

THURSDAY, JAN. 21, 2021

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly sunny and not as cold. Wind gusting to 25 mph.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 41 LOW: 22



Carmel schools embarks on major facility upgrades

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

Carmel Clay Schools embarks next month on the first of a three-year series of multi-million-dollar improvements to school facilities. It will be accomplished without a property tax increase, according to Assistant Superintendent Roger McMichael.

Bids will be accepted on Feb. 9 for an estimated \$20 million series of improvements at Carmel High School that include new chillers and boilers, roof restoration, planetarium upgrades and parking lot expansion.

This phase of the overall project will also include work at the soccer and baseball

fields with some new bleachers, parking, lighting and a press box.

Later this year another \$25 million project will be bid that includes renovating and expanding the Performing Arts Department and remodeling the Dale Graham Auditorium.

School officials say with many more students involved in performing arts, the current facilities are crowded and outdated.

In 2022, the school system will undertake the \$43 million construction of a new 50-meter natatorium to be largely devoted to competition swimming. The current swimming facility will then be primarily for recreational swimming. (Carmel swim teams have set national records, winning 51 state championships including 34 consecu-

tive girls swim titles.)

In 2023, the last in the series of renovations called 'general facility improvements' estimated to cost just under \$18 million will include making certain facilities ADA compliant, installing new field lights at the football stadium, along with a new concession and restroom building at the stadium.

All told, the school corporation will spend slightly over \$106 million. Financing will be entirely within existing revenue sources using a combination of general obligation bonds and lease rental contracts, McMichael said.

No voter referendum will be required since existing bonds will be maturing, and their debt retirement rates can be used to retire the newly planned bonds.

Selina Stoller elected president of Fishers City Council

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com



Stoller

The Fishers City Council unanimously voted on Tuesday night to have Selina Stoller serve as the council president for 2021. David George will serve as council vice president.

Stoller replaces Cecilia Coble, who was forced to deal with the many COVID-related issues during 2020, not the least of which was conducting several council sessions via Zoom. The Tuesday session was conducted in-person with social distancing, with some city staff participating remotely.

Spartz wishes President Biden well at inauguration



Photo provided

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) and her husband, Jason Spartz, attended Wednesday's Presidential Inauguration Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Following the ceremony, Spartz said, "Congratulations to President Biden and Vice President Harris! I hope they will honor their campaign promises of unifying our nation and working on good commonsense policies and real results for all Americans."

County Health Department to hold virtual town hall

Local health professionals prepared to answer questions about COVID-19 vaccine

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department will hold a COVID-19 Vaccine Virtual Town Hall Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Interim Administrator Jason LeMaster, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Christian Walker, and Health Education Specialist Jim Ginder will present the latest information about the vaccine, answer questions about eligibility, and offer tips on securing appointment times.

"As we roll out the

vaccine, we understand there is a great deal of excitement, mixed with some degree of uncertainty around the process and the vaccine itself," LeMaster said.

"Our goal here is to help the community better understand the process and to answer any questions they may have."

All residents of Hamilton County are encouraged to participate in the live event. It will be



Walker

broadcast as a Microsoft Teams Event, which you can access at [this link](#).

"We've had a remarkable response to the vaccine so far in Hamilton County," Walker added. "Our clinic is booked out through February, but that's a wonderful problem to have. That means our community is embracing the science behind the vaccine and is willing to do its part to put an end to the pandemic."

Fishers GOP councilors vote down proposal aimed at appointment diversity

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

Republican members of the Fishers City Council on Tuesday voted down a proposal by Democrat Jocelyn Vare aimed at increasing diversity when the council makes appointments to boards and commissions. When Vare's proposal came to a vote, only Vare and fellow Democrat Sam DeLong voted in favor, with the seven GOP councilors voting no.

In a statement, Vare describes the language on the city website encouraging local citizens to apply for seats appointed by the council.

"In practice, however, an extremely unrepresentative

group of people have the opportunity to participate on boards and commissions, while other groups within the community are routinely excluded," Vare said. "The 95 available seats on boards and commissions include very few people of color, women, members of the LGBTQ community, and persons with disabilities."

Vare cites data provided by the city showing 80 percent of appointees to city boards and commissions are



Vare



DeLong

white males. Five recommendations Vare says would remedy the situation were voted down in the 7-2 party line vote.

No Republican member of the council commented during the public meeting as to why they opposed Vare's proposal.

You can read the entire statement from Councilwoman Vare at [this link](#).

For a list of the appointments that did receive council approval Tuesday, [click here](#).

Juvenile faces charges in Monday's Fishers shooting

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

An Indianapolis juvenile faces a long list of charges following a Monday afternoon shooting near 104th Street and Olivo Road.

Fishers Police say the 15-year-old is alleged to have been involved in the shooting that resulted in non-life-threatening injuries to the

victim. Authorities say this was not a random act.

Shortly before 4 p.m. on Monday, Fishers police responded to a report of a person shot. Officers found the victim and rendered first aid until paramedics from the Fishers Department of Fire and Emergency Services arrived. The victim suffered a non-life-threatening leg injury and was transported to an area hospital.

Prior to being transported, the victim provided detailed information regarding the suspect. Officers established a perimeter and deployed both K9 and drone units to assist in the search for the suspect and evidence related to the incident. After an extensive search, police determined the suspect was no longer in the immediate area.

Detectives located the suspect on Tuesday and took him into custody

without incident. The suspect is currently being held at the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center.

This case remains an active investigation. Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Detective LaShawn Tyler at (317) 595-3313.

The suspect faces a long list of felony charges, including robbery, strangulation, criminal confinement, motor vehicle theft and firearms violations.

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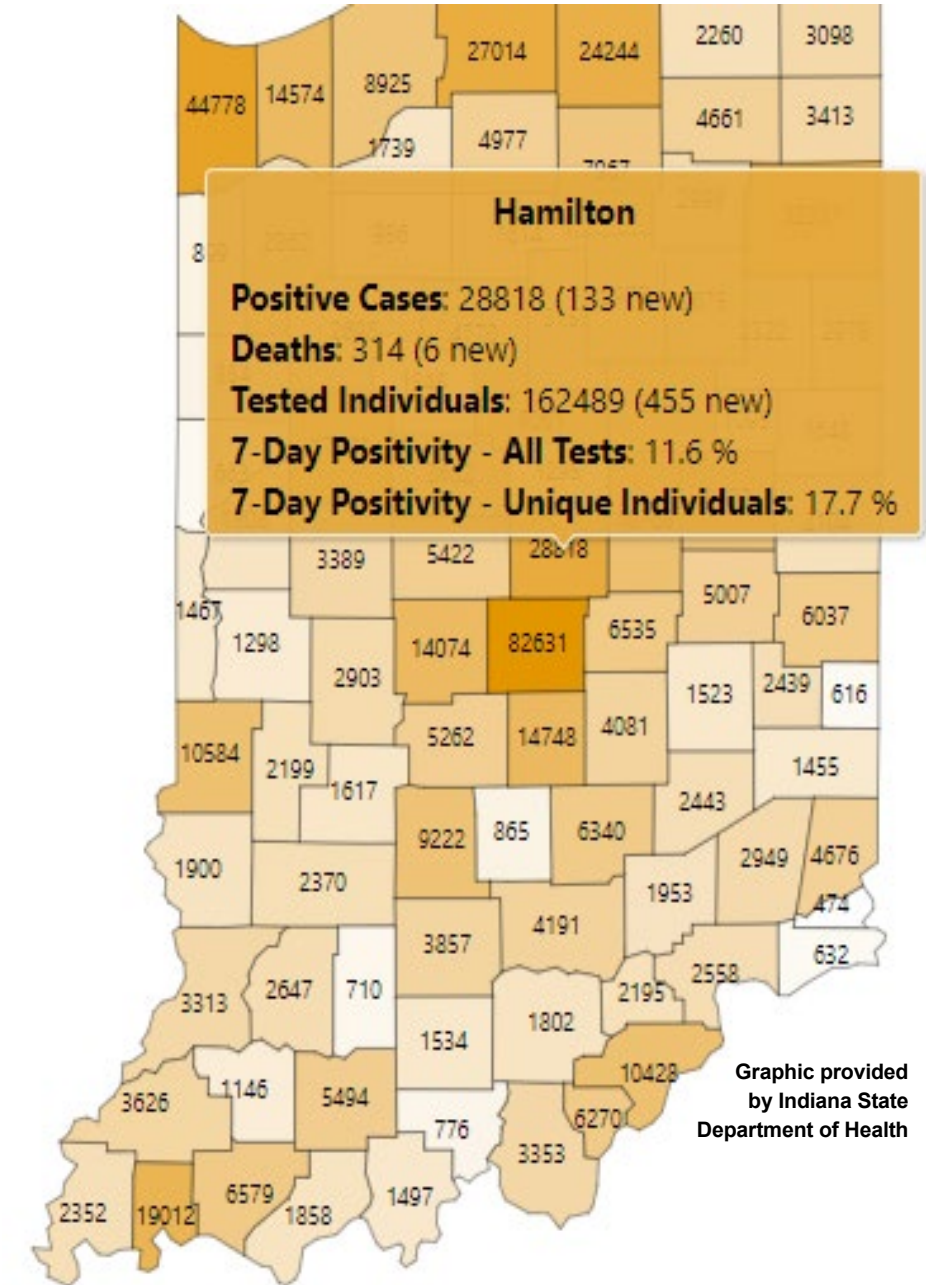
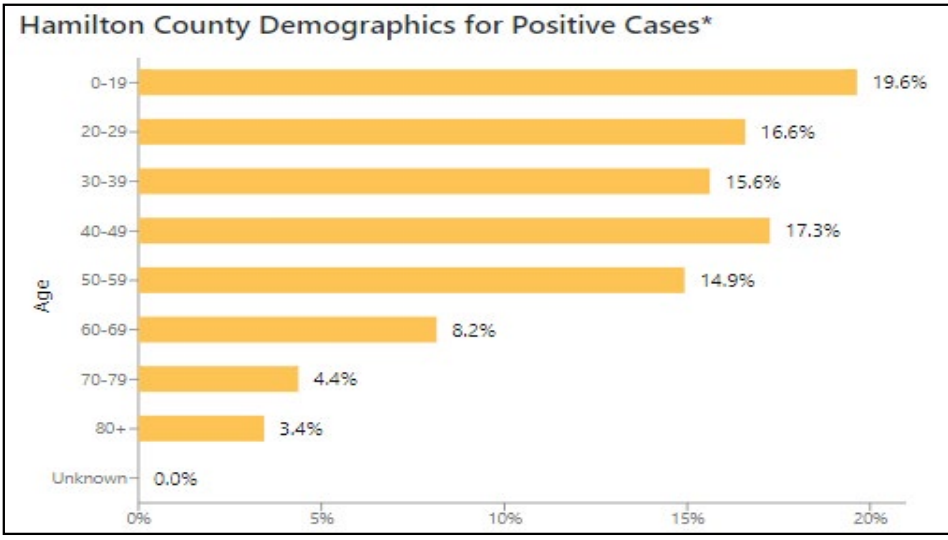
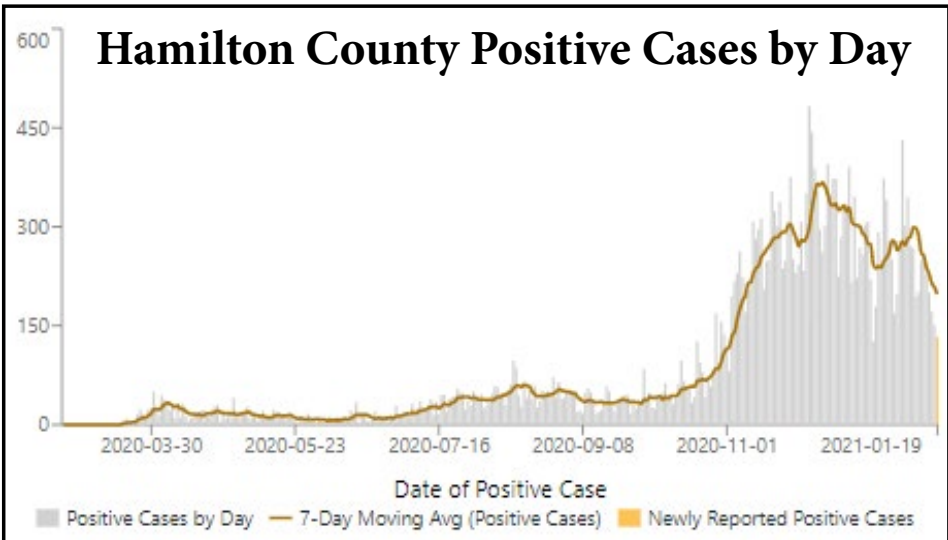
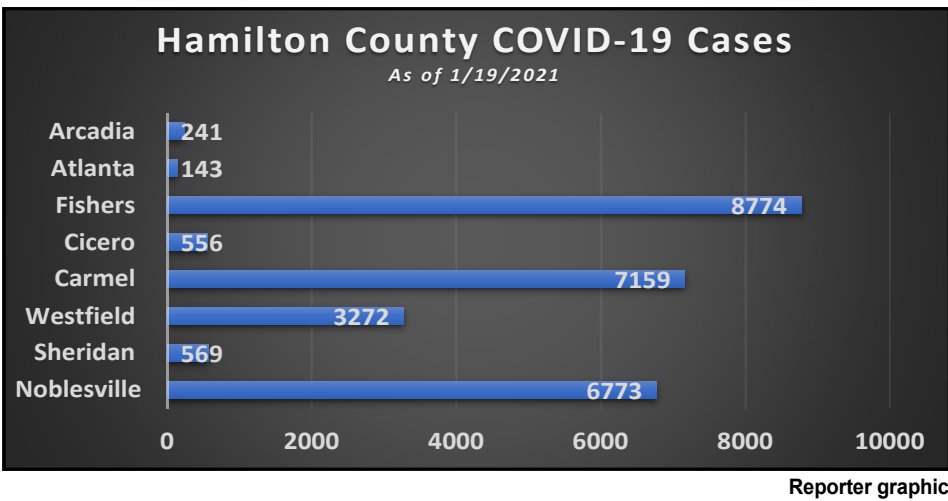
Data released by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) on Wednesday indicate Hamilton County continues to see a decline in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases.

ISDH reported 133 new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Tuesday’s number was the lowest since early November. The most reported single-day new COVID-19 cases came on Dec. 2, 2020 with 482 cases.

A total of 28,818 COVID-19 cases have been reported in the county and 162,489 tests have been administered. A total of 314 people have died in Hamilton County as a result of COVID-19.

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

1. 46074 (Westfield) – 12.23 percent
2. 46037 (Fishers) – 10.98 percent
3. 46062 (Noblesville) – 10.53 percent



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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer seeks to put Carmel’s gamble with debt into perspective

Dear Editor:

Carmel elites’ \$1.3-billion gamble is that future popularity of redevelopment projects will produce taxes and rental income far in excess of the debt. Currently, that debt is projected through 2045 – unless more is borrowed.

The gamble totaled \$913.7 million in 2015, by way of contrast.

Now, consider bitcoin, the digital asset now a medium of exchange and a significant currency both online and offline. In 2011, you could buy one for \$2 – or, in 2015, for \$227. Today, one is valued at \$37,175 (and rising).

Had the Carmel municipal gamblers

taken \$68,000 of borrowed money in 2011 and bought a bitcoin, our debt today would be zero.

Had they bought \$7.7 million in bitcoins as recently as 2015 when our debt was just \$913.7 million – that would be paid off today.

Had they bought \$309 million in bitcoins a year ago, or \$131.6 million two years ago, the debt would be erased.

Those who gamble with other people’s money in Carmel versus those who gamble with their own money on bitcoin ... interesting contrast.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Choosing the right highway

Dear Editor:

Indiana Highway 32 is the designated highway for semi traffic for both Noblesville and Westfield. It was not a problem when the towns were small and the area was agriculture. Now that the population of both cities has grown so much with a lot of vehicular traffic, the problem of how to support this roadway is finally being discussed.

Noblesville and/or the county approved an extension of Pleasant Street to the west of White River to divert semi traffic. That diversion would not help Westfield unless Highway 38 would substitute the designated route for semi traffic. And growth is starting to take effect along Hwy. 38 to U.S. 31. The Indiana State Department of Transportation can only make that decision as I was told at

a candidate’s forum of Noblesville city councilpersons.

I made this suggestion then and I will make it again: We have a perfectly built four-lane divided highway that is already built and can serve the purpose of transporting heavy semi traffic within and across Hamilton County from Interstates 65 and 69. That roadway is 146th Street, also known in the olden days as Gray Road.

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Letter to the Editor

Illinois reader: We’re not yet to Dr. King’s ‘Promised Land’

Dear Editor:

Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday reminded me of a man standing on the ledge of a tall bridge contemplating a fateful jump into the river below when a passerby runs up to stop him.

“Wait!” shouts the passerby. “Don’t jump. Let’s talk.” The two men walk earnestly discussing the world’s condition and reasons for hope. When they return to the bridge an hour later, they both jumped.

A dark joke perhaps, but a common view today. A friend, recently referring to King’s “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it tends toward justice” quote, said he sadly no longer agrees with that statement. Coming from my usually more optimistic friend, his remark surprised me.

We had been talking about the im-

peachment hearings, the “rule of law” debate, and general hostility between almost any two dissenting sides in society. Today it seems that nobody can accept even slight tweaking of their opinion – let alone another perspective.

Then I remembered that since Martin Luther King Jr.’s death, America elected a black man president – twice; our current Congress is the most racially and diverse in history; and that despite the contentious 2016 presidential election, America finally acknowledged that a woman deserved at least a shot at being president, Electoral College notwithstanding.

My friend’s pessimism is well-founded, but it sounds like someone is still looking for King’s “Promised Land.” We’re just not there yet.

Jim Newton
Itasca, Ill.

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Public Notice

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet virtually on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the extension of the Local Emergency Proclamation and other county business as required. To access this meeting dial 1-219-225-8177 Conference ID 6000813589#

/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor

RL-4081

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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Romans 7:21-25 (NIV)

Cynthia A. Yaryan

November 5, 1939 – January 19, 2021

Cynthia A. Yaryan, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at River-view Health in Noblesville, surrounded by her five daughters and granddaughter Krystle. She was born on November 5, 1939 in Indianapolis.

Cindy worked as a nurse for many years. She enjoyed performing as a clown at Riley Hospital. Cindy was a member of Sweet Adelines and Eastern Star. She was a very good artist, and she enjoyed sketching, journaling, and working on crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her daughters, Deanna K. (Lucio) Cruz, Katherine S. Barber, Theresa L. Wright, Robin E. (Brian) Kavanaugh, and Wendy M. Van Sickle; siblings, James Yaryan, Beth White, Daniel Cook, and John Cook; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ira Lee Yaryan and Dorothy (Thomas) Powell; and granddaughter, Raven Jones.

Private family services will be held. The Yaryan Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Cindy's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

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Wanda Sue Osborn

May 6, 1951 – January 18, 2021

Wanda Sue Osborn, 69, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, January 18, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on May 6, 1951 to the late Lawrence E. and Thelma F. (Lawson) Hall in Oliver Springs, Tenn.

Wanda worked as a pharmacy tech and was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church. She loved decorating, cooking and baking, and many will miss her holiday delicacies like Puppy Chow. Wanda's house was where all of the kids and their friends wanted to hang out. She loved Motown music and, most of all, her family.

Wanda is survived by her husband, David Osborn; children, John David Osborn II, Heather Marie (Taylor Brent) Haas, and James Michael Osborn; grandchildren, Amelia Renee Osborn, John David Osborn III, and Mackenzie Marie Haas; brothers, Larry E. Hall Jr., Greg A. Hall, and Jon R. (Shelly) Hall; sisters, Sharon K. Hall and Brenda J. (Russell) Dawson; and her daughter-in-law, Amanda Rubin Osborn.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Pastor Jerry Rairdon will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Wanda was a very charitable person. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Wheeler Mission Ministries, P.O. Box 3085, Indianapolis, IN 46206; or Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, 3737 Waldemere Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46241; or Salvation Army, 6060 Castleway West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46250; or Janus Developmental Service Inc., 1555 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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Donna June Swank

May 19, 1956 – January 15, 2021

Donna June Swank, 64, Sheridan, passed away at her home on Friday, January 15, 2021. She was born on May 19, 1956 to Virgil and Willie Mae (Reynolds) Ewing in Noblesville.

Donna loved to help people, especially the elderly. Because of this, it led her to get her CNA license. Donna worked many years at Harbour Manor Nursing Home in Noblesville. She was always trying to fix the broken. Donna attended Sheridan High School and later obtained her GED. She attended Six Points Church in Sheridan.

Donna is survived by her son, Jeremy (Marcia) Swank, Franklin, N.C.; daughters, Melissa (Scott) Taylor, Sheridan, and Jerri (Cody) Paddock, Westfield; three brothers, Gale (Louise) Ewing, Burlin (Virginia) Ewing, and Kerman Ewing; 10 grandchildren, Dakota Swank, Noah Swank, Lane Taylor, Latoya Swank, Elizabeth Summers, Addelyn Swank, Lily Swank, Isabella Swank, Jameson Paddock, and Elliana Summers; and one great-grandson, Rhythm Swank.

Donna was preceded in death by her loving husband, Gerald "Jerry" Swank; her parents, Virgil and Willie Mae Ewing; and three sisters, Lou (Tinley) Burgan, Sue (Sonny) Ulrey, and Rita Ewing.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville. Private family services will be held with burial at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. The family requests all attending to abide by the COVID-19 guidelines.

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Unbeaten Huskies face tough Knights . . .

Heights plays at Central Catholic for Hoosier Conference championship

By RICHIE HALL

For the third team this season, the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team has an opportunity to play for a championship.

This time, the Huskies are competing for a conference title. Heights will travel to Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday for the Hoosier Conference championship game, which tips off at 7:30 p.m. Not only is the title on the line, but so is the Huskies' long win streak.

The game will be between two teams ranked in the top 10 in their respective class. Unbeaten Heights, at 15-0, is rated No. 7 in Class 3A. Meanwhile, the Knights are ranked No. 6 in 2A and hold an 11-2 record.

"Friday night versus Lafayette Central Catholic will be tough, for multiple reasons," said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. The coach pointed out that LCC features two Division I soccer players from its state championship team. The Knights won the Class 1A state title last fall, beating Park Tudor in a dramatic championship game, outlasting the Panthers 9-8 in penalty kicks.

"So they are a gritty, physical team that knows how to win," said Cherry. "They will compete very hard. In addition, they have some capable 3 point shooters. When you combine their athleticism and ability to shoot it, they can be a tough cover."

Cherry knows one player on the Central Catholic team well: His niece, Karsyn Cherry. Coach Cherry said that his team will "really have to key on" his niece in order to be successful.

"Karsyn is an elite level athlete that will be attending Louisville on scholarship to play soccer," said Keegan Cherry. "She is a handful to stay in front of and is their leader."

"To win, it will require 32 minutes of doing the little things. We'll have to execute versus their pressure offensively and then be locked in on personnel defensively."

The Knights won the Hoosier Conference West Division in order to earn a spot in the championship game. Central Catholic didn't begin division play until two weeks ago, then won all four of its

division games consecutively.

The Knights' first two division wins were easy: Twin Lakes 73-47 and Rensselaer Central 74-40. The last two games were the toughest, two-point victories over West Lafayette 55-53 and Benton Central 38-36. Central Catholic warmed up for the conference championship game by beating Logansport 72-39 in a Tuesday game at the Berry Bowl.

In non-division play, the Knights won their first five games of the season before falling to Cathedral 54-46 for their first loss of the year. LCC bounced back with a 57-33 win at Rochester on Dec. 19 before going idle for two weeks. On Jan. 5, the Knights dropped an away game at Pioneer 64-49, but then shifted to division play and have now won five in a row.

"LCC is a tough place to play and win," said Cherry. "It's going to be a major challenge. Win or lose, if we compete and play hard with intelligence, it will be a great experience preparing for sectional."

The Huskies earned a spot in the championship game by winning the East Division, beginning play on Dec. 19 with a 39-27 victory over Northwestern. Heights then zoomed past Lewis Cass 59-20 and Western 61-35, then clinched the division title by beating old rival Tipton 40-35.

The Huskies have been led by a solid mix of experienced players and freshman stars. Camryn Runner, one of those freshmen, is the leading scorer with 15.7 points per game. Right behind her is senior Jillian Osswald, who is adding 14.6 points per game. Junior MyKayla Moran is next with 7.6 points per game, followed by freshman Ella Hickok with 5.8 points per game.

Heights is already well-prepared for tournaments. On Dec. 26, the Huskies won the Frankfort Holiday Tournament with easy wins over the host school 64-17 and Lapel 67-42. Just a couple days later, Heights picked up another tournament win at the Lebanon Holiday Classic, with wins over Perry Meridian 39-17, Lowell 52-30 on Dec. 28 and Lebanon 43-34 on Dec. 29.



Kirk Green/File photo
Hamilton Heights freshman Camryn Runner is averaging 15.7 points per game in her first high school season, making her the lead scorer for the Huskies. Heights will play at Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday in the Hoosier Conference championship game.

Royals cruise past Flashes for HCC victory

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team traveled to Franklin Central on Wednesday and came home with a 52-29 Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory.

The Class 4A No. 10 Royals led 14-7 after the first quarter. In the second period, Southeastern took over, outscoring the Flashes 23-8 to hold a 37-15 halftime lead. The Royals never allowed Franklin Central more than eight points in one quarter.

Ryan Viele scored a career-high 24 points for Southeastern, including five 3-pointers. Riley Makalusky added 10 points and also pulled six rebounds and blocked two shots. Olivia Brown helped out with seven points, five rebounds and four assists. Viele, Jocelyn Davis and Teegan Acres (who was making her first varsity start) all collected four rebounds. Zoe Bolding had two blocks.

The Royals are 2-2 in the conference and 10-4 overall. Southeastern's final three games of the regular season will all

be HCC contests, starting with a Friday game at Zionsville as part of a girls-boys doubleheader.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 52, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 29

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Teegan Acres	1-2	0-0	3	3
Riley Makalusky	3-11	4-6	10	1
Olivia Brown	3-4	1-3	7	4
Ryan Viele	8-13	3-4	24	1
Lauren Stewart	2-9	0-0	5	2
Caleigh Scott	0-3	0-0	0	2
Jocelyn Davis	1-4	0-1	3	3
Brin Bair	0-1	0-0	0	1
Shalyn Rathbun	0-0	0-0	0	1
Gabi Layman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zoe Bolding	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-47	8-14	52	18

Score by Quarters

Southeastern	14	23	8	7	52
Franklin Central	7	8	8	6	29

Southeastern 3-point shooting (8-22) Viele 5-10, Stewart 1-4, Davis 1-3, Acres 1-1, Scott 0-3, Bair 0-1.

Southeastern rebounds (31) Makalusky 6, Brown 5, Davis 4, Acres 4, Viele 4, Stewart 4, Rathbun 3, Bair 1.

Tenth in a row for Heights . . .

Huskies wrestling wins another dual

The Hamilton Heights wrestling team kept its unbeaten season going on Wednesday, winning a dual meet at Tipton 66-18.

The Huskies won 10 matches, starting with 106-pounder Ryan Armstrong. He was followed in the victory column by Isaac Khune (113), Isaiah Rodriguez

(120), Devonte Henson (138), Cooper Mansfield (145), Evan Tilton (160), Andy Lienemann (182), Damian Goodwin (195), Josh Brown (220) and Mason Moran (285).

Heights is now 10-0 for the season and finishes its regular season tonight with a dual meet at Guerin Catholic.



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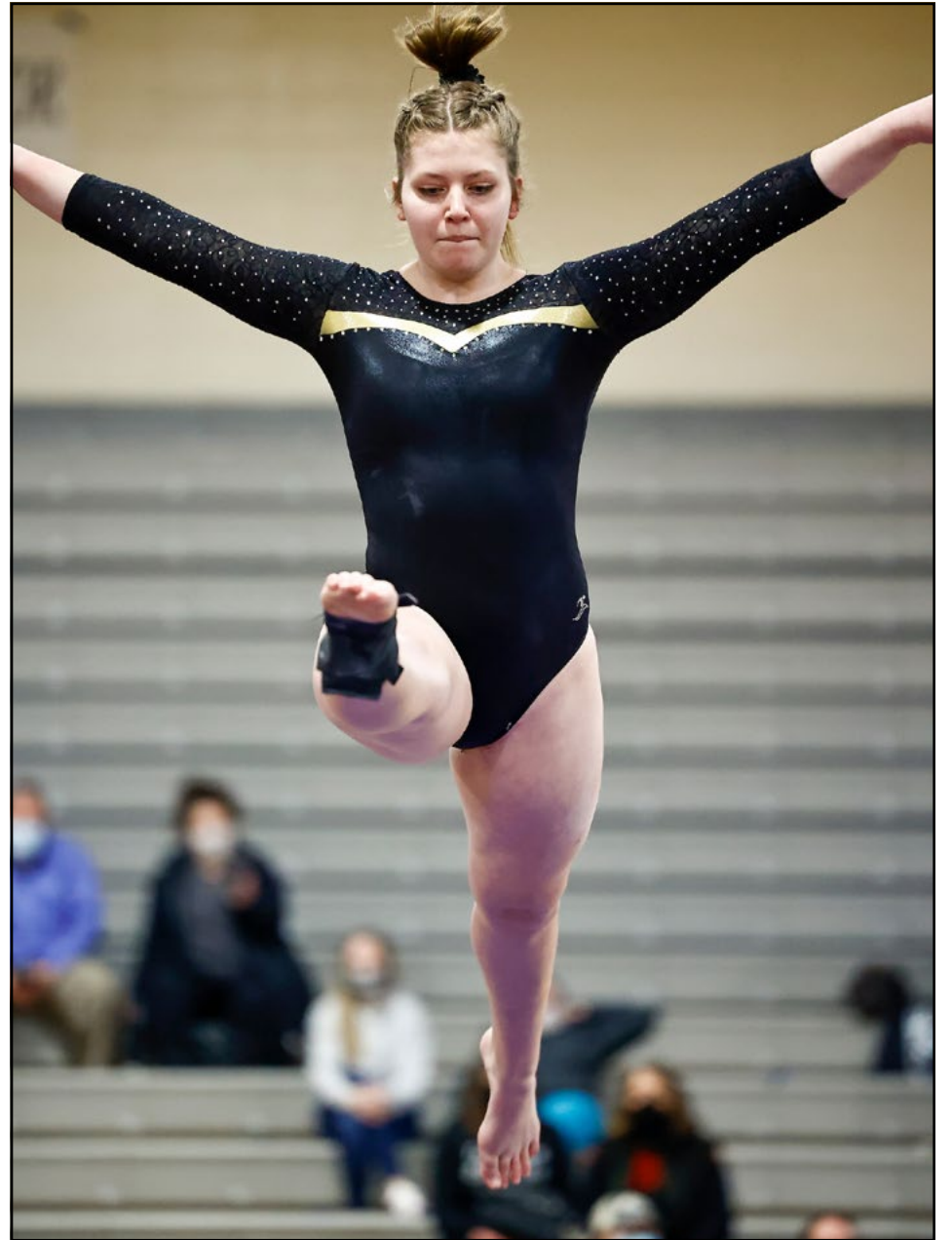
Noblesville gymnastics season opener



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
ABOVE: Noblesville junior Hailey Knoll was focused during her uneven bars routine at the Millers' gymnastics meet, which took place Monday at Noblesville East Middle School.

ABOVE RIGHT: Noblesville sophomore Kiera Harper makes a jump while performing her balance beam routine. Harper and Knoll are the captains for this year's Millers team.

RIGHT: Fishers' Savannah Strange performs her floor exercise routine. Strange was the first-ever gymnast for the Tigers last season as a freshman and is back for her sophomore season.



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Dallas 124, Indiana 112		Orlando 97, Minnesota 96	
Philadelphia 117, Boston 109		Phoenix 109, Houston 103	

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	10	5	.667	-
Boston	8	5	.615	1.0
Brooklyn	9	7	.563	1.5
New York	7	8	.467	3.0
Toronto	5	9	.357	4.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	9	5	.643	-
Indiana	8	6	.571	1.0
Cleveland	7	7	.500	2.0
Chicago	6	8	.429	3.0
Detroit	3	11	.214	6.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	7	7	.500	-
Orlando	7	8	.467	0.5
Miami	6	7	.462	0.5
Charlotte	6	8	.429	1.0
Washington	3	8	.273	2.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	10	4	.714	-
Portland	8	6	.571	2.0
Denver	7	7	.500	3.0
Oklahoma City	6	7	.462	3.5
Minnesota	3	10	.250	6.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Clippers	11	4	.733	-
L.A. Lakers	11	4	.733	-
Phoenix	8	5	.615	2.0
Golden State	8	6	.571	2.5
Sacramento	5	10	.333	6.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	7	6	.538	-
San Antonio	8	7	.533	-
Dallas	7	7	.500	0.5
New Orleans	5	8	.385	2.0
Houston	4	9	.308	3.0

Pacers begin homestand with loss to Mavericks

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After a whirlwind week on the West Coast, the Pacers were back on their home floor on Wednesday night, opening a four-game homestand against the Dallas Mavericks.

But the friendly confines of Bankers Life Fieldhouse — complete with a small contingent of fans for the first time this season — wasn't enough to overcome a big offensive night by Luka Doncic and the Mavericks.

The 21-year-old phenom recorded his fifth triple-double of the season, while Kristaps Porzingis scored a team-high 27 points on 12-of-15 shooting as Dallas (7-7) held off Indiana (8-6), 124-112.

Malcolm Brogdon led Indiana with 26 points and five assists in the loss. Domantas Sabonis added 25 points on 9-of-15 shooting and 10 rebounds to record his 14th straight double-double to open the season.

"They just made more shots and we weren't great in our defensive coverage," Sabonis said after the loss.

The Pacers didn't have an answer for the Mavericks in the first quarter on Wednesday night. Dallas shot 64 percent in the opening frame, with Porzingis

scoring 10 quick points, Trey Burke scoring 12 points off the bench, and Doncic dishing out four of the Mavs' 10 assists.

Dallas led 37-22 in the final minute of the first quarter, but back-to-back 3-pointers from Sabonis and T.J. McConnell trimmed the Pacers' deficit to single digits entering the second quarter.

Jeremy Lamb, making his return to the court for the first time since tearing the ACL in his left knee on Feb. 23, 2020, gave Indiana a nice boost off the bench in the first half. Lamb checked in for the first time in the closing minute of the first quarter. He scored five points in his first stint on the court, converting a three-point play on a drive and later adding a one-handed floater from the baseline.

Indiana managed to climb within three at 47-44 by the midway point of the second quarter. But Dallas used a 12-5 run to push its lead back to double digits.

Lamb checked back in and sparked another Pacers surge. He hit a jumper and a 3-pointer as Indiana closed the first half with a 10-2 run to make it a 65-63 game at the intermission.

"I think I was more surprised about my wind," Lamb said after the game. "I felt like I wasn't as tired as I thought I was going to be...My first couple shots were

close to the basket. That definitely helped to give me some confidence."

Doncic scored on the first possession of the second half, but the Pacers answered with seven straight points, taking their first lead of the night on Edmond Sumner's 3-pointer with 9:44 remaining in the third quarter.

The lead was short-lived, however, as Porzingis scored seven straight by himself to put the Mavs back in front. Dallas led 84-76 before the Pacers mounted another charge, this time buoyed by Brogdon.

Brogdon scored eight straight Indiana points during a 15-4 run. His 3-pointer gave the Blue & Gold an 89-88 lead with 1:29 remaining in the frame, then he connected with Justin Holiday on an alley-oop 24 seconds later to push the lead to three.

A Porzingis three-point play tied the game before Sabonis hit one of two free throws. Jalen Brunson's floater in the closing seconds of the frame gave the visitors a narrow 93-92 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Pacers briefly retook the lead on Holiday's layup 18 seconds into the final frame. But the Mavericks, who had started the night just 5-for-21 from 3-point

range, suddenly caught fire from beyond the arc, knocking down three straight threes during an 11-1 run.

"That was big," Brogdon said of the sequence. "We weren't able to recover from that."

Tim Hardaway Jr.'s dunk gave him 10 points in the fourth quarter and pushed Dallas' lead to 117-103 with 6:11 remaining. The Pacers never seriously threatened the rest of the way.

Doug McDermott finished with 16 points and eight rebounds for Indiana. Aaron Holiday added 13 points off the bench, while brother Justin added 10.

Lamb finished with 10 points on 4-of-8 shooting, two rebounds, and two steals in 19 minutes in his first game in nearly 11 months.

Porzingis recorded a double-double with 27 points and 13 rebounds for Dallas. Burke added 22 points while going 4-for-8 from 3-point range, while Hardaway and Brunson each added 19 points.

Doncic was just 5-for-15 from the field, but tallied 13 points, 12 rebounds, and 12 assists.

Indiana continues a four-game homestand by hosting the Orlando Magic on Friday night.

Wednesday high school basketball scores

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Central Christian 45, Irvington Prep Academy 41
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