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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Snow, and blowing snow, will be heavy at times. Wind gusting to 35 mph.

Tonight: Snow diminishes. Final snow totals of 10-15 inches, including some sleet. Minor ice accumulations.

HIGH: 23 LOW: 7



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Noblesville Lions give vision screenings to preschoolers



Photo provided
This week, the Noblesville Lions have been providing vision screening to preschool students. On Monday, they screened almost 100 students. The Lions are scheduled for school screenings every day this week, weather permitting. (At press time, there was no word on which days had been rescheduled.) This screening helps identify vision problems with students, which can later be checked by a family eye doctor.

Public officials close local government buildings due to winter storm's impact

The REPORTER
On Wednesday morning, the Hamilton County Commissioners voted to close all county government buildings through at least Thursday, with a reassessment based on weather conditions set for this afternoon. The City of Westfield also closed its city services building for the rest of the week. The official announcements appear below.

County Government
Due to severe weather,

Hamilton County Government buildings closed at 2 p.m. Wednesday and will remain closed through Thursday. Essential services are operating, but are not open to the public. The lobby at the Sheriff's Office will remain open both days. Citizens are encouraged to access online services when applicable.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet virtually at 4 p.m. on Thursday to assess road conditions and discuss county operations for Friday.

The meeting may be accessed by dialing (219) 225-8177.

The Hamilton County Council meeting that had been scheduled Wednesday night has also been postponed. It has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16.

The Hamilton County Health Department has also closed its vaccination clinic at the 4-H Fairgrounds and its testing site at the Hamilton County Health Department both Thursday and Friday.

Operations will resume Monday. Individuals with appointments will receive a call to reschedule.

Westfield
The Westfield City Services building will be closed Thursday and Friday due to the winter storm. Essential services will operate normally. You can still reach out city government by calling (317) 804-3150, emailing guestservices@westfield.in.gov or by visiting westfield.in.gov.

Science & policy

During the last two years, issues surrounding COVID-19 policies and mandates have been unending. Should we mask? Should our children go to school? What about the vaccine? What does the science say? Who should decide these issues?

In general, I believe determinations about vaccinations, masking, and education are properly left to families and individuals rather than bureaucrats or “experts.”

In 1901, Winston Churchill wrote to H.G. Wells: *“Nothing would be more fatal than for the government of states to get in the hands of experts. Expert knowledge is limited knowledge; and the unlimited ignorance of the plain man who knows only what hurts, is a safer guide than any vigorous direction of a specialized character. Why should you assume that all except, doctors, engineers, etc. are drones or worse?”*

Recently, when criticized by members of Congress, Dr. Anthony Fauci responded by stating that those criticizing himself and his policies were really criticizing science because he (Dr. Fauci) represents science. Dr. Fauci’s rebuttal came across to me as misguided and logically fallacious.

First, Dr. Fauci seems to equate science with truth. Because Dr. Fauci, in his mind, represents truth, those who publicly challenge him are guilty of propagating falsehoods and/or misinformation. Truth and science, however, like apples and oranges, are not synonymous. Truth is an end, a reality, a state of correctness.

Science, on the other hand, is a method or process. The scientist uses science or the scientific method to formulate conclusions about the natural world in the same way as the philosopher or theologian using reason and experience to form conclusions about the metaphysical world. Thus, science, in and of itself, is not truth, nor does it necessitate an accurate conclusion.

Second, like science and truth, Dr. Fauci conflates science with policy. As stated

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No trash service in Carmel today

The REPORTER
Due to the winter storm, Republic Services has decided to delay Carmel residential trash and recycle service for Thursday. Residents are asked to not roll their carts out to the curb so that city snowplows can clear the streets without obstruction.

Republic is considering expanded hours this weekend to make up for the delay. Based on the amount of snow that falls, Republic may also delay Friday service. Please watch for updates on the service schedule.

These decisions are made to ensure the safety of drivers, motorists and the community.

Follow the City of Carmel on [Facebook](https://Facebook.com/CityofCarmel) and [Twitter](https://Twitter.com/CityofCarmel) for updates.



Photo provided by Koda Witsken
Young artists can help create public art such as this in Fishers this July. But hurry – only 16 spots are available.

Teen mural camp now open for registration

Koda Witsken to lead teen mural camp at Fishers’ Brooks School Park in July

The REPORTER
Local artist and Indiana native Koda Witsken will lead a mural camp this summer in partnership with Fishers Parks. The camp, to take place at Brooks School Park in Fishers, will be open to artists aged 13 to 19. It will take place 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily July 18-22.

The camp will explore how public art is more important than ever to beautify spaces, to facilitate community conversations, and to encourage people to pay attention and perceive more deeply the environments they occupy.

This unique outdoor camp provides a COVID-safe opportunity for teen artists in Hamilton County to learn about murals and the history of public art. Each student will create an outdoor mural on the concrete Art Wall at Brooks School Park (40 feet long by 5 feet tall) over the course of the workshop. Campers will also complete art history modules



Photo provided by Koda Witsken
created specifically for this workshop by national museum professionals as well as meet local professional artists to inspire their future art careers.

Witsken says that she hopes “the mural camp can give students the tools to participate

in their local cultural narrative as well as give them the

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Telling someone about our experiences can be difficult. Knowing how to respond to someone when they share their truth is even more challenging. Join us this month by [downloading our informational Toolkit](#) and talking to your teens!

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AG Rokita invites Hoosiers to check for unclaimed property

The REPORTER Acknowledging Feb. 1 as National Unclaimed Property Day, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita invited Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to see if there is any money waiting for you.

“My office is committed to serving Hoosiers and protecting their individual liberty,” Rokita said. “Holding unclaimed property and

making sure it gets back to the rightful owners is just one way we carry out this larger mission.”

While all states administer unclaimed property programs, Indiana is the only one where the attorney general oversees this function.

Last year, Rokita’s Unclaimed Property Division returned over \$48 million to Hoosiers.

Here’s how to make sure your property doesn’t go unclaimed:

- Keep a record of all bank accounts.
- Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.
- Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.
- Cash all checks promptly.

The origins of unclaimed property include closed bank accounts, court deposits, insurance, utility companies, old paychecks, closed estates, or from stock and securities.

The only tangible items received by the Unclaimed Property Division are the contents of dormant safe deposit boxes. After three years, the division typically liquidates those items through such means as eBay auctions.

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division conducts an aggressive outreach effort to locate the



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rightful owners or heirs. It pursues rightful owners through mailings, social media, advertisements, and local media coverage.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years in which to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division. They simply must supply proof of rightful ownership.

So be sure to check IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business.

In addition to the website, you also may contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmil@atg.in.gov.

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MURAL

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foundation to potentially pursue art as a lucrative and stable career, all in a COVID-safe outdoor format.”

All skill levels are welcome. There are 16 spots available, and registration is currently live. Interested students can sign up at playfishers.com/472/Partner-Camps.

Koda Witsken owns Hue Murals, an Indiana-based mural company that brings vision and brand to life in large-scale murals, art events, and art installations. You can

learn more at huemuralsbykoda.com or on Facebook and Instagram @huemurals.

You can sign up for camp at [this link](#) or reach out to Koda Witsken with any questions at koda@huemuralsbykoda.com.

SCIENCE & POLICY

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above, science is the observation and study of the natural world. The chief end of the scientific method is the collection and synthesis of data.

For example, science is tremendous in telling us about a disease, its chemical composition, its transmissibility, and the effect it may have on the human body, but science cannot direct us on how said information can and should be used.

Policy, on the other hand, applies scientific data to the real world. Policy making is philosophical in nature and is closely tied to one’s worldview and experience. Policy making involves risk assessment, moral evaluations, and judgment calls, which explains why different individuals draw different conclusions about the same data. Thus, Dr. Fauci’s numerous and often vague appeals to “the science” in order to justify his policy positions (without more explanation) is not logically tenable.

The Great Barrington Declaration, a position paper signed by more than 50,000 doctors, scientists, and medical researchers, takes a broad approach to understanding and evaluating COVID-19 public safety measures, including considering the societal impact that shutdowns and mass isolation has on depression, suicide, loss of education, unemployment, and broken supply chains. The Great Barrington Declaration, in responding to the COVID-19 data, seeks to balance the need for protecting our vulnerable populations with the understanding that public health includes the social and emotional well-being of a society. You can read the entire declaration at gbdeclaration.org.

As we continue to consider how to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, remember that your opinion matters and is valuable. The scientific community is instrumental in understanding the virus, but nobody understands your circumstances better than yourself.

Often those in power are not really engaged in the search for truth, but instead, are looking for ways to maintain their power. As citizens of Hamilton County, the State of Indiana, and the United States, you have an opportunity to understand the issues facing our society and vote. Dr. Fauci and the “experts” do not have a monopoly on truth.

Educational material and not legal advice, written by the team at Adler attorneys. Email andrea@noblesvilleattorney.com with questions or comments.

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

Sheridan reader has serious concerns with House Bill 1003

Dear Editor:
Here we go again!
In a supposed attempt to assist in alleviating the nursing shortage In Indiana, State Rep. Ethan Manning (R-Logansport) along with three House co-authors, Rep. Brad Barrett, Republican, District 56, Rep. J. Davisson, Republican, District 73, Rep. Rita Fleming, Democrat, District 71; and three Senate co-sponsors, Sen. Mark Messmer, Republican, District 48, Sen. Ed Charbonneau, Republican, District 5, and Sen. Justin Busch, Republican, District 16, together sponsored and presented **House Bill 1003**.
Digest: Nursing programs and licensing matters. Provides that the state board of nursing (board) shall issue by endorsement a license to practice as a registered nurse or practical nurse to an applicant who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school and provides specific documentation. Allows an eligible associate degree or bachelor's degree registered nursing program to increase enrollment at any rate deemed appropriate by the program. Allows a nursing program to substitute a certain number of simulation hours for clinical hours in certain circumstances. Establishes requirements for clinical preceptors. Provides that a majority of the faculty of each nursing program is not required to be full-time employees of an institution. Requires the board to amend or adopt rules to implement specific provisions. Requires the Indiana professional licensing agency to issue a temporary license to an individual who meets specific requirements to provide quick health care services in Indiana.
In a nutshell, HB 1003 would allow more students to be accepted into nursing




programs throughout the state and, at the same time, reduce the numbers, requirements, and qualifications of faculty members responsible for teaching the knowledge base and clinical skills needed to become a nurse. An exponential number of applicants could be admitted to nursing programs, regardless of whether there was an adequate number of qualified faculty to instruct them.
The for-profit schools will have a heyday with this. I point out the experience of students admitted to other for-profit programs that could not pass the licensing exam but were left with \$60,000 in debt, no credits that would transfer, and no license because they couldn't pass the exam.
One area of specific concern to me is that this bill will allow students to get clinical credit in the classroom instead of in a traditional health care setting, such as a hospital. In other words, if you can successfully perform an invasive medical procedure on a rubber dummy, it's OK for you to do it to an actual patient. Do medical schools teach cardiology to doctors who have never seen an honest heart?
I sure hope not.
Even more disturbing to me is that this bill was authored and presented with little to no input or consideration from anyone within the State Board of Nursing or the State Nurse licensing agency.
I'm pretty sure the "for-profit" schools around the state are going to eat this stuff up!
Is it time to follow the money?
Have we not learned anything over the last 50 years?
"If you lower the standards, be prepared to live with the results."
Tom Herron
Sheridan

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Rep. Spartz introduces Freedom to Repair Act

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, U.S. Representatives Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.) and Mondaire Jones (D-N.Y.) introduced the Freedom to Repair Act, legislation to protect the right to repair the things we own.

Currently, some companies, ranging from Big

Tech to Big Ag, are abusing copyright law to deny people the right to repair their own devices or take them to locally-owned repair shops, which can subject these small businesses to civil or criminal penalties. To guarantee the freedom to repair, this legislation would legalize repairing what you own

or taking it to the repair shop of your choice.

“Some large corporations have been taking advantage of American consumers with unduly burdensome repair restrictions,” Rep. Spartz said. “It’s time to level the playing field for small businesses, mechanics, farmers, and consum-

ers. We have to strike the right balance. When Americans purchase a product, it should never be assumed that they also agree to the manufacturer performing all the maintenance of the product, regardless of cost. I’m honored to work with Rep. Jones on this initiative on a bipartisan basis.”

“For far too long, federal copyright law has allowed the most powerful corporations in the world to control who repairs what we own,” Rep. Jones said. “By entrenching the power of these major corporations, repair restrictions threaten our economy, including the economic well-being of American consumers and small businesses. It’s time for a change, which is why I’m proud to introduce this bipartisan legislation with Rep. Spartz to take back control and secure the right of all Americans to repair what is rightfully theirs.”

Click here to read the full text of the bill.



Spartz

Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader hopes her legislators listen to her concerns about House Bill 1134

Dear Editor:
We continuously hear that we should contact our legislators regarding our support or opposition to bills before the General Assembly. I have written or called many times, but lately have been wondering if it really makes a difference. I am outraged, disheartened, and appalled at what we are experiencing as a country and as a state.

I am especially concerned with many of the bills proposed in our current legislative session. Specifically, I oppose [House Bill 1134](#), which passed out of the House and is now being debated in the Education Committee of the Senate. I am generalizing, but this bill appears to take teaching out of the hands of educators. The many educators I have talked with report that this will be the end of public education as we know it, and they will leave the teaching profession.

To be honest, I am not sure why this bill was proposed and is being debated by legislators. I am guessing that most of them are not teachers or former teachers? Regardless, it is our responsibility as concerned Hoosiers to share our views with our Representatives and Senators.

I recently contacted my Representative to state my opposition to HB 1134 and ask why he voted in favor. I received an honest reply and was pleased to learn that he will reserve his final judgment until he views the bill’s final version. He stated that he and other legislators are listening to the concerns of those opposed. So, hopefully, there is chance that contacting your legislator can make a difference!

I will continue to follow the status of this bill and others. I grew up learning about all the atrocities in our world’s history and wondering why so many people sat quietly and let them happen. I don’t want to be remembered for my silence. What about you?

Susan Ring
Carmel

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Westfield Washington Schools celebrating Black History Month

**Submitted by
Westfield Washington Schools**

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time to recognize the central role of Black people in U.S. history. It grew out of "Negro History Week," which was the

second week in February. The Harvard historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, was the impetus for the idea in the fall of 1915.

In 1975, President Gerald Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month and called upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often ne-

glected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.

The theme for 2022 is Black Health and Wellness, which explores "the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well."

Black History Month is a time to be intentional about honoring the contributions and legacy of African Americans, from industry leaders to political trailblazers, to our greatest scientific minds, to culture, and much more.

So, our schools will have daily activities to embrace the spirit of this month by honoring Black Americans who have contributed to moving our country forward to make it better for all Americans. Throughout the month of February, Westfield Washington Schools is calling upon teachers, students, and our community to celebrate and emphasize that Black history is American history.

Tim Griffin of Carmel running for County Council

Submitted

Tim Griffin is officially running for Hamilton County Council, District 1. Griffin currently serves as both a firefighter and the Public Information Officer for the Carmel Fire Department, in addition to being a regular guest on WISH-TV's *Life.Style.Live!* show.

As a 30-year Carmel resident and graduate of Carmel High School, Griffin has dedicated his career to serving the residents of Carmel through public service. His commitment and passion for communicating with residents led to the additional role of Public Information Officer.

"Hamilton County is my home and always will be," Griffin said. "I've spent my life committed to ensuring my neighbors are healthy and safe, and the opportunity to connect with our community on a larger level is really exciting. I'm a strong fiscal conservative am committed to ensuring our county government efficiently provides quality services to our residents."

Griffin is a health and fitness advocate, frequently sharing his expertise with residents throughout the district. He has been a high school wrestling coach, is active in his parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and is on the Executive Board for the Carmel Professional Firefighters Local 4444.

Griffin and his wife, Teresa, live in Carmel with their five daughters – Vera, Amelia, Stella, Maria, and Lainie.



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United Way seeks volunteers, projects for organized day of community service

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana is looking for volunteers and projects for Go All IN Day, an organized day of volunteering and community service across the region.

This year's event will take place on June 24 across United Way's service area of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan and Putnam counties.

Those interested in volunteering can learn more

and sign up at uwci.org/go-all-in-day. Opportunities – including indoor, outdoor and virtual options – will be available for individual volunteers, families and groups. Projects will vary in length from those lasting just an hour to all-day activities.

Community groups, nonprofits and grassroots organizations interested in hosting a volunteer project can sign up for more information at uwci.org/go-all-in-day.

Groups with an annual operating budget of \$1 million or less will be able to apply for United Way grants to fund their projects.

In the coming months, United Way staff will help organizations coordinate projects and arrange for volunteers to complete them.

"The entire point of Go All IN Day is for all community members to get out and serve the community in

all seven counties that we serve – and really make a difference," said Abbi Garvey, community engagement manager at United Way.

United Way hosted its first Go All IN Day last year. More than 500 volunteers completed over 70 projects, including stocking food pantries, assembling care kits for seniors, mulching playgrounds and planting community gardens.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 (NIV)

Bruce O. Briles, Jr.

September 23, 1954 – January 27, 2022

Bruce O. Briles, Jr., 67, Anderson, passed away on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on September 23, 1954, to Bruce, Sr. and Lena Mae (Bailey) Briles in Tucson, Ariz.



Bruce was a private contractor for many years. He attended Greater Hope Apostolic Church in Alexandria. Bruce enjoyed martial arts, going to auctions and garage sales, going out to eat, collecting movies, and buying guns. He loved his two Chihuahuas, Yogi and Boo-Boo.

Bruce is survived by his partner of 12 years, Renay Edwards.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Robert Watson officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Review Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, was canceled due to weather. The meeting has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, in the Council Chambers room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Hamilton County Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, has been postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, due to weather.

The Noblesville Council Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, has been canceled.

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, in the Center Meeting Room of the Fishers location of Hamilton East Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met virtually at 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, to discuss county operations due to the inclement weather.

1. Motion was made and seconded to close county buildings at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion was made and seconded to close county buildings on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion was made and seconded to meet virtually at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, to discuss county operations for Friday, Feb. 4, 2022.

I Robin M. Mills, Hamilton County Auditor do hereby certify the above is true and correct.
/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

— COUNTY —

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 9:45 a.m., in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing 1.219.225.8177 Conference ID 904856268#

/s/ Robin M. Mills
Hamilton County Auditor
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— SHERIDAN —

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m., at the Sheridan Community Center located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, the Town of Sheridan, Indiana ("Town") will convene a Special Call meeting of the Town Council, to hold a public hearing on an annexation ordinance under Ind. Code § 36-4-3-5.1. The annexation ordinance shall consider the annexation into the Town of Sheridan of 23120 Mule Barn Road, 46069.

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Millers gymnastics shows early promise

After three meets, the Noblesville gymnastics team is showing early promise.

The Millers hosted a six-team meet Tuesday and finished with their highest score of the season, a 91.375. New Palestine won the meet with a 94.00, while Lapel scored a 91.90, placing them a close second with Noblesville third.

"We are coming up on mid-season, but I feel like we just started at the same time," said Millers coach Jody Kiovsky. "We have much room to grow, still, and that's the exciting part. I feel like each meet we are gaining skill value and connections."

Noblesville has a relatively small team this year, but it's also a talented one. A freshman has emerged as one of the top gymnasts, Charlotte Moise. She finished third in the all-around Tuesday with a score of 32.05, and also placed fourth in two events: The uneven bars (7.80) and the floor exercise (8.20). Moise also scored an 8.275 on the vault and a 7.775 on the balance beam.

"Charlotte had a stellar beam routine," said Kiovsky.

Moise had been participating exclusively in club gymnastics before getting to high school, which Kiovsky said is "not in any way, shape or form the same as high school," but the coach said Moise is "starting to adapt and learn," which is exactly what the Millers want to see from their freshmen.

"She is a beautiful gymnast," said Kiovsky. "She's got gorgeous lines. When it comes to her composition and execution, she may not have the highest value of skills, but what she is doing, she can do almost flawlessly."

Noblesville had three all-around gymnasts compete on Tuesday. Lyrric Barnett, a sophomore, totaled a 30.225. She had the Millers' highest score of the night, an 8.40 on vault, good for fourth place.

Kiovsky said Barnett has changed quite a bit from her freshman year, when she was "doing gymnastics for fun." Now, as a sophomore?

"She is serious," said Kiovsky. "She is ready to go. She is all about, 'What bigger skill can we perform today?'" Her motivation right now is on fire."

Hailey Knoll is the lone senior on the Noblesville team. She also had a strong



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The Noblesville gymnastics team is off to a good start for the season, placing second last Saturday at the Western Invitational (shown here), then improving that score by nearly two points at a Tuesday home meet. Pictured: Charlotte Moise, Lyrric Barnett, Hailey Knoll, Sierra Graue, Harleigh Abbott (Guerin Catholic) and Ella Hill (Noblesville manager).

vault score, an 8.175, and totaled 29.10 on the all-around.

"I do think we're going to see some good things from Hailey throughout this year," said Kiovsky.

Overall, Kiovsky said that the team is small, "but we are still producing exactly what we wanted to produce, and we are very much in competition with the teams around us," she said.

Guerin Catholic's Harleigh Abbott also competed at the meet, scoring a 25.35 for the all-around. Abbott's best score was an

8.05 on the vault.

Noblesville's next meet is Wednesday, when the Millers host Lafayette Jefferson.

Team scores: New Palestine 94.00, Lapel 91.90, Noblesville 91.375, Frankton 34.75, Indpls. Lutheran 31.60, Guerin Catholic 25.35.

All-around scores: 3. Charlotte Moise (N) 32.05, Lyrric Barnett (N) 30.225, Hailey Knoll 29.10, Harleigh Abbott (GC) 25.35.

Vault: 4. Barnett (N) 8.40, Moise (N) 8.275, Knoll (N) 8.175, Abbott (GC) 8.05.

Uneven bars: 4. Moise (N) 7.80, Barnett (N) 6.80, Knoll (N) 6.70, Abbott (GC) 4.025.

Balance beam: Moise (N) 7.775, Barnett (N) 6.85, Knoll (N) 6.425, Abbott (GC) 5.725.

Floor exercise: 4. Moise (N) 8.20, 5. Barnett (N) 8.175, 6. Knoll (N) 7.80, Abbott (GC) 7.55.

Legacy Christian finishes as runner-up in Suburban Christian tournament

Photo provided

Legacy Christian School in Noblesville finished as the runner-up in the Suburban Christian basketball tournament on Jan. 22.

Sean Benning and Isaac Wilson were selected to the All Tournament Team.

Before falling in the championship game, Legacy defeated host Suburban Christian 95-85 in perhaps the most significant victory in program history.

Wilson led all scorers with 46 points, Connor Dawson added 20 points, and Benning contributed 17 points.



Winter storm postpones Thursday events

The winter storm that is currently over Indiana has already accounted for several postponements of sporting events that involve Hamilton County.

Carmel boys basketball was to play Lawrence North today, but that game has been moved to Monday at the Eric Clark Activity Center. Junior varsity tips at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville's Thursday game at Mount Vernon has also been postponed. The Miller Boys Basketball Twitter account said that the team is "tentatively looking at" a re-schedule date of Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Hamilton Southeastern has pushed back the girls swimming sectional prelims at the Royals Aquatic Center to Friday. The event will start at 5:30 p.m.

Other postponements are expected today. Check with @Richie_Hall on Twitter to see any updates regarding postponements or cancellations.

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Hamilton County Reporter Volleyball Player of the Year

Lauren Harden, Hamilton Southeastern

The Hamilton County Reporter has named Hamilton Southeastern sophomore Lauren Harden as its Volleyball Player of the Year for 2021.



Kirk Green/File photo

Harden was a dominant force for the Royals, helping them to a 26-3 record and Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship. Harden hit 264 kills, averaging 9.1 per match and 2.9 per set. Harden delivered a solid all-around game for Southeastern, with 170 digs and 39 blocks for the season. Harden was named to the Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association's First Team All-State.

Hamilton County Reporter All-County Volleyball Team 2021

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Year
Jacquellynne Bates	Sheridan	Junior
Taylor Bates	Sheridan	Senior
Ella Bostic	Carmel	Senior
Riley Branch	Noblesville	Senior
Ella Brooks	Carmel	Senior
Claire Castor	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Kennedy Cherry	Hamilton Heights	Freshman
Diana Cox	Noblesville	Junior
Lauren Evans	Carmel	Junior
Jordan Fryman	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Madison Hamby	University	Senior
Lauren Harden	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Ava Harris	Noblesville	Junior
Lexi Hayden	Hamilton Heights	Senior
JaNyah Henderson	Fishers	Junior

Margo Hernandez	Fishers	Junior
Macy Hinshaw	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Avery Hobson	Hamilton Southeastern	Junior
Kathryn Loso	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Macarty McQueen	Carmel	Senior
Ella Murphy	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Samantha Perdue	Fishers	Senior
Ella Peter	Noblesville	Senior
Carsen Plew	Fishers	Senior
Jillian Sager	University	Senior
Dani Schade	Westfield	Sophomore
Meghan Slaninka	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Kelsey Smith	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Ava Vickers	Fishers	Junior
Emily Weber	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Caroline Yuska	Carmel	Senior

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Toronto	26	23	.531	4.0
Boston	28	25	.528	4.0
New York	24	28	.462	7.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	32	18	.640	-
Milwaukee	32	21	.604	1.5
Cleveland	31	21	.596	2.0
Indiana	19	34	.358	14.5
Detroit	12	38	.240	20.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	32	20	.615	-
Charlotte	28	24	.538	4.0
Atlanta	24	26	.480	7.0
Washington	24	27	.471	7.5
Orlando	12	41	.226	20.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	31	21	.596	-
Denver	28	23	.549	2.5
Minnesota	26	25	.510	4.5
Portland	21	31	.404	10.0
Oklahoma City	16	34	.320	14.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	41	9	.820	-
Golden State	39	13	.750	3.0
L.A. Clippers	26	27	.491	16.5
L.A. Lakers	25	27	.481	17.0
Sacramento	19	34	.358	23.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	36	18	.667	-
Dallas	29	23	.558	6.0
New Orleans	19	32	.373	15.5
San Antonio	19	33	.365	16.0
Houston	15	36	.294	19.5

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Late run sends Orlando past Pacers

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Coming off an impressive win against the Clippers, the Pacers and their rookies battled against a young and talented team, the Orlando Magic.

Just 22 seconds into the game, Isaiah Jackson suffered a sprained ankle and never returned. It left the Pacers without a true center. Despite that, the squad played a solid first half and earned a 14-point lead. But Orlando earned the upper hand in the second half. After outscoring the Pacers 33-21 in the third, the Magic (12-40) used a late 14-2 run to take the lead and keep it. The visitors left Gainbridge Fieldhouse with a 119-118 win over Indiana (19-34).

"They were aggressive," Rick Carlisle said of Orlando's comeback. "They got it downhill. They were able to get back even and eventually get the lead. It was a disappointing ending."

In Jackson's absence, Terry Taylor had a phenomenal outing. The rookie finished with career-highs in points (24) and rebounds (16) for his first career double-double. Caris LeVert added a game-high 26, and Torrey Craig added 22, including five threes. But, keeping up this season's trend, Indiana failed to find the points needed

during crunch time.

"I had a career night, but I prefer to have the W," Taylor said humbly. "It's kind of tough to go into the locker room after a game like that."

Taylor appeared up for the challenge immediately. The rookie scored an early five points, including one of four early Indiana 3-pointers, to snag a 16-8 lead with 7:01 remaining.

Indiana remained hot from deep as the quarter continued. Chris Duarte contributed his first trey, while Craig knocked in his third at the 3:32 mark to stretch the margin to 28-14.

Down the stretch, Orlando appeared to have the upper hand. With Indiana leading 30-16, the visitors rattled off eight unanswered to cut the gap to six with 1:34 left. However, that would be as close as they would come to the lead. Indiana finished 13-of-26 (50 percent) from the floor – 6-of-12 (50 percent) from long range — to take a 34-28 edge into the second.

Early in the stanza, the 3-ball kept falling. Craig, Lance Stephenson, and Duane Washington added triples as Indiana stretched the advantage to 45-34 with 9:48 left.

Indiana controlled the game over the

next few minutes as they continued to hit their open looks. Stephenson provided a spark, adding five in a 0:22 span. In between the bucket and the free-throw of an and-one finish, he took a moment to give a few courtside fans some high-fives. The Blue & Gold led 55-43 with 6:00 to play.

Indiana's defense held Orlando to a 3:24 scoring drought. In the meantime, Taylor, Justin Holiday, and Duarte all contributed to building a 17-point lead. From there, the Blue & Gold closed out the first half comfortably. Orlando never came within fewer than 14 points over the final four minutes. Indiana led 67-53 at halftime.

Indiana's lead dipped to nine after Orlando pieced together a 7-0 run — three from Wendell Carter Jr — early in the third. But Craig's fifth trey with 8:50 remaining pushed the Pacers' lead to 74-62.

The Pacers stretched the margin to 17 again after LeVert and Duarte teamed up for five straight. But Orlando began exploiting the interior for buckets against Indiana's smaller defenders. With Indiana leading 81-64, Orlando knocked in eight unanswered to cut the Pacers' comfortable lead to nine with 5:09 left.

Indiana appeared to be safe after Holiday and Craig teamed up for five straight to stretch the gap to 14. But, Orlando continued to fight. The visitors answered with eight unanswered to cut the margin to 86-80 with 2:33 remaining.

Although Taylor stopped the spree briefly with a putback, Orlando continued to use the paint to its advantage. With 54.1 seconds left, Robin Lopez checked into the game for the first time. The 7-1 center immediately used his length to score an easy hook before the end of the frame. Indiana's lead shrunk to 88-86.

The 13-year veteran used another sweeping hook shot to tie the game at 88 to start the fourth. However, an 8-2 Indiana run — four from Taylor — pushed the squad ahead 96-90 at the 8:49 mark.

Near the midway mark, the Blue & Gold got a boost from Stephenson. Leading 98-94, the Indianapolis legend gave the Pacers some breathing room with four straight. Later, it was Taylor's turn. After the Magic cut the gap to five, Taylor banked in a cutting finger-roll layup to give the Pacers a 106-99 lead with 5:00 remaining.

After both sides went through a scoring drought, Taylor added a six-foot jumper with 3:47 to play to stretch the lead to nine.

But the Magic started their comeback. First, Franz Wagner finished a three-point play. Then, Gary Harris knocked in back-to-back triples to tie the game at 108 with 1:51 remaining.

Orlando's run stretched to 10 unanswered after Anthony dropped in two free throws. The freebies came after the Pacers turned the ball over on an inbounds pass. After LeVert tied the game at 110 with a jumper, Wagner cashed in another three-point play to grab a 113-110 Magic lead with 1:17 to go.

LeVert cut the gap to one on another jumper with 1:04 to play. Anthony tried to respond, but his layup curled around the rim and out.

Indiana had two chances on the other end, but the Magic guarded LeVert heavily on both shot attempts. A pair of Anthony free throws stretched the lead to three with 10.9 seconds left.

Playing a chess-like match using the charity stripe, coach Jamahl Mosley timed out the win perfectly, giving Orlando its 12th win of the season.



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