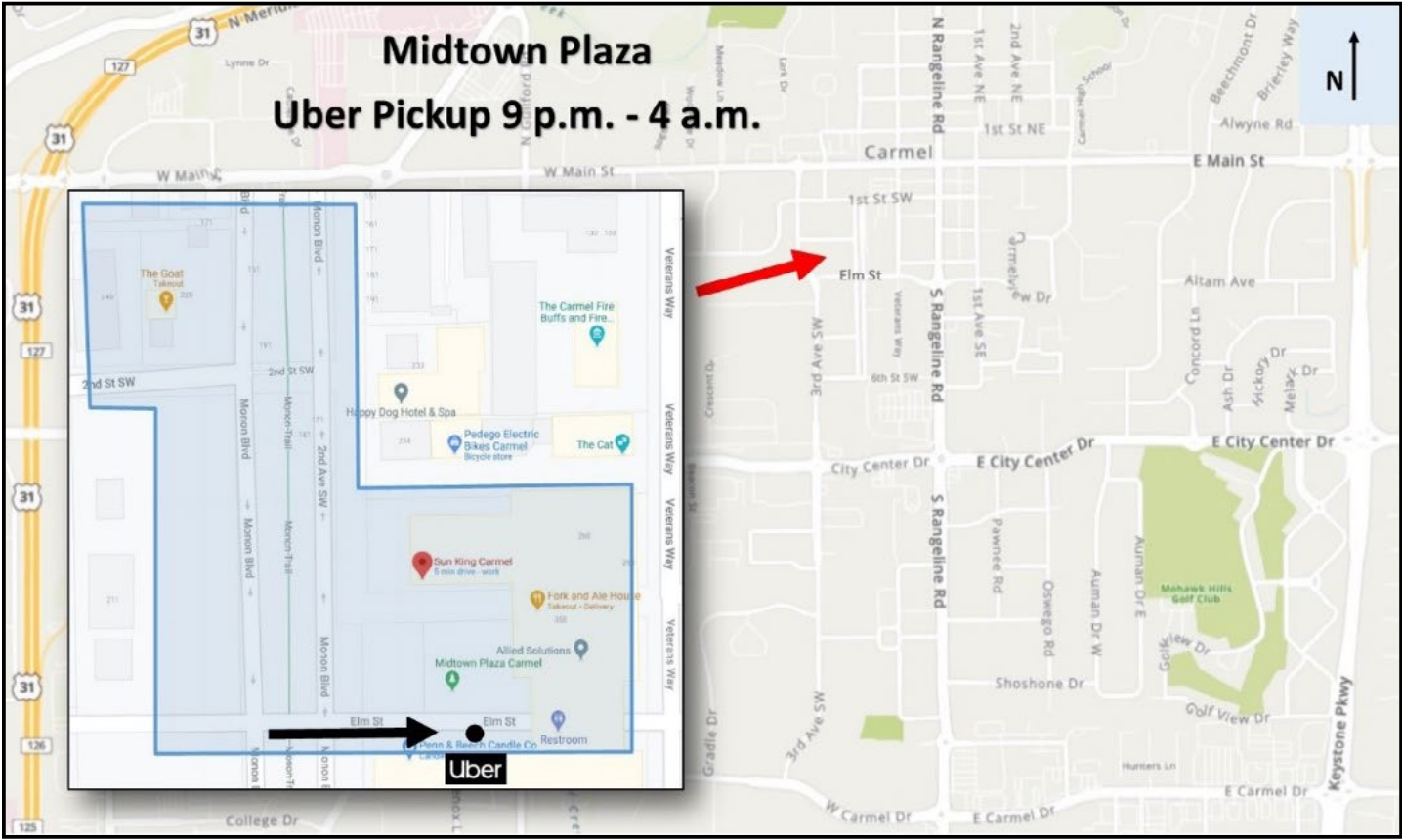
hit and I felt a responsibility to cover news a bit longer with so much important news breaking almost daily. Then I contracted the novel coronavirus, testing positive in late October. When you have no energy to do much of anything because the virus sucks all the energy from your body, you have lots of time to think. I made a decision to continue with the Fishers local news blog because it is the right thing for me to do at this time. So, I am still writing.

On a personal note, 2020 had its high point for me. I became a grandfather for the first time on Aug. 11, 2020. My grandson Dakota is a tremendous gift and I love every moment spent with him. So, I look back on 2020 as a very mixed bag personally.

With vaccines being developed for COVID, 2021 holds much promise for better things to come. I sincerely hope that is the case.

Last, but not least, my sincere thanks to all my readers of this blog and listeners to my podcasts. I am a volunteer, not in any of this for money. I continue my volunteer work due to the many comments received from you, the public. The number of readers and listeners is growing and that is what keeps me going.

Happy New Year, Fishers!



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# Uber launches late night/early morning pick-up, drop-off site in Midtown Carmel

## The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has collaborated with popular ride-sharing firm Uber to designate a specific location for pick-ups and drop-offs that occur late at night and early in the morning in the Midtown area in order to reduce traffic and noise for nearby residents.

The new location for customers to connect with their rides is on Elm Street, next to Midtown Plaza, directly behind the big video screen. This location will be used between 9 p.m. and 4 a.m.

If you are in the Midtown area – as outlined in the map – Uber drivers will automatically be given the new pick-up and

drop-off location, no matter where exactly the call originated. Uber drivers will no longer use Monon Boulevard or nearby residential streets.

Rides are only affected in the areas indicated on the map. The City is also working with Lyft, another ride-share firm, to have them make this change.

# Fishers Arts Council announces exhibits of its 2021 Season of Art

## The REPORTER

The Fishers Arts Council announces its 2021 Season of Art at the Art Gallery at City Hall. The exhibits will feature 12 monthly exhibits and four quarterly exhibits in The Alcove at the Art Gallery. New this year will be a series of Mini Exhibits at the Art Gallery featuring the work of noted Canadian artist Hugh Syme.

Featured exhibits are the 12th annual Senior Showcase presented by Star Financial in April; the Hamilton County Artists' Association exhibit in July; the second annual Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists in September presented by Jiffy Lube of Indiana; the Calligraphy Guild of Indiana Members Exhibit in October, and The Watercolor Society of Indiana Juried Exhibit in November.

Individual featured artists are Jeremy Mallov with his January exhibit, "Local Splendor;" Freddie Kellen and Tom Mueller with their May exhibit, "Our Dreams, Our Realities;" Romeo Zivion with his June exhibit, "Stepping Back," and then Ingrid Blount and Olivia Ash in August with their "Painting Words and Emotions: A Story of Sisters."

The Alcove at the Art Gallery at City Hall will feature quarterly exhibits by Rebecca Robinson entitled, "The Art of Bridging the Gap;" Brinton Farrand, entitled, "Embrace the Chaos, Out of Chaos, Comes Order;" Craig Ogden, entitled "My New Paintings;" and Margot Bogue "Paintings by Margot."

New to the gallery this year are a series of Mini-Exhibits in January, February and March featuring the work of noted Juno Award winning artist Hugh Symes, noted for his cover art of the musical band Rush, along with many others.

The exhibits will feature free Friday receptions when the public is invited to meet virtually or in-person to interact with the



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artist. Live receptions will be dependent on COVID protocols at the time. The January and February receptions will be virtual due to COVID restrictions.

The Gallery is open daily from 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon when the Fishers Summer Farmers Market is open. Groups are advised to give advanced notice at [info@fishersartscouncil.org](mailto:info@fishersartscouncil.org).

# Congresswoman Spartz explains process behind counting electoral votes on Jan. 6

As someone who grew up in an oppressive socialist country without free and fair elections, I greatly appreciate the need to protect the integrity and legitimacy of our elections. It is critical to a free republic.

Contrary to the sensational media coverage, democracy is functioning. Like any President, elected official or candidate for office, President Trump has every right to contest election irregularities to the fullest extent of the law, just as Democratic and Republican candidates have done at all levels since the Founding.

There is a lot of discussion, as well as a lot of bad information, on the counting of electoral votes and procedures at the joint session of Congress on Jan. 6, so I would like to share an overview adopted from the report prepared by the Congressional Research Service on Dec. 8, 2020.



VICTORIA SPARTZ  
5th District Congresswoman

The Constitution provides that each state "shall appoint" electors for President and Vice President in the manner directed by its state legislature (Article II, Section 1, clause 2), on the day determined by Congress (Article II, Section 1, clause 3). Congress has determined in federal law that the "electors of President and Vice President shall be appointed, in each State" on Election Day, that is, the "Tuesday next after the first Monday in November" every fourth year (on Nov. 3, 2020) (3 U.S.C. §1).

The electors of each state meet at the place designated by that state on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December (Dec. 14, 2020) to cast their votes for President and Vice President of the United States (U.S. Constitution, Amendment 12; 3 U.S.C. §§7-8).

The governor of each state is required by federal law to send to the Archivist of the United States, by registered mail and under state seal, "a certificate of such ascertainment of the electors appointed," including the names and numbers of votes for each person for whose appointment as elector any votes were given (3 U.S.C. §6). At the first meeting of Congress, set for Jan. 3, 2021, the Archivist of the United States is required to transmit to the two houses every certificate received from the governors of the states (3 U.S.C. §6).

The date for counting the electoral votes is fixed by law as Jan. 6 following each presidential election (3 U.S.C. §15), unless the date is changed by law. The electoral votes are counted at a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives, meeting in the House chamber. The joint session convenes at 1 p.m. on that day.

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# And then I found hope

"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices"

Oh, how weary is my world. The pandemic has taken its toll on even the joy down in my heart. The death of my mother added salt and vinegar upon my bruised and tender heart.

The world needs hope. I need hope. How do I find hope in the midst of a bleak midwinter? How do I find hope in the trenches of my grief?

Hope gives me a reason to believe that something good is about to happen.

Seek and ye shall find. I read that in the scriptures. I struggle with the energy to seek.

But then ...

I hear the voice of my 21-month-old great-grandson, Jason. "GaGa, wuv you." My heart melts. Joy begins to stir. I heard the voice of hope.

The day after my mother's funeral, we drove to Tampa. 17 hours. I kept thinking of all the things that would need to be done before Christmas, just three days away. The thought of putting up a tree and decorating just overwhelmed my mind.

But ... when we walked inside the house, I saw that Santa's elves had already put up the tree and decorated the house. My weary heart wanted to sing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Those elves were my bonus grandchildren, Emma and Will. They wanted to help. As I looked at the beautifully decorated tree. I saw their kindness and ... I saw hope.

A few days after Christmas, I was sitting on the lanai, drinking my coffee and talking on the phone with my friend, Linda. All of sudden I interrupted her and said, "Oh my goodness, there is a Redbird!" It had flown and landed on the fence. It sat there for a few minutes, looking at me, before flying away.

There went my heart again, singing the Hallelujah Chorus. I knew, I just knew, it was a visitor from heaven. And ... it was a sign of hope.

I was seeking and I was finding ... hope.

I have been reading scriptures in the book of Lamentations in the Old Testament of the Bible. It is a book about deep sorrow.

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# Rep. Goodrich says new law removes barriers to opportunity

## The REPORTER

Students' income earned through paid internships or work-based learning programs will no longer impact their families' eligibility for certain benefits.

The new law, which went into effect on Jan. 1, comes after State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) authored a law empowering the next generation of Hoosier workers by removing this barrier to opportunity. He said dependents from low-income families were in a tough spot because developing skills for the workforce meant their income would count against their family's Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits.

"This is a step in ending generational poverty," Goodrich said. "A student needs to feel confident in taking on new opportunities and challenges that will prepare them for the competitive workforce. With this law, they no longer have to decide between making sure their family can maintain their benefits and building their own skills to get a good-paying job."

Goodrich said the new law also comes as Indiana continues to build up its workforce. With more than 45,000 jobs available in a variety of fields including health care and advanced manufacturing, he said Hoosiers wanting to skill up should turn to Next Level Jobs Indiana. The program offers Workforce Ready Grants covering tuition for Hoosiers earning a high-value certificate for an in-demand job. To learn more, visit [nextleveljobs.org](http://nextleveljobs.org).



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# Small business economic disaster loan applications extended to end of 2021

## The REPORTER

The U.S. **Small Business Administration** has announced that the deadline to apply for the **Economic Injury Disaster Loan** (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 Pandemic disaster declaration is extended to Dec. 31, 2021. The

deadline extension comes as a result of the recent bipartisan COVID-19 relief bill passed by Congress and enacted by President Trump on Dec. 27, 2020.

To date, the SBA has approved \$197 billion in low-interest loans, which provides working capital

funds to help small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses make it through this challenging time.

“Following the President’s declaration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the SBA has approved over 3.6 million loans through our

Economic Injury Disaster Loan program nationwide,” Administrator Jovita Carranza said. “The EIDL program has assisted millions of small businesses, including non-profit organizations, sole proprietors and independent contractors, from a wide array of indus-

tries and business sectors, to survive this very difficult economic environment.”

EIDL loan applications will continue to be accepted through December 2021, pending the availability of funds. Loans are offered at very affordable terms, with a 3.75 percent interest rate

for small businesses and 2.75 percent interest rate for nonprofit organizations, a 30-year maturity, and an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin. All eligible small business and nonprofit are **encouraged to apply** to get the resources needed.

## HOPE

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him. The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him." Lamentations 3:22-25*

What I have found is

that hope doesn't arrive with the sound of a trumpet. Hope is in the quiet voice of a toddler, telling his GaGa that she is loved.

Hope doesn't come with a spotlight. It is seen in the twinkling lights of a Christmas tree, telling me that I am one loved bonus grandmother.

Hope is in the sighting of a Redbird that for years

has become a sign of hope for our family. A very gentle reminder of God faithfulness.

Oh hope, you are there. I am struggling with weariness and sadness. Yet, in the midst of my grief and all that comes with it, I am still choosing to seek and find hope. And who knows, I may even hear the Hallelujah Chorus.

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## COUNTING VOTES

**Section 15 establishes a procedure for making and acting on objections to the counting of one or more of the electoral votes from a state. When an objection, properly made in writing and endorsed by at least one Senator and one Representative, is received, each house is to meet and consider it separately.**

The joint session does not act on any objections that are made. Instead, the joint session is suspended, the Senate withdraws from the House chamber, and each house meets separately to debate the objection and vote whether, based on the objection, to count the vote or votes in question. **Both houses must vote separately to agree to the objection by simple majority. Otherwise, the objection fails and the vote or votes are counted.**

Section 17 lays out procedures for each house to follow when debating and voting on an objection. These procedures limit debate on the objection to not more than two hours, during which each Member may speak only once and for not more than five minutes. Then “it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of each House to put the main

question without further debate.”

The general grounds for an objection to the counting of an electoral vote or votes would appear from the federal statute and from historical sources to be that such vote was not “regularly given” by an elector, and/or that the elector was not “lawfully certified” according to state statutory procedures. The statutory provision first provides in the negative that “no electoral vote ... regularly given by electors whose appointment has been lawfully certified ... from which but one return has been received shall be rejected” (3 U.S.C. §15).

**When the two houses disagree, then the statute states that the votes of the electors whose appointment was certified by the governor of the state shall be counted.**

In the event that no candidate has received a majority of the electoral votes for President, the election is ultimately to be decided by the House of Representatives in which the names of the three candidates receiving the most electoral votes for President are considered by the House, with each state having one vote. In the event that no candi-

date receives a majority of the electoral votes for Vice President, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of electoral votes for that post are submitted to the Senate, which elects the Vice President by majority vote of the Senators.

The House and Senate are scheduled to convene in joint session on Jan. 6, 2021, for the purpose of opening the 2020 presidential election electoral votes submitted by state government officials, certifying their validity, counting them, and declaring the official result of the election for President and Vice President.

I hope this information is helpful as you read and hear about this joint session. I am committed to ensuring free and fair elections, and also that I will follow the Constitution, and give serious consideration to each objection presented. Looking ahead, we have a lot of work to do as a country to ensure all sides in our elections have confidence in the outcome of our elections, and election laws are only changed by the people through their state legislatures, not by judges, governors or election administrators.

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- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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# Delivery apps cost more than you know

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
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During the pandemic, food delivery services like UberEats, Doordash, Grubhub and Postmates are growing. The idea of helping the local economy by supporting drivers and small businesses while still getting a break from cooking for yourself is appealing, but some of the tactics these companies use can hurt small businesses more than help.

In addition to delivery fees, commissions taken by the companies can be as high as 30 percent. That money goes out of state to the owners of the service, not to the drivers or the restaurants you know and love.

Patsy McNall from Pasto Italiano, 3150 E. State Road 32, Westfield, has seen firsthand both how the quality her customers have come to expect can suffer and hard it can be to stop a delivery service from using unsavory methods to force restaurants to allow them access.

"When we first opened, for a very short period of time we joined Doordash," McNall told The Reporter. "We got a complaint about cold food from a lady. She called our restaurant and Kent said he'd refund her money and that he would deliver her more food personally. She said it was alright and not to worry about it, but then she left us a horrible review. So we called Doordash and canceled Doordash."

A couple months later Grubhub just put themselves

on Pasto Italiano's google search page, Yelp and other internet listings, saying they deliver for Pasto.

"Grubhub took forever to get off those listings, but they did and they were very pleasant about it," McNall said. "Right after that, UberEats came on. Their driver, Chris, left us a horrible review when I refused service."

If a business uses UberEats they are signing up for a free period of preliminary service, but after that period ends, restaurants face large commission fees taken out of their own pockets to pay the service.

"It took me a long time to try to fix that because you can't get a human being at these companies to talk to you. I finally got rid of them and as soon as I did, Postmates came on, which is affiliated with UberEats," McNall said. "They are all based out of California and we just can't seem to get rid of them."

There are several articles from across the country indicating that unauthorized online listings tying restaurants to various services and bad restaurant reviews posted by drivers are common. When faced with spending the time and effort to remove such listing over and over, it can seem easier to just give up and allow a service you did not want to deliver for you, even if the fees are high and the food quality may suffer.

"We are a small business," McNall said. "We want to see the customers.

We want to explain the food options. We want to know that it was hot and delivered properly from our hostess to someone for carryout."

Doordash gives businesses a device to tell them that they are coming with orders. That device can be turned off in busy times to prevent overbooking. According to McNall, that is not true with UberEats, Grubhub or Postmates.

"They come whenever they want, so in the middle of your rush when you are fully booked and handling your regular carryout orders, they can flood you with a bunch of orders people think you are going to be able to fill," McNall told The Reporter.

If you order though these services either online or through an app, you are not ordering through the restaurant. They often have outdated menus and fail at asking the restaurant if they can or will fill more orders on a busy weekend evening. McNall pointed to GrubHub specifically as having the wrong menu when trying to take orders from customers.

"Sometimes drivers will approach you in person and say they will be back for pickup," McNall said. "But sometimes they will order something on the phone and use their own first name instead of identifying the delivery service name. Then we don't find out till they come in to pay for it with a company card that they are doing this."

If people are not com-

fortable dining out, many local restaurants have curbside pickup available. You do not have to come into the building, and they have handheld machines to process payment by card. Pasto Italiano will even put your food in the truck of your car for you so there is as close to no-contact as possible.

Delivery services charge both the customer and the restaurant, they do not often carry hot-bags to keep your food warm, and they do not always delivery in a timely manner. If you spend the time to go to a restaurant with curbside service, the time you invest in doing so will be paid back with lower costs, better quality and the knowledge that all your money stays local.

If you do choose to use a delivery service, please call the restaurant first and ask if they support using them. For those who choose to do so, they can be a very good thing in a strange time. For those who do not, the strong-arm tactics and high fees could be hurting the very business you want to support.

Choose wisely.

You can visit Pasto Italiano at 3150 E. State Road 32, Westfield. They are open seven days a week: 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 4 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Visit [pastoitalianowestfield.com](http://pastoitalianowestfield.com) or call (317) 804-2051 for reservations, catering options, daily specials and takeout options without leaving the safety of your car.

## There's nothing new about "the new normal"

March 9 was the last face-to-face meeting I had with a client. The week prior seemed pretty unremarkable ... a number of meetings, lunch with an old friend; my husband and I even had a "date" to HomeGoods. We spent the weekend with two other couples, laughing and lollygagging, only briefly interrupted by some rather urgent proposed "messaging" for clients ... the email subject line: "COVID-19 language."

That was sent shortly after learning that the first cases of coronavirus were documented in Central Indiana. Ten days later, schools would be closed through May 1, sporting events would be canceled, and a lockdown was in the near future. And people started talking about "the new normal."

In the nine months since, I've become increasingly aware of something I'd like to share. This "new normal" many of us are experiencing — feeling shut in and frustrated, longing to enjoy our old lives, be with family and friends, do the things we used to enjoy doing — has been "the normal" for many people in our communities.

Take for instance, our friend Katie. At 40 years old, Katie has some special needs; she doesn't drive and relies on an in-home care company to help her live independently including fixing her meals and providing transportation. We have known Katie since she was in high school, and in past years, we would get together for a dinner around our birthdays and holidays. In March, that changed. No spring birthday dinner; instead, we began talking to Katie on a daily basis. Everyday around 5, we get a call. We hear the update on her dog, her take on current events and what she's had to eat; she talks about her mom, who passed away a few years ago and family

members who live far away. She passes the time watching television and playing games on her iPad.

But this "new normal" isn't super new for Katie. She's spent a good deal of her life feeling a little left out, at the mercy of other people's schedules. And she definitely is not alone.

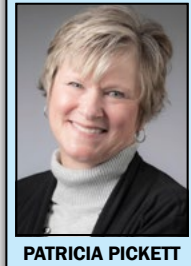
Likewise, there are many elderly people in our communities who can't jump in their car and drive to the nearest restaurant or visit with their friends. Not going to a movie, not going to a sporting event, not visiting that trendy brew pub ... all part of their "normal" life. While we were all "re-discovering" jigsaw puzzles, guess what? Nothing new for "the greatest generation."

Speaking of, that generation has some things in common with the Class of 2020 who (along with their parents) have bemoaned "the new normal" loudly. Many of that era missed their graduations, didn't have a senior year, and didn't go to prom. Why? They enlisted in the military to serve their country. Meanwhile at home, folks sacrificed. People grew victory gardens, women went to work and dealt with rationed goods; people bought war bonds. And I don't think anyone talked about their personal rights being infringed upon.

The real point of all this? When this pandemic is in the not-so-distant history books, it's my hope that we all have a bit more empathy and compassion for those for whom life is challenging at best and lonely at worst. If just one person reached out to a homebound individual every day, it would be a much happier world. THAT would be a real new normal that I, for one, would welcome.

Patricia J. Pickett is a long-time Hamilton County resident and former reporter, editor and publisher.

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PATRICIA PICKETT

## Can't get credit in your own name? Use someone else's identity instead!

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At 1:35 p.m. on Dec. 1, 2020, the Carmel Police Department began investigating a report of fraud at the Forum Credit Union in the 2200 block of East 116th Street.

The suspect pictured opened a credit card account using another person's identity in November 2020 and used the credit card associated with the account in various stores in Carmel and Indianapolis. The suspect also attempted to apply for a loan at a bank.

The suspect was last seen wearing a black hat, a

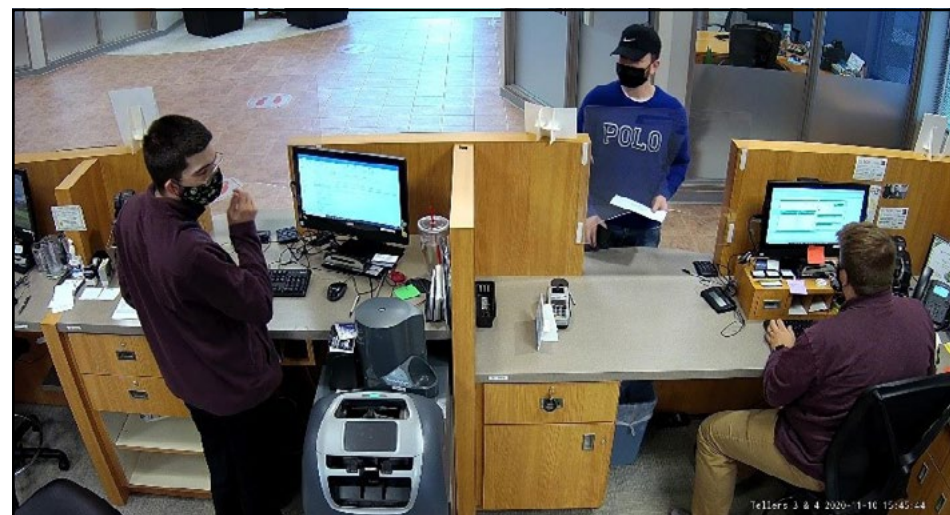


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long sleeve blue polo shirt, blue jeans, and a black mask. The Carmel Police

Department is asking for assistance in identifying the suspect. If you have any

information about the identity of the suspect, please call (317) 571-2500.

### Meeting Notices

The Arcadia Town Council will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Jackson Township Board will hold its annual organizational meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

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# 'Alabama Story' is the show we need right now



I truly believe the theatre has the ability to change people's hearts and minds. It can change the world. When we make art, we create a connection, a much-needed conversation with our community. Telling stories together matters because these stories let us know that we are not alone. And when we get to experience this connection in the safety net of a darkened theater, and together share the warts and the wonder of who we are, we are better for it. Through this sharing we are much more apt to empathize and to listen.

That is why I'm drawn to this artform because it brings together people of so many different backgrounds and ways of life, not only to be entertained, but touched.

Performers get a chance to be vulnerable, to dig deep into themselves to find a universal truth they can

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convey on stage. Audiences get the chance to identify with the characters and their plights, get drawn into the emotion and forget their own lives, and then experience a purge of emotion at the end of the journey. And hopefully people exit the theater with more on their mind than just where to get coffee. Great plays and musicals stick with people long beyond those two hours in the darkened theatre where priceless memories are created and experiences occur that not only heighten our understanding, and enjoyment of theater – but also teach us who we have been, who we are, and who we can become.

A year ago, I was part of a powerful production that I believed sparked conversations for audiences. Actors Theatre of Indiana produced the Indiana premiere of Kenneth Jones' play "Al-

abama Story." It is a finely crafted play about a librarian who was persecuted by politicians for protecting a children's picture book in the Jim Crow South.

It's a true story about Indiana's own Emily Wheelock Reed who, as the Alabama State librarian in 1959, defended a book called "The Rabbits' Wedding," which depicts a black furred rabbit marrying a white furred rabbit. Politicians wanted to censor the story over its themes of interracial marriage.

I enjoy speaking with theatre patrons as they exit one of our shows, but it was quite different during our 2019 run of "Alabama Story." Normally patrons and actors would express their appreciation for each other, post show conversations would be pleasant yet brief, and everyone went on their way to enjoy the rest of their evening. But with "Alabama Story" I noticed that patron after patron wanted to stay longer

and share their thoughts on the play. Some, with tears in their eyes asked if they could give an embrace after expressing personal stories about their own lives and experiences. The play really struck a chord with so many.

In the year since we presented this production, the United States has intensely dealt with issues relating to race. Whether it is the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis or a rise in hate groups gathering online, the themes of civil rights and prejudice are prevalent in 2020. This story from 1959 feels even more relevant today.

I'm a white man who grew up in the middle-class to upper middle-class suburb of Roswell, Ga. My senior year of high school I transferred to an inner-city performing arts school in Atlanta, Ga., where I found myself a minority, and that experience opened my eyes in so many ways. Growing up I was not blind to racism but didn't always see it – or perhaps notice it – on a regular basis.

Pursuing a career in theatre, I've always prided myself on being a part of a noble professional that, by its nature, is very accepting of everyone regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation. The theatre is a safe place where performers can be their true authentic selves and be accepted. It goes back to the idea of digging down inside to find that universal truth and being safe to share.

The events of 2020 have opened my eyes in a new way. I began to look back and think about racism that I might not have noticed before. I spoke with my colleagues at Actors Theatre of Indiana and we knew we wanted to do something. We wanted to do our part – even if it's a small part – to help change people's hearts and minds.

So, the idea came to bring back our production of "Alabama Story." ATI will be offering the chance to watch our recorded production in your own home using an on demand online streaming option. The video will also include a conversation with playwright Kenneth Jones, our director Jane Unger and the cast of "Alabama Story." The cost is \$35.00 and more information can be found at [atistage.org](http://atistage.org).

It's my hope that families will watch this show together, especially with their children, in order to spark discussions about civil rights. I would be happy to discuss the show with any of you after you've seen it. I am happy Actors Theatre of Indiana has the chance to be a small part of positive change for our community.

Don Farrell is the Co-Founder and Artistic Director for Actors Theatre of Indiana. Learn more at [atistage.org](http://atistage.org).

## When was the longest NBA game in history?

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This week in Indiana's history ...

**1904** – Irish poet and dramatist William Butler Yeats was the guest speaker at the Athenaeum on the campus of Butler University in Irvington. He spoke on the topic, "The Theater and What It Might Be." He said modern audiences demand expensive stage settings but care little for the worth of the play.

**1927** – The Notre Dame Glee Club performed for President Calvin Coolidge at the White House. Earlier in the day, they had entertained in the ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel. The 40 singers presented a variety of classical and religious music, as well as college tunes, such as the "Hike Song" and "Victory March."

**1951** – After six overtimes, the Indianapolis Olympians defeated the Rochester Royals in the longest NBA game in history. Played at Edgerton Park Arena, the contest ended with a close Olympians victory. The final score was 75-73. Two of the overtime sessions were scoreless, and in one neither team launched a shot. The Olympians, in existence from 1949 to 1952, were founding members of the NBA. Their home arena was Butler (now Hinkle) Fieldhouse.

**1971** – The Indianap-

olis Sesquicentennial celebration began at the Murat Theater with a musical extravaganza entitled "We Celebrate Our City." IUPUI student Diana Buchanan was crowned Sesquicentennial Queen as Mayor Richard G. Lugar cut a giant, tiered cake for the occasion. The 90-minute musical, based on the city's 150th birthday, included 150 actors, singers and dancers. The show was written by Randy Galvin and was later presented on the stage of his Black Curtain Theater.

**1995** – Governor Evan Bayh appointed Myra Selby to the Indiana Supreme Court. She was the first woman and the first African American to serve on the state's highest court. During her years on the bench, she authored more than 100 majority opinions, including important decisions regarding tort law reform and medical malpractice claims.

**2015** – Arthur Carter died in Indianapolis at age 92. He was the last Indiana member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, an African American Army Air squadron which fought in World War II. A graduate of Crispus Attucks High School, he attended Indiana University before joining the service. In 2007, he received the Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush.

## Fishers road construction updates, week of Jan. 4

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#### State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](http://here).

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](http://37Thrives.com).

#### 96th Street

There will be periodic short-term lane closures as signal work continues on 96th Street, east of Interstate 69, as part of the resurfacing and median island project. Please use caution while driving through this area.

### Meadows Drive

Drainage work is currently taking place on Meadows Drive and Royal Drive and is anticipated to be completed by the end of January.

#### Admirals Pointe Drive


Indianapolis DPW currently has Admirals Pointe Drive closed through mid-summer 2021 to replace the timber bridge over Geist and the north fork of Dry Branch. The detour will consist of Old Stone Drive East to Carroll Road/700 West, south to E. 79th Street, and west to Oaklandon Road.

#### Interactive Trails Map

Check out Fishers Parks' new [Interactive Trails Map](#) to explore a trail near you or discover a new path. Whether you're looking for your next favorite jogging loop or on a mission to meditate in nature, find endless adventure on Fishers Parks' Trails.

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## Trien Ngoc Nguyen

April 15, 1974 – December 22, 2020

Trien Ngoc Nguyen, 46, Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, December 22, 2020 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on April 15, 1974 to Phuong Nguyen and Van Ha in Saigon, Vietnam.

A lifelong learner, Trien started his post-baccalaureate education at Purdue University. There, through mutual friends, he met Judy. On their first date, he took her to a Mexican restaurant, knowing that it was Judy's favorite, despite the fact that he didn't care for the cuisine. Trien continued his education later in life, receiving an MS in Physics from Columbia University. Most recently, he was working towards his MBA at Butler University while working as a Senior Systems Analyst for the IT department at Butler University. This role, much like Chandler's from Friends, is one we will never pretend to understand.

Trien cared for and loved his family deeply, demonstrating his devotion through the quality time spent with each of them. With Judy, they often went on date nights to dinner and a movie. The two of them sharing a Diet Coke, Trien would enjoy a bag of Twizzlers while Judy chose chocolate. If a new Star Wars movie was released, you could be sure that they had gone to see it together. With Alex, Trien would stay up for late-night talks over bowls of ramen. With Isaac, their mutual love of anime created a special bond between them. And with Evie, they loved creating crafts together. As "Papa" to his three children, he carved out special time with each of them. Trien also loved spending time with their adorable family puppy, Wicket (who appropriately resembles his Ewok namesake), and would play fetch with him for hours each day.

With his family, Trien loved to play the board game King of Tokyo. He was also particularly skilled at making up outlandish stories for the kids. He instilled a love of Vietnamese cuisine in his children and never left a turkey leg at Thanksgiving untouched. It was commonly known that he would drop everything to help family and friends whenever he could. Trien was known as the "Family Computer Guy," helping many technologically impaired family members work through their seemingly endless issues with patience. Above all, Trien was a family man who loved his wife, kids and dog.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Judy Nguyen; three children, Alex, Isaac and Evie; mother, Van Ha; sister, Tracy (Scott) Patterson; nephew, Jack Patterson; his beloved dog, Wicket; and a family full of in-laws that he didn't ask for but tolerated lovingly nonetheless. Trien was preceded in death by his father, Phuong Nguyen.

No services are planned at this time. Trien's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary.

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

## Donna Jean McClure

September 9, 1944 – December 17, 2020

Donna Jean McClure, 76, Westfield, died on December 17, 2020 at her home with her husband and family by her side. She was the loving wife of Alfred E. McClure for 54 years. She had three children and 10 grandchildren: Holly Ann (Jacobson), husband Paul, with four grandchildren, Andrea, Eileen, Paul Eric and Drew; Heather (O'Farrell), husband Thomas, with three grandchildren, Alfred, Charles and Alina; and Sean McClure, wife Suzanna, with three grandchildren, Mariam, Alfred and Edmund.

Donna was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She adored her children and grandchildren and supported them in their many activities. She was proud of their musical and athletic skills, attending concerts, lacrosse games and baseball games. She encouraged the academic achievements of her children and grandchildren. She was the wife every man dreams of, and more. She could always be counted upon for good advice. Donna met Alfred McClure at Rutgers University, and they were married at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Lyndhurst, N.J., on June 25, 1966. They lived together happily for 54 years.

Donna was born in East Orange, N.J., on September 9, 1944. Her mother was Mary (Horency) Dell'Italia. Donna never knew her birth father. She was adopted by her grandparents, Lino and Lena (Wolanska) Favero and was raised by them and her mother. She attended St. Michael's grammar school in Lyndhurst, N.J., St. Mary's Villa Academy in Slootburg, N.Y., and graduated from North Arlington, N.J. High School. Donna attended Rutgers University, but transferred to the Presbyterian Hospital (now Bloomfield College) School of Nursing. During nursing school, she attended Fairleigh Dickinson University and did her specialty training at New York Columbia Presbyterian Hospital and the Kessler Disability Hospital. She was chosen to be Queen of the Military Ball by the college Reserve Officers Training Corps. She became a Registered Nurse in 1966. She also attended Purdue University and received her BS in Management from Indiana Wesleyan University. She received an Indiana State Certified Mediator Certificate from Indiana State University.

She started her nursing career working for the maternal infant care program in the Central Ward of Newark, N.J. She cared for the mothers and babies that she served, even to the point of sneaking into the housing projects in the Central Ward during the Newark riots to make sure that the babies got their care and formula. She also served as an emergency room nurse for St. Michael's Hospital in Newark.

In 1969, she moved to Lafayette for her husband's new job. While in Lafayette she served as the part-time volunteer librarian as St. Lawrence School. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Family Service Agency and the Treasurer of the Lafayette Kennel Club. She raised Champion Arabian Horses, Great Danes, Dalmatians and Border Collies. She earned a private pilot's license and helped manage the Frankfort Airport. In addition, she was the owner of Rembrandt Homes, a Lafayette Builder. Donna was also a CASA volunteer.

In 1992, she was the Democratic candidate for State Representative in District 41. She did not win but got more votes than Bill Clinton in the district.

Donna returned to nursing, first at the adolescent psychology unit at St. Vincent's Hospital and Arbor Hospital. Donna moved to nursing management as Supervisor of disability and rehabilitation nurse managers for the four-state area. Thereafter she served as Health Administrator for the Anne Arundel County Detention Center (Annapolis, Md.) and for the Maryland House of Corrections, and the Maryland House Maximum Security Center. Donna became Director of Field Operations for National Health Services, supervising the health care centers in 21 prisons in New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Donna was responsible for the planning, licensing and accrediting of the first in-patient mental health unit at the State Correctional Institution at Pittsburgh. Donna became Director of Operations for Coastal Correctional Healthcare responsible for five Illinois prison hospitals. She also served as an Operations Consultant for Wexford Health Services, where she provided management for troubled contracts in Wyoming, Ohio, and Atlanta, Ga. She then retired.

Donna then unretired, and became Director of the Adult Management Practice at IU Medical Group, Donna later became the Geriatrics Practice Manager for the IU Medical Group. Then she retired.

Donna, unretired again, and became Practice Manager for the Cardiac Group at Community Hospital. She then retired again.

Donna, unretired again, and became the Practice Manager for the IU Health Specialty Clinic at Spring Mill. In 2010, she was named Employee of the Year by the Gastroenterology Division. In 2015, she really retired.

Because of Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no services at this time. Family and Friends may share a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at [arnmortuary.com](http://arnmortuary.com).

## New at Sheridan Public Library

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Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

### Fiction

1. All the Colors of the Night – Jayne Ann Krentz
2. Cuban Girls Guide to Tea and Tomorrow – Laura Namey
3. Death by Chocolate Frosted Doughnut – Sarah Graves
4. Dovetail – Karen McQuestion
5. Honeysuckle Season – Mary Ellen Taylor
6. In an Instant – Suzanne Redfearn
7. Layle – Colleen Hoover
8. Little Disasters – Sarah Vaughan
9. Miss Janies Girls – Carolyn Brown
10. Queens Gambit – Walter Tevis
11. Wedding War – Liz Talley
12. When I Was You – Amber Garza

### Non-Fiction

1. Begin Again – Max Lucado
2. Finding Freedom – Omid Scobie
3. I Marched With Patton – Frank Sisson
4. Last Days of John Lennon – James Patterson
5. Pearls of Wisdom – Barbara Bush
6. Ripley's Believe It or Not Mind Blow
7. Social Security for Dummies – Jonathan Peterson

### Inspirational Fiction

1. Autumn Skies – Denise Hunter
2. Carolina Breeze – Denise Hunter
3. Englisch Daughter – Cindy Woodsmall
4. Librarian of Boones Hollow – Kim Vogel Sawyer
5. On a Costal Breeze – Suzanne Wood Fisher
6. Unveiling the Past – Kim Vogel Sawyer

### Children's

1. Bad Kitty Gets a Bath – Nick Bruel
2. Duck Duck Moose – Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen
3. Finding Home – Karen Kingsbury
4. Fire Truck Vs Dragon – Chris Barton
5. Grumpy Monkey Up All Night – Suzanne Lang
6. Mama Kisses Papa Hugs – Lisa Tawn Bergren
7. Pig the Slob – Aaron Blabey
8. Superheroes Have Feelings too – DC Comics
9. Wheels on the Dump Truck – Jeffrey Burton
10. Women's Right to Vote – Kate Messner

### DVDs

1. Mortal
2. Tenet
3. Mewtwo Strikes Back

## New at Hamilton East Public Library

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Here are the new library items lists for the week of Dec. 28:

### New Adult Fiction Books

1. Daughter of Cana, by Angela Elwell Hunt
2. The woman I was before, by Kerry Fisher
3. The searcher, by Tana French
4. Burden of proof, by T. Davis Bunn
5. War Lord, by Bernard Cornwell
6. The Collaborator, by Diane Armstrong
7. The promised land, by Elizabeth Bussier
8. Little cruelties, by Liz Nugent
9. Eartheater, by Dolores Reyes
10. Rhythm of war, by Brandon Sander-son

### New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. The last American hero: the remarkable life of John Glenn, by Alice L. George
2. Farnhouse favorites, by Taste of Home Books
3. Fodor's essential Hawaii, by Karen Anderson
4. The jetsetters, by Amanda Eyre Ward
5. Blackout: how Black America can make its second escape from the Democrat plantation, by Candace Owens
6. Serial griller: grillmaster secrets for flame-cooked perfection, by Matt Moore
7. Seven days in August: behind the

scenes at the Masters, by Mark Cannizaro

8. Mayday 1971: a White House at war, a revolt in the streets, and the untold history of America's biggest mass arrest, by Lawrence Roberts

9. Home baked: my mom, marijuana, and the stoning of San Francisco, by Alia Volz

10. Think like a monk: train your mind for peace and purpose every day, by Jay Shetty

### New DVDs

1. NCIS: New Orleans. The sixth season
2. Swallow
3. Matching hearts
4. All summer long
5. NCIS: Los Angeles. The 11th season
6. The Christmas club
7. Billions. Season three
8. Doctor Who. Nightmare of Eden
9. Doctor Who. Day of the Daleks
10. CSI Miami. The ninth season

### New Music CDs

1. Kidz Bop. Christmas party!, by Kidz Bop Kids
2. Pop Evil, by Pop Evil
3. Up, by Pop Evil
4. Onyx, by Pop Evil
5. War of angels, by Pop Evil
6. Toy story, by Tracy Frait
7. Toy story 2, by Steven Weber
8. Toy story 3, by Rick Zieff
9. Toy story 2, by Randy Newman

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Alice Brook (Bryan) Couch

August 26, 1927 – December 30, 2020

Alice Brook (Bryan) Couch was born August 26, 1927 to Clare and Bernadine (Niehaus) Bryan in Petersburg, Ind., and passed away on December 30, 2020.



She is survived by her daughters, Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, and Suzi (Couch) Harris and husband Dan, Nashville, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur O. Couch; and son, Arthur D. Couch.

Alice was a retired nurse's aide, played the organ at Sacred Heart in Cicero, and spent her days playing with her dog Nibby while writing poetry for her three children, Arthur D. Couch, Mary Couch, Suzi Harris and husband Dan; four grandchildren, David Couch and wife Becca, Julie Couch, Leanne Sauers, and Abby Butler; seven great-grandchildren, Alex Carpenter and wife Casey, Cassidy Carpenter, Mia Carpenter, Heather Sauers, Cassandra Winn and husband Josh, Jessica Couch and Cody King, and Ted Couch; along with six great great-grandchildren, Chase King, Lex Carpenter, Sully Carpenter, Aria King, Bennie Winn, and Rollo Carpenter, with one of her stories published in Living with Children.

She studied yoga and Buddhism and had a gift for blending the rational approach of the Western mind with the deep spiritual wisdom of the east in her writings. Her poems have been published in a variety of venues, including "An Evening with the Writing Muse," "Encore," "Pegasus," "Twin Muses: Art & Poetry," "Poetry and Paint" and "Two Views," a chapter book with her daughter Mary. Alice was named Noblesville's Senior Poet Laureate in 2012 by Mayor John Ditslear. Alice's other hobbies included bowling, fishing, painting, and playing Bingo at the Moose Lodge on Monday nights.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. A Life Celebration will be held at 1 p.m. with Father Michael Moorehead officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674; or the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060

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Lois Elizabeth Bristol

July 29, 1935 – December 28, 2020



Lois Elizabeth Bristol passed away in her home in Noblesville with her family at her side on December 28, 2020 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was born on July 29, 1935 in Syracuse, N.Y., to Herbert and Margaret Windver.

With her family, Lois moved to Royal Oak, Mich., in her junior high school years and graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1953. During her senior year in high school, she was president of the Girls Literary Club, and invited her future husband to the Sadie Hawkins Day dance, which was the beginning of a 67-year romance. They were married between their sophomore and junior years at the University of Michigan. Lois completed her degree in elementary education and spent more than 20 years fondly practicing her skills as a kindergarten teacher, loving every child who was fortunate to have her as a teacher. As a hobby, Lois was involved in singing in a Sweet Adelines quartet, winning regional competition in 1969, and competing in international competition four years following.

Lois loved to travel, and with Charlie covered quite an impressive landscape, having visited all 50 states, all seven continents, and more than 79 foreign countries. She is famous for saying, when traveling, "Just give me the three M's: money, map and a mouth, and I will be fine."

She is survived by her husband, Charlie "Chuck" Bristol, with whom she recently celebrated 65 years of marriage; their two children, Deborah (Brett) Hill and Andrew (Tracy) Bristol; grandchildren, Ryan (Michelle) Hill, Kristin (Brent) Fazekas, Adam Bristol and Lauren (Logan) Phillips; followed by seven great-grandchildren, Kameryn, Kara, Emily and Lucy Fazekas, and Charlie, George and Lylah Hill.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, no funeral service will be held. The Bristol family has entrusted the care of Lois to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Lois might consider a donation in her memory to the Alzheimer's Association to fund research for a cure. Their address is: 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240, or online at [alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana).

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Carmen Ann Valentine

November 27, 1966 – December 28, 2020

Carmen Ann Valentine, 54, Anderson, passed away on December 28, 2020 at St. Vincent Anderson Hospital.

She was born on November 27, 1966 in Indianapolis to Joseph Ray and Carol Ann (Himmelrick) McDonald. Her mother recently preceded her in death.

She was a graduate of Hamilton Heights High School with the Class of 1984. She then enrolled in Anderson University in 1985 and graduated with a BS Degree in Communications in 1990. Carmen was a good student and usually achieved honor roll status. During high school years she enjoyed marching with the Hamilton Heights Band and Flag Corps.

Carmen was blessed with an artistic eye and had a gift for creating unique objects as a hobby. She also enjoyed decorating her home and working in her yard. Another big part of her life was her love of all types of music. During her college years she was a singer in the Anderson University Choral Group and in the following years she sang in church choirs.

She is survived by her husband, Doyle Valentine, Anderson; her father, Joseph McDonald, Sharpsville, Ind.; her sister, Catherine Cucuz, Fishers; and a brother, Michael McDonald, Colorado Springs, Colo. Carmen will always be remembered with love by her husband and her family. They are comforted by their faith that she is no longer suffering and is at home with her Heavenly Father.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034, where you may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com). No funeral arrangements are planned at this time.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Romans 4:12-17 (NIV)

Jennifer Barnes

July 10, 1971 – December 25, 2020

Jennifer Barnes, 49, Noblesville, died on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020. She was born Jennifer Leigh Billings in Indianapolis on July 10, 1971, the third of four daughters of Richard and Marilyn (Trapp) Billings.



Mrs. Barnes was a graduate of Hayden Catholic High School in Topeka, Kan., and Indiana University Bloomington where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi. She was a longtime member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

Nicknamed "JB" in grade school, she was a fierce competitor, excelling at every sport she played, and was the fastest runner around, even amongst much older children. She had a flair for the dramatic, did hilarious impersonations, sang beautifully in school groups and as a karaoke queen, and could professionally sell anything to anyone no matter the product or the service. She considered her precious sons to be the greatest gifts of her life both to receive and to give to the world. Jennifer truly lived her best life until heartbreaking illness robbed her and her family of their charmed time together. The four boys remain in the loving and steadfast care of their father, Alan Barnes.

Survivors include her four amazing sons, Jack Barnes, 20, Cole Barnes, 19, Luke Barnes, 17, and William Barnes, 15, all of Noblesville; three sisters, Stephanie Eberle, Courtney Crum-Hieffje and Susan Hendrickson, all of Bloomington; six nephews and four nieces, also all of Bloomington; and one paternal aunt, Roberta Stadtmiller, Rochester, N.Y.

Mrs. Barnes was predeceased by her grandparents, Stewart and Thelma (Doll) Billings and Marcellus and Dorothy (Johnson) Trapp; her parents; and two uncles, Donald Billings and Michael Trapp.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at noon on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Friends may call at the church from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will occur at 11:30 a.m. The Rite of Committal, her interment, will be private. Randall & Roberts Funeral Center is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Fairbanks ([fairbanksd.org/support-fairbanks/give](http://fairbanksd.org/support-fairbanks/give)). Please designate: Women's Residential at La Verna Lodge.

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## Boys basketball

# 'Rocks win all-county game over Millers

By RICHIE HALL

**WESTFIELD** - It had been a while since both the Westfield and the Noblesville boys basketball teams had played games this season.

The Millers had been off for two weeks, while the Class 4A No. 5 Shamrocks hadn't played since Dec. 22. The two teams met at The Rock Saturday evening, where Westfield pulled away in the third quarter to win 58-42. The 'Rocks are still unbeaten at 7-0.

Westfield never trailed in the game, and the score was only tied once, early in the first period. A three-point play by the Shamrocks' Nic Depasquale was answered by a 3-point basket from the Millers' E.J. Smith.

But Westfield took off on a 6-0 run to lead 9-3 and stayed in front for good after that. Cam Haffner made back-to-back baskets, and Benji Welch scored on a floater. Later, Braden Smith nailed back-to-back 3s. Noblesville's Noah Harris made his own triple to keep the Millers within 18-10 at the end of one.

Noblesville used an 8-0 stretch early in the second quarter to get within 20-18. E.J. Smith hit a pair of free throws, then Josh Durham and Luke Almodovar drained triples. Another 3, this one from Aaron Fine, kept the Millers within 25-21 late in the period.

Westfield took over after that, starting with an 8-0 run - four points in the second quarter, four more in the third. Depasquale scored all four points of the third-quarter portion of the run. That put the 'Rocks up 33-21, and they kept their lead in double digits for the duration of the game.

"We were fortunate to be able to get ourselves a little bit of a lead and be in control most of the second half," said Westfield coach Shane Sumpter. "For that first quarter and a half to two

quarters, you felt like that typical Noblesville-Westfield game where it's just, every possession's a grind. We were fortunate in that early in the second half, to be able to widen that a little bit where at least we were in control."

The Shamrocks continued to roll in the third quarter, with two more 3s from Braden Smith and another triple from Luke Naas. Westfield led 42-27 after three, then spent the fourth quarter comfortable in front, with its lead ranging from 15 to 19 points.

Braden Smith led all scorers with 23 points, followed by Depasquale, who had 12 points and five rebounds. Smith handed out four assists and Matthew Penley made two blocks. Eight different Shamrocks players scored at least one point.

"I feel like we're a balanced basketball team for sure," said Sumpter. "I think that we get a lot of contributions from a lot of guys. A conference game is always tough. I have a lot of respect for Noblesville and their coaches. They do a tremendous job and that's a good basketball team. I know they haven't played in a little while. That's a dangerous, dangerous, well-coached basketball team that we played tonight."

The Millers, now 3-3, were balanced as well. Durham scored eight points, while E.J. Smith, Harris and Fine all added seven points. Harris and David Lloyd both collected five rebounds.

"They're a really good team," said Noblesville coach John Peckinpugh. "We've been off for 14 days, we had four days of practice this week. They're a hard team to prepare for when you have to get back in shape and prepare for all their actions and all their players. We put in a little 3-2 matchup shifting-rotating zone.

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Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Westfield's Braden Smith (center) makes a play for the ball during the Shamrocks' game with Noblesville Saturday night at The Rock. Pictured for the Millers are Josh Durham (left) and Noah Harris.

## Girls basketball

# Huskies romp past Falcons, stay perfect

By RICHIE HALL

**ARCADIA** - Whatever challenges the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team has had to face this season, the Huskies have conquered them all.

Get their talented freshmen to immediately make an impact? Check. Shake off a two-week shutdown? Done. Win five games in four days? No sweat.

Now Heights can add "Beat a good potential sectional opponent" to the list. The Huskies got off to a scorching start against Winchester in the first quarter, then let that big lead carry them through to a 64-37 win over the Falcons, a team which came into the Heights gym with a 6-1 record.

With the victory, the Huskies are 10-0 for the season. This makes Heights one of only six teams in the state - in any class - to hold an unbeaten record going into the New Year. And this 10th win was important because the Huskies could face Winchester in a few weeks at the New Castle sectional.

"We had put in a lot of time on Winchester," said Heights coach Kegan Cherry. "That's a sectional opponent. They're very well-coached and they have players that can make plays.

They'll try to jump defense you with their Triangle-and-two, and we've put in a couple of actions to counter that, and our girls just executed really well there in the first quarter."

That first quarter may have been one of the best eight minutes of basketball any team has played this season. The Huskies scored the first 19 points of the game, with all five of their starters scoring at least one point. Freshman Ella Hickok had eight of those points, including two 3-pointers. MyKayla Moran and Sydney Runyan each scored four points.

Winchester finally got on the board with less than a minute to play in the period. But 3s from Runyan and Camryn Runner gave Heights a 25-4 lead once the quarter ended.

"We shot it really well and that always covers up things," said Cherry. "But then you shoot it like that, it makes my job pretty easy."

For the next three quarters, the Huskies kept their lead around 20 points. Any time the Falcons tried to get a run going, Heights would quickly answer. In the second quarter, the Huskies made two 6-0 stretches.

The first run came early in the period, with Runner scoring on a putback, then immediately making a steal and scoring. Hickok followed that up with a quick steal and score. Later, Runner and Jillian Osswald drained 3s for a fast 6-0 run to put Heights up 37-12.

Winchester cut the lead to 39-20 by halftime, but the Huskies stayed in control in the second half. Runner scored eight more points, including two additional triples, and Kaylee Rhoton got in on the act with two 3s of her own.

Runyan helped out with two third-quarter baskets. Cherry said he "was really proud" of Runyan's performance in the game.

"She's such a role player, such a team player that if they're not going to guard her, she can make the basket," said Cherry. "And tonight, they didn't want to guard her and she took advantage of that opportunity."

Cherry said the things Runyan does to help the Heights team go "completely unnoticed."

"She's the screener, she's doing all the little things to help us win, and I'm happy for her tonight that her efforts

paid off and she scored, I think, 11 and was able to help us win," said Cherry.

Runyan did finish with 11 points, one of four Huskies in double figures. Runner finished the game with 22 points, while Hickok and Moran both added 10. Heights totaled 10 3-pointers in all, with Runner making four.

Heights is back on the road Thursday, when it travels to Lewis Cass for a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

## HAMILTON HEIGHTS 63, WINCHESTER 37

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	4	0-0	10	2
Jillian Osswald	1	1-3	4	4
Camryn Runner	9	0-0	22	3
Sydney Runyan	5	0-0	11	2
MyKayla Moran	2	6-10	10	2
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-1	0	1
Kaylee Rhoton	2	0-0	6	0
Raechel Hunter	0	0-0	0	0
Morgan Ottinger	0	0-0	0	0
Alayna Baber	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23	7-14	63	14
Score by Quarters				
Winchester	4	16	11	6
Heights	25	14	16	8
Heights 3-pointers (10)				
Runner 4, Hickok 2, Rhoton 2, Osswald 1, Runyan 1.				

## 'Hawks win HHC opener

Sheridan got its fourth consecutive victory on Saturday, winning at Rossville 42-34 in its Hoosier Heartland Conference opener.

The Blackhawks led the Hornets 8-2 after the first quarter and 16-11 at halftime. Sheridan then pulled ahead further in the third period, going up 27-16 by the end of the quarter.

Lillie Dickerson scored 23 points for the 'Hawks with Allie Delph adding nine and Taylor Bates scoring seven.

Sheridan is 4-1 and hosts Crawfordsville on Tuesday.

## 'Hounds fall to Penn

Carmel lost to Penn 51-37 in a Saturday away game.

Stats were not available at press time. The Greyhounds play at Noblesville on Wednesday.



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Girls basketball roundup

Tigers sail past Fort Wayne South

Fishers opened the New Year with a comfortable win at the Tiger Den, beating Fort Wayne South Side 83-53 on Saturday.

The Class 4A No. 5 Tigers led 17-11 after the first quarter, then dominated the second period, taking a 41-20 lead at halftime. Fishers finished the game by outscoring the Archers 19-9 in the fourth quarter.

Katie Burton led the Tigers with 28 points, including three 3-pointers. Olivia Smith had an outstanding game, with 20 points, six rebounds and four assists. Hailey Smith added 11 points. Katie Howard drained three 3-pointers for nine points and Audra Emmerson collected six rebounds.

Fishers is 13-2 and will play at New Palestine on Wednesday.

FISHERS 83, FORT WAYNE SOUTH SIDE 53				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Audra Emmerson	0-3	3-6	3	2
Katie Howard	3-6	0-0	9	0
Hailey Smith	4-4	2-2	11	2
Olivia Smith	9-12	2-3	20	2
Katie Burton	9-12	7-7	28	1
Karina Scott	2-2	0-0	5	0
Joirdyn Smith	0-0	0-0	0	3
Haley Gausepohl	1-1	0-0	3	0
Talia Harris	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kate Thomas	1-2	0-0	2	0
Kaiya Walker	1-2	0-0	2	2
Totals	30-44	14-18	83	12
Score by Quarters				
FW South	11	9	24	9 - 53
Fishers	17	24	23	19 - 83
Fishers 3-point shooting (9-19) Howard 3-6, Burton 3-6, Scott 1-1, Gausepohl 1-1, H. Smith 1-1, Emmerson 0-2, Walker 0-1. Fishers rebounds (25) Emmerson 6, O. Smith 6, Burton 4, Howard 3, H. Smith 3, Harris 1, Thomas 1, Walker 1.				

Royals close 2020, open 2021 with wins

Hamilton Southeastern finished 2020 and began 2021 the same way: With victories at home.

On Thursday, the Class 4A No. 9 Royals beat Terre Haute South 80-26 on Southeastern's Senior Night. The Royals were firmly in control from the start, never allowing the Braves more than nine points in a quarter. Southeastern led 19-7 after the first period and 39-16 at halftime.

Four players scored in double figures: Makayla Hinshaw had 15 points, Olivia Brown contributed 14, Riley Makalusk added 12 and Lydia Self scored 11 points. Self also led the rebounding with eight, while Shalyn Rathbun collected seven rebounds and Hinshaw pulled five.

Brown dished out five assists. Hinshaw made five steals and Jocelyn Davis had four steals.

On Saturday, HSE won a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game over Brownsburg 45-36. The Royals again outscored their opponent in each quarter, leading 22-18 at halftime, although the Bulldogs cut Southeastern's lead to one point a few times. But the Royals were able to hold on and get the victory.

Hinshaw scored 15 points, with Makalusk adding 12 points. Brown had four rebounds and four assists, while Hinshaw made five steals.

Southeastern is 1-1 in conference play and 8-2 overall. The Royals play at Warren Central on Thursday.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 80, TERRE HAUTE SOUTH 26				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lydia Self	4-8	3-3	11	2

Tigers get victory at Shenandoah

Fishers traveled to Shenandoah on Saturday for a pick-up game with the Raiders, and came home with a 50-40 victory.

The Tigers were originally scheduled to host Carmel that night, but that game has been postponed to Feb. 6. Instead, Fishers headed east and won a tough game with 2A No. 5 Shenandoah. The Tigers outscored the Raiders in each quarter, leading 12-11 after the first period and 29-22 at halftime. Charlie Smith scored 11 points in the first half, including a 3-pointer.

Jeffrey Simmons had six points in the third quarter, which saw Fishers extend its lead to 42-33. Simmons finished with 14 points for the Tigers,

Makayla Hinshaw	6-11	1-1	15	2
Riley Makalusk	5-6	2-2	12	0
Olivia Brown	6-8	2-2	14	1
Ryan Viele	1-7	0-0	3	1
Brin Bair	2-7	0-0	6	0
Shalyn Rathbun	2-4	1-2	5	1
Lauren Stewart	2-5	0-0	5	2
Teegan Acres	2-3	0-1	5	0
Jocelyn Davis	0-1	0-0	0	0
Caleigh Scott	2-3	0-0	4	1
Zoe Bolding	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	32-64	9-11	80	10
Score by Quarters				
TH South	7	9	4	6 - 26
Southeastern	19	20	23	18 - 80
Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-27) Bair 2-6, Hinshaw 2-5, Viele 1-6, Stewart 1-4, Acres 1-2, Davis 0-1, Scott 0-1, Brown 0-1, Rathbun 0-1. Southeastern rebounds (37) Self 8, Rathbun 7, Hinshaw 5, Acres 4, Makalusk 4, Stewart 3, Bair 2, Brown 2, Viele 2.				

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 45, BROWNSBURG 36				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lydia Self	2-4	0-0	5	2
Makayla Hinshaw	5-9	2-2	15	3
Riley Makalusk	5-5	2-4	12	3
Olivia Brown	3-6	0-4	7	0
Ryan Viele	1-5	0-0	3	2
Lauren Stewart	1-2	0-0	3	2
Teegan Acres	0-0	0-0	0	1
Brin Bair	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jocelyn Davis	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	17-31	4-10	45	14
Score by Quarters				
Brownsburg	7	11	10	8 - 36
Southeastern	10	12	14	9 - 45
Southeastern 3-point shooting (7-15) Hinshaw 3-6, Viele 1-4, Brown 1-2, Stewart 1-2, Self 1-1. Southeastern rebounds (14) Brown 4, Self 3, Makalusk 2, Viele 2, Stewart 2, Hinshaw 1.				

while Smith had 13 points. Fishers is 4-2 and plays at Lafayette Jefferson on Tuesday.

FISHERS 50, SHENANDOAH 40				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Drew Turner	0	0-0	0	1
Bryce Williams	4	0-2	8	2
Charlie Smith	5	2-2	13	3
Jeffrey Simmons	5	4-6	14	2
Lucas Prewitt	3	0-0	8	2
Sean Millsaps	0	0-0	0	1
Josh Forbes	1	0-0	2	1
Myles Stringer	2	0-0	5	0
Matt Brewer	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20	6-10	50	12
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	12	17	13	8 - 50
Shenandoah	11	11	11	7 - 40
Fishers 3-pointers (4) Prewitt 2, Stringer 1, Smith 1.				

2-4, Durham 2-3, Smith 1-6, Almodovar 1-3, Harris 1-2, Lloyd 0-3. Noblesville rebounds (23) Harris 5, Lloyd 5, Almodovar 4, Roberts 4, Durham 3, Fine 1, Smith 1.	FG	FT	TP	PF
Westfield	7-12	3-4	23	0
Braden Smith	3-12	0-1	7	3
Cam Haffner	2-4	2-2	6	5
Benji Welch	3-10	6-7	12	1
Nic Depasquale	2-3	0-0	4	2
Matthew Penley	1-2	0-0	2	1
Luke Van Dyke	0-1	1-2	1	1
Kai Butterworth	1-5	0-0	3	0
Luke Naas	0-0	0-0	0	0
Trey Dorton	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19-49	12-16	58	13
Westfield 3-point shooting (8-27) Smith 6-9, Haffner 1-9, Naas 1-5, Welch 0-2, Depasquale 0-1, Butterworth 0-1. Westfield rebounds (24) Depasquale 5, Penley 4, Smith 3, Welch 3, Haffner 3, Butterworth 3, Van Dyke 2, Naas 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	10	11	6	15 - 42
Westfield	18	11	13	16 - 58

Millers take care of Martinsville

Noblesville picked up its fifth consecutive win on Saturday, sailing past Martinsville 73-47 at the Artesians' gym.

The Millers outscored Martinsville in each of the four quarters, leading 18-10 after the first period and 37-26 at halftime. Noblesville poured in another 23 points in the third quarter, then held the Artesians to six points in the fourth.

Ashlynn Shade had another great game for the Millers, with 28 points, eight rebounds and eight steals. Emily Wood had 12 points and made two blocked shots. Brooklyn Smitherman had nine points and six rebounds, while Mallory Miller dished out seven assists and made seven steals.

Noblesville is 12-3 and hosts Carmel on Wednesday.

NOBLESVILLE 73, MARTINSVILLE 47				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ashlynn Shade	10-22	7-8	28	3

Reagan Wilson	4-5	0-0	8	2
Mallory Miller	2-12	0-0	5	1
Brooklyn Smitherman	3-3	0-0	6	4
Emily Wood	6-10	0-0	12	2
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	3-9	1-1	9	2
Jayla Jones	0-2	0-0	0	0
Emery Denison	0-3	0-0	0	0
Brooklyn Ely	0-4	0-0	0	0
Makenna Mundy	0-0	0-0	0	0
Carly Motz	0-0	0-0	0	0
Dani Mendez	1-1	0-0	2	1
Ava Shoemaker	1-2	1-1	3	0
Totals	30-73	9-10	73	15
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	18	19	23	13 - 73
Martinsville	10	16	15	6 - 47
Noblesville 3-point shooting (4-18) K. Shoemaker 2-4, Shade 1-5, Miller 1-2, Ely 0-3, Denison 0-2, Jones 0-1, A. Shoemaker 0-1. Noblesville rebounds (43) Shade 8, Smitherman 6, Miller 4, Mendez 4, Wood 4, K. Shoemaker 3, Wilson 3, Mundy 2, A. Shoemaker 2, Jones 1, Ely 1, team 5.				

'Rocks run victory streak to eight

Westfield continued its long win streak on Saturday by cruising past Anderson 69-45 in an away game.

The Shamrocks began their eighth consecutive victory with a dominating first quarter, outscoring the Indians 23-4. Westfield led 36-17 at halftime, then had good third period by adding 18 points to take a 54-29 lead.

Alyssa Crockett had a tremendous game, reaching double-double status with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Crockett also dished out eight assists and blocked three shots. Olivia Robey added 11 points and handed out five assists, while Hailey Remaks made four steals.

The Shamrocks are 11-3 and are back at The Rock on Wednesday, hosting Bishop Chatard.

WESTFIELD 69, ANDERSON 45				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alyssa Crockett	7-7	4-5	18	2
Chesney Tebbe	3-6	2-2	8	2
Jessica Castor	3-8	1-2	8	1
Olivia Robey	5-6	1-2	11	1
Hailey Remaks	4-5	0-0	8	3
Ellie Kelleher	3-3	0-0	6	2
Mikayla Rudolph	1-3	2-2	4	1
Madi Kerrigan	0-2	2-2	2	2
Jadeyn Hammes	2-2	0-0	4	2
Emmrey Collinsworth	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kiki Loveless	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28-42	12-15	69	16
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	23	13	18	15 - 69
Anderson	4	13	12	16 - 45
Westfield 3-point shooting (1-5) Castor 1-3, Robey 0-1, Rudolph 0-1. Westfield rebounds (27) Crockett 11, Remaks 4, Kerrigan 4, Tebbe 2, Robey 2, Castor 1, Rudolph 1, team 2.				

Boys basketball roundup Huskies win on Senior Night

Hamilton Heights won its Senior Night game on Saturday, beating Monroe Central 81-68 at the Huskies' gym.

Heights outscored the Golden Bears in each quarter, going up 22-21 after the first period and 41-38 at halftime. The Huskies slowly added to their lead in the third quarter, then took care of business in the fourth by scoring 23 points.

Gus Etchison had another fantastic night, scoring 44 points. Etchison made five 3-pointers and was 11 of 12 from the free-throw line, also reaching double-double status with 10 rebounds.

Isaac Wilson added 14 points, while Luke Carroll had 12 and nine rebounds. Lucas Letsinger collected five rebounds.

The Huskies are 3-1 and play at Lebanon on Tuesday.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 81, MONROE CENTRAL 68				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gus Etchison	14-25	11-12	44	2
Noah Linville	0-1	2-2	2	4
Luke Carroll	5-9	2-2	12	4
Isaac Wilson	5-8	0-0	14	0
Lucas Letsinger	2-7	2-5	7	3
Braden Kinder	1-4	0-0	2	4
Blake Stevens	0-0	0-0	0	0
Drew VanOeveren	0-1	0-0	0	0
Drew Pennington	0-0	0-0	0	0
Tillman Etchison	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	27-56	17-21	81	17
Score by Quarters				
Monroe Central	21	17	14	16 - 68
Heights	22	19	17	23 - 81
Heights 3-point shooting (10-23) G. Etchison 5-9, Wilson 4-6, Letsinger 1-3, Kinder 0-2, Linville 0-1, Carroll 0-1, T. Etchison 0-1. Heights rebounds (30) G. Etchison 10, Carroll 9, Letsinger 5, Wilson 2, Kinder 2, VanOeveren 1, T. Etchison 1.				

'Hawks drop HHC opener

Sheridan dropped its Hoosier Heartland Conference opener on Saturday, falling at Rossville 64-52.

The Hornets led the Blackhawks 13-7 after the first quarter, but Sheridan came roaring back to take a 29-24 lead at halftime. Rossville answered that run in the third period, scoring 21 points to lead 45-37 by the end of the quarter. The Hornets then used hot shooting to seal the game in the fourth.

Silas DeVaney scored 19 points for the 'Hawks and also had six rebounds and five steals. Ethan Moistner added 16 points and pulled five rebounds.

Sheridan is 2-2 and hosts Tri-Central Friday for another HHC contest.

ROSSVILLE 64, SHERIDAN 52				
Rossville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Corbin Murray	3-6	2-2	9	1
Kyle Eden	2-6	2-4	6	4
Cayden Hunter	1-9	0-0	2	2
Evan Grinstead	0-0	0-0	0	3
Silas DeVaney	7-13	5-9	19	3
Keenan Warren	0-1	0-0	0	2
Ethan Moistner	4-12	7-8	16	3
Totals	17-47	16-23	52	18
Score by Quarters				
Sheridan	7	22	8	15 - 52
Rossville	13	11	21	19 - 64
Sheridan 3-point shooting (2-17) Moistner 1-7, Murray 1-2, Hunter 0-6, Eden 0-1, DeVaney 0-1. Sheridan rebounds (21) DeVaney 6, Moistner 5, Hunter 4, Murray 3, Eden 2, Warren 1.				

We had some good possessions early on. The problem is when you zone a team like that and they have so many weapons around the perimeter, it makes it tough. I like the way our team fought. Young group, we just got to keep getting better and I think we will."

Both teams are back in action on Tuesday. Westfield will play at Mount Vernon, while the Millers host Pike.

WESTFIELD 58, NOBLESVILLE 42				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Josh Durham	3-4	0-0	8	4
E.J. Smith	1-11	4-4	7	3
Noah Harris	3-6	0-0	7	2
Luke Almodovar	1-5	2-4	5	0
Preston Roberts	2-2	2-4	6	3
Aaron Fine	2-4	1-3	7	2
David Lloyd	1-5	0-0	2	2
Luke Wilson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	13-37	9-15	42	16
Noblesville 3-point shooting (7-21) Fine				



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# NBA standings

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	5	1	.833	-
Brooklyn	3	3	.500	2.0
New York	3	3	.500	2.0
Boston	3	3	.500	2.0
Toronto	1	4	.200	3.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Indiana	4	2	.667	-
Cleveland	4	2	.667	-
Milwaukee	3	3	.500	1.0
Chicago	2	4	.333	2.0
Detroit	1	4	.200	2.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Orlando	4	2	.667	-
Atlanta	4	2	.667	-
Miami	2	3	.400	1.5
Charlotte	2	4	.333	2.0
Washington	1	5	.167	3.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	3	2	.600	-
Portland	3	2	.600	-
Minnesota	2	3	.400	1.0
Oklahoma City	2	3	.400	1.0
Denver	1	4	.200	2.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	5	1	.833	-
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	1.0
L.A. Lakers	4	2	.667	1.0
Sacramento	3	3	.500	2.0
Golden State	2	3	.400	2.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
New Orleans	4	2	.667	-
Houston	2	2	.500	1.0
San Antonio	2	3	.400	1.5
Memphis	2	3	.400	1.5
Dallas	2	3	.400	1.5

# Pacers fall to Knicks, 106-102

By BRENDAN ROURKE  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Indiana had hoped to continue their stellar start to 2021 by claiming a victory over the visiting New York Knicks. However, RJ Barrett and company had other plans, as the Knicks (3-3) topped the Pacers (4-2), 106-102, at Bakers Life Fieldhouse on Saturday night. This is just the second time in the last 11 regular-season matchups that Indiana has fallen to New York. Barrett had a team-high 25 points on 8-of-15 shooting for New York.

"They made the shots when they needed to," coach Nate Bjorkgren said after the game. "We didn't. The ball just didn't bounce our way tonight."

With 4:29 to play, Domantas Sabonis connected on a cutting layup to push Indiana ahead, 96-93. But on a cold shooting night, the Pacers failed to find another point until 8.8 seconds remained. Meanwhile, New York rattled off 11 straight points, including four from timely defensive stops, to shut the door down the stretch. Indiana had a brief glimmer of hope after forcing a jump ball from out of a full-court pressure set. But Sabonis threw an errant pass into the backcourt, causing a turnover that sealed the Pacers' fate for good.

"I felt like we got a couple of good looks, we just didn't make them today," Oladipo said of the late scoring drought. "I know for me, I've been making those shots pretty much since the season started. It was just one of those nights where we just couldn't make (any) shots."

On a night where Indiana finished 34-of-84 (40.5 percent) from the floor and 19-of-50 (38.0 percent) from deep, Malcolm Brogdon stood as the lone consistent Blue & Gold shooter. The veteran notched a game-high 33 points on 11-

of-17 shooting, including 7-of-10 from downtown. But the rest of the squad just kept misfiring. Myles Turner finished the night as the crew's second-highest scorer with 17 points on 7-of-15 shooting. Victor Oladipo (16 points on 3-of-16 shooting) didn't hit his first field goal until the 6:35 mark of the final frame.

Despite going 15-of-38 (39.5 percent) in the first half, Indiana scraped out a 51-50 advantage before the break. A 17-point first quarter from Brogdon on a perfect 6-of-6 shooting — including four from long range — kept the Pacers from falling into an early hole. Oladipo then aided the Pacers' effort late in the second from the free-throw line, scoring the last eight Pacers points of the half from the stripe.

Brogdon's efforts kept Indiana within striking distance despite the team hitting just four of its first 11 shots. His 28-foot pull-up snipe trimmed the Knicks' lead to 15-12 with 5:52 left in the first. Just 58 seconds later, Brogdon earned Indiana's first lead of the ball game, 17-16, after drilling his third trey of the frame from the left wing.

Brogdon then muscled out a one-possession lead heading into the second. With 1:46 to go, he finished a nifty and-1 play down the lane to grab a 24-23 Pacers lead. Then, with five ticks remaining, the former Virginia standout pulled up and nailed his fourth three of the quarter to secure a 28-26 lead before time expired.

The Blue & Gold stretched their lead to six, after Doug McDermott finished off a four-point play in the right corner with 9:08 remaining in the half. But New York swiftly answered with six straight to tie the ball game once again. The Knicks consistently found success from their big men in the paint throughout the game, as Mitchell Robinson's third offensive

rebound led to his tip-in to tie things up with 7:55 remaining.

"It's huge," Brogdon said of the Knicks' frontcourt presence. "That was the difference in the game. Their bigs — (Julius) Randle and — Robinson's not a scorer but (he) rebounds the ball at an extremely high level. He blocks shots. He's active. Just his length bothers us."

Things appeared to turn bright as Sabonis found a cutting Turner for a two-handed flush to earn 43-40 lead with 5:39 to play. But Indiana then failed to score another field goal for the remainder of the half.

Instead, Oladipo struck gold at the charity four times, finding himself on the foul line four times in the final three minutes of the half. He managed eight Indiana points to give Indiana the slim lead at the break.

For the first time all season, the Pacers left the third quarter with a negative scoring margin. But they did not leave with a deficit thanks to some late timely threes.

A swift 13-5 Knicks run over the first 3:54 of the third had them ahead by seven before coach Nate Bjorkgren called a timeout to slow things down. 12 of New York's points came from the tandem of Elfrid Payton and Julius Randle. But the Blue & Gold soon responded with eight unanswered points — five from Turner — to chew the Knicks' lead down to 66-64 with 6:03 to play in the quarter.

Finding themselves in a 75-68 hole later in the third, the Pacers appeared to turn things around once again. With the shot clock dwindling, Turner nailed a wide-open three from the right wing to close the gap to four with 2:51 to play. On the Knicks' ensuing possession, Justin Holiday picked off a lazy pass and

found a streaking Brogdon on a 2-on-1 for the easy layup to trim New York's lead to two.

Indiana briefly eclipsed the Knicks for a 79-78 lead after back-to-back threes from Holiday and McDermott fell through with 1:09 to play. But Barrett and Payton combined to put New York back out in front. The duo combined for 44 points on 16-of-32 shooting for the night.

However, Justin Holiday responded with a corner three at the buzzer to tie things at 82 apiece heading into the fourth.

After a tight 4:21 to start the fourth, New York earned a two-possession lead, 92-87, after back-to-back buckets in the paint from rookie Immanuel Quickley and Austin Rivers. However, Indiana tried its best to keep pace.

With 6:35 to play, Oladipo's first field goal of the game — a 29-foot 3-pointer — tied the Knicks at 92.

Later, back-to-back buckets at the rim from Oladipo and Sabonis in 33 seconds grabbed a 96-93 lead for the Blue & Gold with 4:29 left to play. But New York did not let them get away. With 3:23 to play, Rivers nailed a corner three to put the Knicks back up by two, 98-96. Later, an untimely turnover appeared to put the Pacers behind from good.

With 1:34 remaining, Brogdon threw an errant pass that was intercepted by Randle. He then ran the length of the floor for a fastbreak dunk that pushed New York ahead 100-96. On the ensuing Pacers possession, Brogdon's 3-point attempt was blocked by Robinson and collected by Payton. He then found a cutting Rivers for an easy layup to push New York ahead by six with 35.3 seconds to go. The Knicks then held on for the win.

# Saturday high school basketball scores

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East Noble 45, Concord 39  
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