TODAY'S WEATHER Partly sunny today, mostly cloudy tonight. **HIGH: 29 LOW:** 18

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Hamillton County Reporter



Photo by Bret Richardson/Correspondent

Another year, another state championship for the Carmel girls swim team. The Greyhounds won their 28th consecutive title Saturday at the IUPUI Natatorium. Carmel's run is the longest active state championship in the country, and is the second longest overall.

dance...

By JANET HART BAKER

listen the music.

Life's a dance. You must



You must listen with your heart. It is only then that you know the steps to take to get

to where you need to be.

Chuck and I have been taking dance lessons. No, we won't be dancing with the stars and no, we don't think we can dance, however, we have learned enough to get us through the first dance at our wedding reception.

When we first started taking lessons I realized that Chuck would have been a great Fred Astaire. On the other hand, I would not have been a great Ginger Rogers. I tried to use the excuse of having to dance backwards in heels but the truth is that I had not ever had someone teach me to listen to the music...to listen with my heart...until Chuck.

One thing that I had to learn was to allow Chuck to lead. He would say "let me hold onto you and I will get you where you need to be". Eventually, my feet trusted him just as my heart had done, so many months ago.

Each week it got easier. We learned the Waltz, the Cha Cha and the Foxtrot. So

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Carmel girls win 28th straight swim title on...

have this A record-setting day

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

state championship streak, people used the term "broken records" to refer to when their vinyl records (Google it, kids) got stuck in a of runner-up Crown Point's 209. groove and repeated themselves.

groove of excellence, winning state title after High School in Honolulu, whose boys swim Back in the 1980's, when the Carmel girls state title. On Saturday, Carmel added another swim team was just beginning its spectacular crown, winning its 28th consecutive state championship at the IUPUI Natatorium. The 'Hounds won with 399 team points, well ahead

> Carmel's streak is the longest active high school run in the nation, and is second on the

Since then, the Greyhounds have been in a overall list. First place belongs to Punahou team won 29 in a row between 1958 and 1986.

> Saturday's state finals were the fastest ever. There were nine new state records set at the meet, one after the other - like a broken record, if you will. Carmel was responsible for seven of those new records.

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Staying connected...

Dillinger writes from Mexico

I am in Mazatlan, Mexico, resting and re- States, or on my i-pad, dealing with County amazingly well, by the way.

sitting on the beach, overlooking the ocean.

As a County Commissioner, I spend several hours a day either on the phone, back to the

cuperating from my recent illness. I am doing issues, even while here on vacation. While that in helping me stay connected some 3,000 miles might sound like a burden to some people, it away. I look forward every morning, to getting I just wanted to drop you a note, to let you has been a way of life for me in all the 32 years my first cup of coffee of the day and firing up know how great it is to get our local news, I have been in public office. My duty's to the the computer and reading what is going on at Public I represent, never end and I don't mind home. What a great idea from you and Jeff.

Your online addition has been a great asset

Steve Dillinger

The County Line...

Schools should teach cursive - that is, good old handwriting

By FRED SWIFT



Cursive writing, the new politically correct term for plain, good old handwriting, bill that would require Indiana schools to teach it.

Handwriting is still most Hamilton County

optional on the part of the school district. Keyboarding which used to be known as typing, is mandatory in public schools.

the Latin for running, as in running letters learn the keyboard these days. That's needed to eration.

together to construct words. I didn't know that get along in today's world, but not a reason to until I Googled it. Google is such a good source of information, love it.

I know the younger generation has gotten is back in the news as the away from handwriting, and often sees little state legislature considers a need for it. But, it would be a shame if our future population did not know how to write or perhaps read the written English language.

I'd be lost if I didn't know handwriting. It taught in the lower grades in takes longer, at least for me, to print, and often one finds himself away from the computer and schools, but since 2011 it's in need of jotting down a note or writing out some information.

I just can't image why any school would not want to insist on teaching students how to By the way, the word cursive comes from write. I understand the need for youngsters to urged to give this one more favorable consid-

drop writing.

If a child is never taught to write, is he or she going to be taught to read the written word? A lot of information is still in written form, including historical documents which somehow don't seem the same in printed form.

There is a bill in the state Senate that would make cursive mandatory right along with keyboarding. Although it seems a shame to have to make these subjects mandatory, the cursive bill should probably be passed. It has in fact passed the Senate before, but gets blocked in the House

Maybe our state representatives should be



Photo by Bret Richardson/Correspondent

Carmel's Claire Adams smiles after finishing first in the 200 freestyle race at the state swim meet. Adams won in a state record time; she would go on to win four events at state, all with record times.

Girls state swimming results

Team scores (top 5 and all county)

1. Carmel 399, 2. Crown Point 209, 3. Fishers 203, 4. Penn 166. 5. Zionsville 137, 8. Hamilton Southeastern 101, 22. Noblesville 17, T29, Westfield 9.

200 medley relay

Championship heat: 1. Carmel (Hanna House, Alex Clarke, Veronica Burchill, Amy Bilquist) 1:40.83, new state record, 4. Fishers (Maggie Jahns, Abbey Schneider, Lizzy Pfeifer, Lauryn Parrish) 1:44.66. Consolation heat: 10. Southeastern (Charity Bennett, Gabi Mazzero, Kylie Sutherlin, Lauren Blanchard) 1:47.38.

200 freestyle

Championship heat: 1. Claire Adams (C) 1:46.95, new state record, 4. Parrish (F) 1:48.98, 6. Emily Moser (F) 1:51.07, 8. Kendall Smith (C) 1:52.57 Consolation heat: 9. Morgan Grout (C) 1:51.04.

200 individual medley

Championship heat: 1. Bethany Galat (P) 1:57.52, 4. Clarke (C) 2:01.45, 7. Sammie Burchill (C) 2:02.99.

Consolation heat: 9. Schneider (F) 2:04.01, 11. Jahns (F) 2:04.65, 12. Shelby Spitz (C) 2:06.20, 16. Lizzie Phillips (F) 2:09.70.

50 freestyle

Championship heat: 1. Bilguist (C) 22.17. 3. V. Burchill (C) 22.91, 7. Robyn Clevenger (HSE) 23.50. Consolation heat: 13. Katie Lemen (C) 24.10.

Diving

Finals: 1. Sarah Bacon (Cardinal Ritter) 546.45, 2. Meme Sharp (N) 492.35, 3. Cortnee Williams (F) 480.10, 11. Chloe Jones (F) 412.55, 13. Laura Rokop (C) 392.00.

Preliminaries: 24. Dayana Popa (N) 172.15.

100 butterfly

Championship heat: 1. Aly Tetzloff (CP) 52.70, new state record, 7. House (C) 55.02, 8. Clevenger (HSE) Consolation heat: 10. Peyton Mosbaugh (C) 55.98, 11. Caroline Schultz (C) 56.12, 14. Lauren Edelman (F) 57.05, 16. Pfeifer (F) 57.53.

100 freestyle

Championship heat: 1. Bilquist (C) 48.93, 5. Parrish (F) 51.03, 6. Smith (C) 51.12. Consolation heat: 12. Lemen (C) 51.94.

500 freestyle

Championship heat: 1. Hannah Kukurugya (CP) 4:47.83, 2. Moser (F) 4:48.80, 3. Schneider (F) 4:51.47, 8. Claudia Sherman (C) 5:01.27. Consolation heat: 11. Grout (C) 4:59.10, 12. Katy Schlies (C) 4:59.41, 15. Mary Thielking (F) 5:02.48.

200 freestyle relay

Championship heat: 1. Carmel (Bilquist, Adams, House, V. Burchill) 1:31.37, new state record, 4. Southeastern (Clevenger, Natalie Mudd, Blanchard, Allison Barnes) 1:35.65.

Consolation heat: 13. Fishers (Pfeifer, Phillips, Ren DeBrosse, Moser) 1:38.69.

100 backstroke

Championship heat: 1. Adams (C) 52.97, new state record. 3. House (C) 54.77. 4. S. Burchill 55.60. 7. Mudd (HSE) 56.08, 8. Jahns (F) 56.53. Consolation heat: 9. Carin Ingram (W) 56.63.

100 breaststroke

Championship heat: 1. Galat (P) 59.66, new state record, 5. Clarke (C) 1:03.38, 8. Haley Harris (C)

Consolation heat: 12. Edelman (F) 1:05.60, 15. Meaghan Mahoney (C) 1:06.04.

400 freestyle relay

Championship heat: 1. Carmel (V. Burchill, Lemen, Smith, Adams) 3:21.20, new state record, 4. Fishers (Jahns, Schneider, Moser, Parrish) 3:27.88, 8. Southeastern (Sutherlin, Clevenger, Barnes, Mudd) 3:30.86.

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The Greyhounds won seven events on Saturday, six in new-record time. The only event that wasn't a Saturday record was junior Amy Bilquist's 50 freestyle, which she won in 22.17 seconds. Bilquist set that record the night before in the preliminaries, at 22.15 seconds.

would do our absolute best," said Bilquist, who moved here from Arizona this past year. "I was a little nervous my first time in Indiana at a big meet, and my team just rallied me. I couldn't have done it without won the 200 free (1:46.95) and backstroke them. They're truly amazing."

record-setting swimmers, but the Greyhounds' depth is the reason why they've team came from behind to win that race, in won all these state meets. Carmel had 27 swimmers and one diver compete on Saturday, which means that all of them finished ams. "It's fun to do, and it's really fun to in the top 16 in that event. There were 18 different girls that scored points for the Greyhounds on Saturday - and there were certainly more that had the potential to make it to the Natatorium.

"It was a hard season in the sense that as well," said Adams. we had so many kids to choose from to make this team and to make this line-up," said Carmel coach Chris Plumb. "When Burchill also swam in the 50 freestyle, you leave kids off the line-up who make the state qualifying time, that's really difficult.

there, and they're all part of that."

Bilquist also won the 100 freestyle (48.93) and was part of the winning medley relay (1:40.83) and 200 free relay (1:31.37). Senior Hanna House and sophomore Veronica Burchill were also part of both winning relays, with junior Alex Clarke also on the medley and sophomore Claire Adams Spitz has committed to Cincinnati and part of the 200 free relay.

It was a great introduction to the Hoosier state for Bilquist. Her first impression of Indiana swimming?

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"Fast, ridiculously fast," said Bilquist. "Indiana swimming is truly world-class and the Carmel program is world-class and I wouldn't want to be on any other team."

Adams is turning out to be quite the world-class swimmer herself. Still only a sophomore, Adams collected another four "We were all coming in, hoping we state championships to add to the four she won last year. Since a swimmer can swim up to four events at state, Adams is now a perfect eight-for-eight in state events.

In addition to the 200 free relay, Adams (52.97) and was part of the 400 free relay, TEAM. Carmel may have a group of along with Burchill, senior Katie Lemen and sophomore Kendall Smith. The Carmel a (what else?) record time of 3:21.20.

"It's a little bit of everything," said Adhave my team do it with me, too."

And by team, Adams means everyone that's been part of the Carmel program, even back to the days of vinyl records.

"They're with us while we're swimming,

Not to be overlooked, Burchill again competed on all three winning relays. where she finished third.

Four seniors competed at state for Car-"But they all pushed each other to be mel. Along with their record-setting relay victories, House also finished third in the backstroke and seventh in the butterfly, while Lemen placed 12th in the 100 free and 13th in the 50 free. Shelby Spitz placed 12th in the individual medley. Laura Rokop finished 13th in the diving event.

> Lemen will swim at Ohio University, House will be going to Notre Dame. Rokop also said she will be diving in college as

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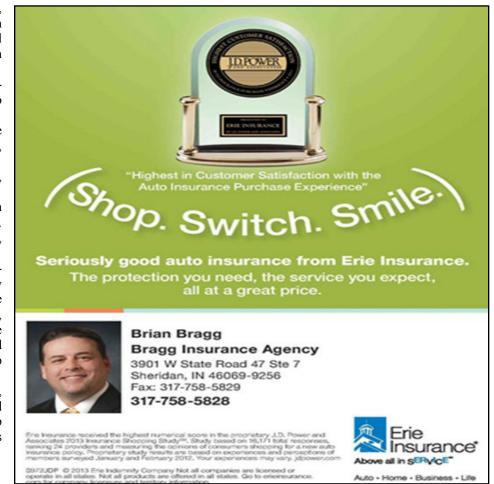
now we are ready to rock and roll, well not exactly, but hopefully we won't embarrass our grandchildren.

Funny thing is that my fifteen year old granddaughter, Alecksa, asked me if we were having only "old" people music at the wedding. I told her that the answer was yes and the reason being so was because we were old. I also told her that there would be no "twerking"because people our age could get hurt. I think I caught a glimpse of an eye roll.

Yes, in just a few days I will marry the man who has brought so much music into my life. Our first dance will be to the song "I Cross my Heart" and it will be sung by Chuck's son, Scott. The words are very much a description of our story, I think I might be dancing and wiping a few tears as my heart hears the music.

"You will always be the miracle that makes my life complete and as long as there's a breath in me I'll make yours just as sweet."

One thing I do know..It will be a dance...for the rest of my life.





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Fishers' Emily Moser won three medals at the girls state swim meet on Saturday, helping the Tigers to a third-place finish as a team. Moser was second in the 500 freestyle, sixth in the 200 free and also swam on the 400 free relay squad.

Tigers reach new heights at state

By RICHIE HALL **Reporter Sports Editor**

For the past few years at the state meet, Fishers had team.

It was like the Tigers were living up to their name, just waiting for the right time to pounce. They finally did this too," said Moser. She also placed sixth in the 200 free, at state, the seniors helped out as well. Ren DeBrosse was weekend, and the result was a third-place finish at state - finishing in 1:51.07. by far the best ever for the Fishers' program.

Indiana, and our girls really stepped up today," said Tigers relay. Jahns, Schneider and Parrish joined freshman Lizzy coach Jay Chambers.

Fishers battled Crown Point for the runner-up spot the by six points, 209-203. Along the way, Fishers won nine in the backstroke (56.53). medals.

The best event of the day came in the 500 freestyle, where juniors Emily Moser (4:48.80) and Abbey Schneider (4:51.47) got a 2-3 finish. Both would finish the meet on always seemed oh-so-close to being a top 10 or top five the 400 free relay squad, joining sophomore Maggie Jahns and freshman Lauryn Parrish to take fourth (3:27.88).

"I was very happy, and very proud of all my teammates,

That meant that Fishers ended the meet where it began, "The fastest state meet in the history of the sport here in as it placed fourth in the first event of the day, the medley finished 15th in the 500 free. Chambers said that this group Pfeifer to clock in at 1:44.66.

Parrish also placed fourth in the 200 free, at 1:48.98, entire meet. In the end, Crown Point edged out the Tigers and was fifth in the 100 free at 51.03. Jahns placed eighth

"Crown Point swam spectacular, and our girls were still able to hang with them," said Chambers. "I was really proud of them."

Sophomore Cortnee Williams finished her great diving season strong, taking third with 480.10 points.

While the younger athletes certainly made a big splash part of the Tigers' 13th-place 200 free relay (with Pfeifer, Lizzie Phillips and Moser), while senior Mary Thielking of seniors was the first that he had coached all four years.

"It's really just amazing," said Thielking. "We have such a great work ethic on our team. Everyone comes to practice with an awesome attitude every day. And you can really just see in all the girls, and all the guys, too, that everyone wants to get better and it's (great) to be part of a team like that."



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Fishers fans had plenty to cheer about at the girls state swim meet, as the Tigers finished third, their highest place as a team in school history.



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Hamilton Southeastern's Allison Barnes, shown here swimming the 200 freestyle at prelims, was part of two medal-winning Royal relay teams. Barnes was part of the fourth-place 200 free relay squad, and the eighth-place 400 free relay team.

Sophomores step up big for Southeastern

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

No matter if it's an experienced team or young swimmers, you know the Hamilton Southeastern girls swim team is going to bring it every year at the state meet.

The Royals did it again, finishing eighth Saturday at the IUPUI Natatorium. The Royals won five state medals at the meet, Pedersen. and also had another relay in the consolation finals

"I thought our girls really raced well today," said HSE coach Andy Pedersen. "A little bit better than yesterday, and I'm just really proud of them. It's a tough meet, and I think we're getting a little bit better each

meet, picking up a seventh-place medal in the 50 freestyle (23.50) and then finishing eighth in the butterfly (55.63). Clevenger

was also part of HSE's two top-eight relays, including the 200 free relay. That all-sophomore group (Clevenger, Natalie Mudd, Lauren Blanchard, Allison Barnes) improved from eighth in the prelims to fourth in the finals, finishing the championship race in 1:35.65.

"That was a great highlight for us," said

Mudd also got an individual medal, placing seventh in the backstroke in a new Southeastern school record time of 56.08. She would close the meet by joining Clevenger, Barnes and sophomore Kylie Sutherlin for an eighth-place finish in the 400 free relay (3:30.86).

Southeastern's medley relay team Sophomore Robyn Clevenger had a nice placed 10th. Sutherlin, Blanchard and sophomore Charity Bennett joined senior Gabi Mazero, a true leader for the Royals over the past four years, to clock in at 1:47.38.

season," said Pedersen. "I'm very pleased. ladies."

"The team has really progressed from Proud to be the coach of the Hamilton the beginning of the season to the end of the Southeastern girls. This is a great group of





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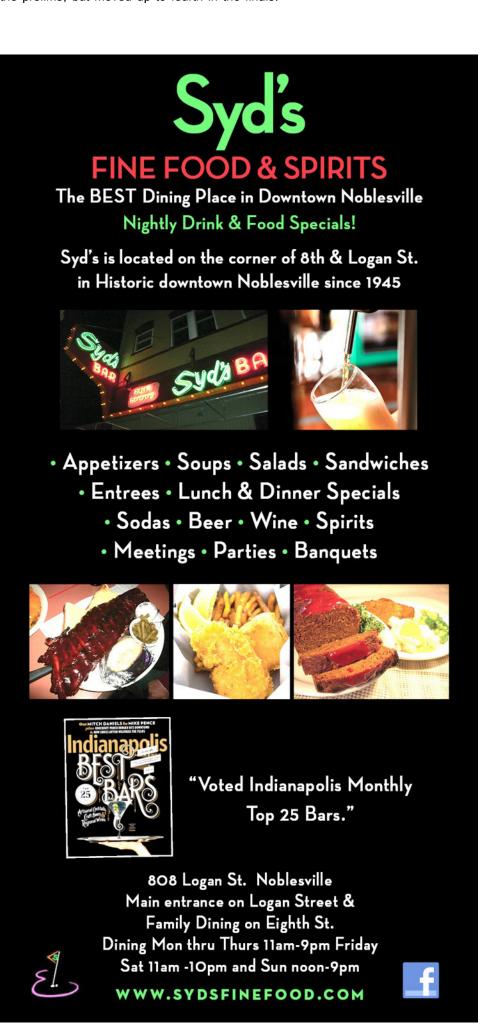
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Hamilton Southeastern's 200 freestyle relay team had a great improvement in between Friday's state preliminaries and Saturday's finals. The Royals finished eighth in the prelims, but moved up to fourth in the finals.







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NHSBOYS Schedule									
Sat	Jan 24	@ Westfield H.S.	7:30 pm						
Fri	Jan 31	Brownsburg H.S.	7:30 pm						
Sat	Feb1	Muncie Central H.S.	7:30 pm						
Fri	Feb 7	Harrison H.S.	7:30 pm						
Sat	Feb 8	@ Mt Venon H.S. (Fortville)	7:30 pm						
Sat	Feb 15	Zionsville H.S.	3:30 pm						
Tues	Feb 18	Lawrence Central H.S.	7:30 pm						
Fri	Feb 21	@ Fishers H.S.	7:30 pm						
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Look Sharp! Meme gets third runner-up medal

By RICHIE HALL **Reporter Sports Editor**

Some cynics believe that nobody re-

members who gets second.

Don't believe that. Noblesville's Meme Sharp will long be remembered for everything she's done for Miller diving, and for Indiana high school diving in general. Sharp, a senior, finished second for the third year in a row at the state meet on Saturday, with a final 11-dive score of 492.35 points.

"I thought that was the best performance I've done all year," said Sharp. "I'm pretty happy with it. I don't think I could've done any better."

Sharp finished second only to Cardinal Ritter junior Sarah Bacon, who scored a remarkable 546.45. That broke the record set three years ago by Elwood's Mary Beth Dunnichay - an Olympic diver. Sharp was a freshman at that meet, getting ready to take the baton from then-Noblesville senior Katie Bittner, who won state as a sophomore in 2009.

When asked what some of her best memories of her career were, Sharp said, "My teammates. I love all my teammates. They make meets fun, they make practices fun and I just love diving. Diving in meets is always fun.'

Sharp will dive at the University of Pittsburgh next year.

Once again, Hamilton County had a strong showing in diving. Fishers sophomore Cortnee Williams placed third (480.10) to earn a medal. Tigers senior Chloe Jones took 11th (412.55) and Carmel senior Laura Rokop was 13th (392.00). Noblesville freshman Dayana Popa dove in the preliminaries, taking 24th with a fivedive score of 172.15. The top 20 divers advance to the semi-finals.

Ingram places 9th in backstroke

Westfield senior Carin Ingram went out a winner on Saturday, as she paced the consolation heat of the backstroke.

Ingram swam in a time of 56.63. For scoring purposes, she placed ninth.

"It feels good to win my last race ever, even though it was the consolation heat," said Ingram, who will swim at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va. next fall.

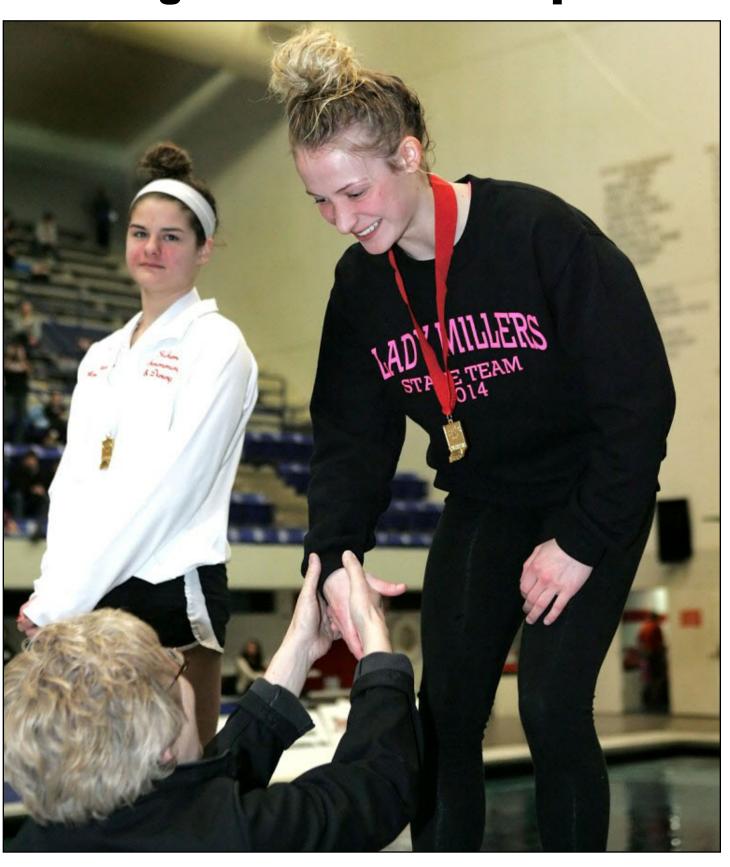
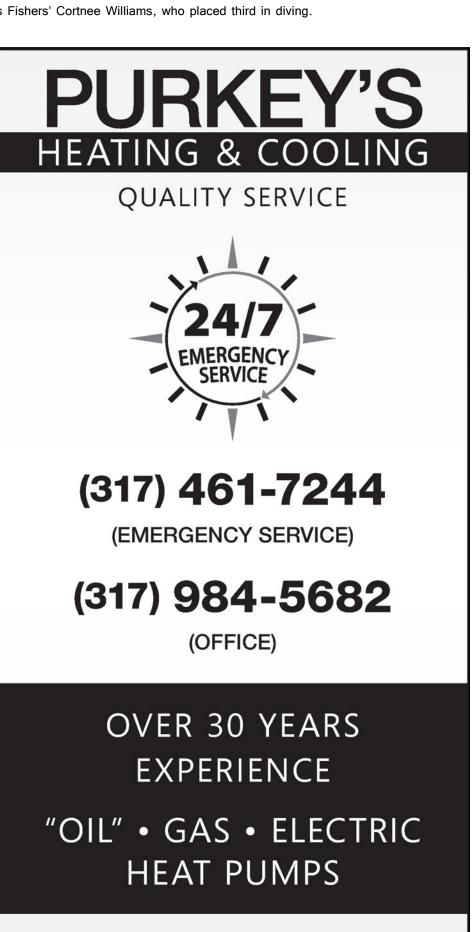


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Noblesville's Meme Sharp accepts her runner-up medal in the diving competition at Saturday's state meet. Sharp finished second for the third year in a row. At left is Fishers' Cortnee Williams, who placed third in diving.





Thermo Pride



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Fishers girls basketball team made school history Saturday night, winning the North Central sectional by beating Westfield 46-34. It's the first time in school history that the Lady Tigers have won a sectional in that sport.

Tigers win first sectional...

Fishers tops Westfield

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor**

They did it before and they did it again. Fishers, which back on Jan. 18 snapped Westfield's season-opening 11 game victory string, last evening knocked off the defending champions to win the North Central Girls Basketball Sectional.

Coach Michael Gaines' Tigers came away with a 46-34 victory to win the school's first girls basketball sectional title.

Gaines said this victory was much like the earlier win.

"When we beat them during the season, we got up by six points and then milked that lead," Gaines said. "It was much like that again tonight."

Exactly!

Fishers, which trailed 19-18 at halftime, took a 29-24 advantage to the fourth quarter and then spent the rest of the night adding to that lead by shooting free throws. The Tigers canned 10-of-11 charity shots in the fourth quarter.

Gaines said he thought all along that this team could win the sectional and he thought

so even more as the Tigers caught fire down the home stretch. Fishers ran its current winning streak to eight with the victory and the Tigers now have won 16 of their last 17 games, losing during that period only to Noblesville, a team Fishers defeated in the semi-final round of the sectional.

Fishers' next stop is the Kokomo Regional where the Tigers will meet Homestead at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

'Winning our first sectional is great," said Gaines. "Winning the sectional and winning trophies is nice. but for me what this victory means most is being able to spend another week with this basketball team. That's what great about this."

Fishers continued its hot shooting from 3-point range, nailing 5-of-14, including two each by Brooke Sugg and Kara Gerka. But, the Tigers' key to victory was a 13-of-15 night at the charity line.

That and an outstanding defensive night. Fishers held Westfield to 26 percent shooting the field. The Lady Shamrocks connected on just 10-of-39 shots. They were 4-of-12 from 3-point territory, with Taylor Davis canning three of the long range buckets.

A sophomore, Kara Gerka, led the Fishers offense, pouring in 21 points. She connected twice from the field and twice at the line while helping the Tigers fight off Westfield in the fourth quarter.

"Gerk really stepped up tonight," said Gaines. "Her play was critical in this victory.'

Also scoring in double figures for the champions was Alex Hochstedler with 11 points and Sugg finished with eight.

Another key to the Fishers victory was an seven-rebound night by Blake Inglis. Hochsedler pulled five boards.

Kayla Brown was Westfield's leading scorer with 11 points and Davis finished the night with nine points. Brown had a doubledouble, collecting 10 rebounds.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers 4	6. We	stfield	d 3	4
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Hailegh Reinoehl	3-8	0-2	6	1
Naalie Slagle	0-0	0-0	0	2
Kayla Brown	3-14	5-6	11	3
Taylor Davis	3-5	0-0	9	0
CC Cotter	0-0	0-0	0	0
Abby Reeder	0-1	0-0	0	3
Jalyn Foland	1-4	2-2	5	4
Maddy Grennes	0-5	2-2	2	1
Allison VanDyke	0-2	1-2	1	5
Annaleise Drudge	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	10-39	10-14	34	19
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Adrianna Murphy	0-8	4-5	4	2
Alex Hochstedler	3-8	4-5	11	4
Brooke Sugg	2-5	2-2	8	3
Kara Gerka	8-13	3-3	21	4
Blake Inglis	1-5	0-0	2	1
Hannah Kroehler	0-0	0-0	0	0
Natalie Brooks	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-39	13-15	46	14
Score by Quarters:				
Fishers 5	13 11	17 –46		
Westfield 6	13 5	10 –34		
Fishers 3-Pointer	rs (5-14): Murpl	hy	0-4,
Hochstedler 1-3 Su	iga 2-3 G	erka 2-3 li	nalis	0-1

Hochstedler 1-3, Sugg 2-3, Gerka 2-3, Inglis 0-1. Westfield 3-Pointers (4-12): Brown 0-2, Davis 3-5, Foland 1-3, Grennes 0-2.

Fishers Rebounds (25), Murphy 2, Hochstedler 5, Sugg 4, Gerka 4, Kroehler 3, Inglis 7. Westfield Rebounds (28): Reinoehl 6, Brown 10, Reeder 3, Foland 4, Grennes 4, VanDyke 1. Turnovers: Fishers 7; Westfield 7.

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Heartbreak at Blackford



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Hamilton Heights senior Haley Cook scored 26 points for the Huskies in their sectional championship loss to Muncie Central Saturday at Blackford. Cook joined the Heights' 1000-point club this season.

outstanding basketball career at finished with 18 points. Hamilton Heights with an night fell short as the Lady Huskies were defeated 40-39 by Muncie Central in the championship game a 9-12 record. of the Blackford Sectional.

Cook hit 5-of-11 shots from 3-point range while scoring 26 points for Coach Scott Fernung's squad. She also pulled 11 rebounds and passed out two assists.

It was a battle between the two teams from start to finish. The only difference in the game was Muncie Central's 1-point advantage over the Huskies in the second quarter. Heights got into foul trouble in the period.

"I was proud of our kids tonight," said Fernung. "They played hard."

On the offensive end, it was a battle between Cook and Muncie

Haley Cook ended an Central's Jayla Scaife, who

Caitlyn Hays hit a couple of outstanding effort, which on this 3-pointers and scored nine points for Heights.

Heights finished its season with

Muncie Central 40, Heights 39

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Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Haley Cook	10-25	51-3	26	3
Caitlyn Hays	3-13	1-3	9	0
Kiley Walters	0-1	0-0	0	4
Ashley Roberts	0-0	0-0	0	0
Brianna Henson	1-4	0-0	2	1
Amy Griffey	0-2	0-0	0	1
Taylor Boyd	1-2	0-1	2	5
Claire Schildmeier	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ashton Runner	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15-47	72-7	39	15
Score by Quarters:				
Heights 4 1	0 13 1	2 - 3	9	

4 11 13 12 -40 Muncie Heights 3-Pointers (7-19): Cook 5-11, Havs 2-8

Heights Rebounds (22): Cook 11, Hays 1, Walters 1, Schildmeier 1, Henson 1, Runner 2, Griffey 1, Boyd 4.

'Blazers fall to **Tindley, 45-33**

The University girls basketball team ended its season in the sectional semi-finals Saturday, falling to Tindley 45-33 in the Class 1A Bethesda Christian sectional.

Tindley jumped out to a 13-6 first quarter lead, then held a 21-13 halftime advantage. The Trailblazers played Tindley even in the fourth quarter after they were outscored 12-8 in the third period.

Ellie Klemsz had a doubledouble of 11 points and 11 rebounds. Elizabeth Orians pulled down 13 boards in addition to scoring eight points.

University ended its season at 5-13.

Tindley 45, University 33 University Elizabeth Orians

Ellie Klemsz Honor Cosby 1-10 0-0 Lexie Schulte Cyan Cosby Reilly Small Lizzie Berry Ashley Gonzalez 2-4 Maggie Klemsz Audrey Geipel Marissa Reel 0-0 0-0 Totals 15-633-10 33 19

Score by Quarters 13 8 12 12 - 45 Tindlev University 8 12 - 33 67 University 3-point shooting (0-11) Orians 0-4, Small 0-3, H. Cosby 0-1, C. Cosby 0-1, E. Klemsz 0-1, Gonzalez

University rebounds (52) Orians 13, E. Klemsz 11, Berry 5, C. Cosby 4, M. Klemsz 3, H. Cosby 3, Small 3, Schulte 1, team 9. University turnovers: 26.



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Golden Eagles finish 13-11...

Guerin girls reach final, fall to Chatard

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team reached the Brebeuf sectional championship on Saturday evening, falling to Bishop Chatard in the final 64-45.

The Trojans led 18-9 after the first quarter and 36-10 at halftime. Kristen Schneider led Guerin with 14 points and seven rebounds, with Kristy Thiem grabbing six. Carly Osinski handed out four assists.

In a semi-final that was postponed to Saturday morning, the Golden Eagles beat Marshall 52-31. Schneider scored 15 points, with Thiem adding 11. Osinski earned a double-double of 10 points and 10 steals, and also handed out seven assists. Sarah Yount had five assists and Thiem blocked two shots.

Guerin Catholic ended its season with a 13-11 record.

Guerin Catholic 52, Marshall 31

Saran Yount		1-1	0-0	2	-1
Kristy Thiem		4-8	1-2	11	3
Maria Frenzel		0-1	0-0	0	1
Julie Nelson		2-4	0-2	4	0
Tori Sullivan		0-3	1-2	1	0
Grace Demas		0-0	2-4	2	2
Abbigail Wampler		2-5	0-0	4	3
Annemarie Augustii	novicz	0-1	1-2	1	1
Kristen Schneider		5-9	5-9	15	1
Kate Fox		1-3	0-0	2	2
Totals		19-46	12-23	52	15
Score by Quarters					
Guerin	8	24	14	6 - 52	
Marshall	6	5	10	10 - 31	
Guerin 3-point shoo	oting (2-8)	Thiem 2-4	, Osinski 0)-2, Sulliva	n 0-
14/10-4					

Guerin rebounds (28) K. Schneider 5, Nelson 4, Augustinovicz 4, Demas 3, Wampler 2, Sullivan 2, Yount 2, Thiem 2, Osinski 1,

Fox 1, team 2

Guerin turnovers: 17.

Bishop Chatard	64, Gue	erin (Catholic	45
Guerin	FG	FT	TP	PF
Carly Osinski	2-4	0-0	4	5
Sarah Yount	0-0	3-3	3	0
Kristy Thiem	3-6	0-0	7	5
Julie Nelson	2-8	4-6	8	2
Grace Demas	0-1	0-0	0	0
Abbigail Wampler	1-4	1-2	3	3
Annemarie Augustinovicz	2-5	0-0	4	2
Kristen Schneider	4-11	6-6	14	3
Kate Fox	1-3	0-0	2	1
Emily Schneider	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-42	14-17	45	21
Score by Quarters				
Guerin 9	10	21	5 - 45	
Chatard 18	18	19	9 - 64	
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Guerin 3-point shooting (1-5) Thiem 1-3, Nelson 0-1, Fox 0-1. Guerin rebounds (30) K. Schneider 7, Thiem 6, Fox 5, Nelson 4, Wampler 2, Augustinovicz 2, Osinski 1, E. Schneider 1, team 2.

Key conference win...

Millers win defensive battle

By DON JELLISON Reporter Editor

Guerin Carly Osinski

Noblesville and Zionsville, two teams which later on this season likely will ride into the Noblesville Sectional as dark horses, Saturday afternoon went head-to-head in The Mill. Both did what both have done very well this season. Play defense. In this game Noblesville had a bit more defense than did Zionsville, and the Millers came away with a 33-29 victory.

Should they meet again in the sectional, that match-up win. Still, the game yesterday was huge in its own way. It was a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest and a win which may give the Millers a third-place finish in the loop.

Currently, Hamilton Southeastern leads the HCC with a 7-0 record and Brownsburg is second at 7-1. That 1-2 position isn't expected to change. Southeastern's last two conference games are with Westfield and Lafayette Jeff. Brownsburg's final conference game is with Lafayette Jeff.

But, Noblesville can now nail down third place with a Feb. 21 win at Fishers, the result of the Millers' Saturday win over Zionsville.

Dave McCollough.

"We got some good shots which didn't go in. Then, we didn't get many second chance opportunities.'

Noblesville came away with only four offensive time. The Millers now have won four straight and eight of

What, actually, put Noblesville into a position to win was a problem the Millers had throughout the game. Zionsville didn't commit a second half foul until only 1:30 remained. But, Noblesville had the lead at that point and the Eagles had to foul in order to get back the basketball. It took Zionsville to the 12.6 second mark to finally commit enough fouls to send Noblesville to the line.

That's when the Millers' Sean Wilson connected on his will mean a little more than Noblesville's regular season team's only free throws of the game. Wilson's two shots put Noblesville up by four, and that pretty much was that for the afternoon.

> One of Noblesville's four offensive boards came into the hands of Joey Brewer, who stuck in a field goal to give Noblesville a 31-29 advantage.

> Wilson led a balanced offensive punch by the Millers, scoring 11 points. Jake Mills and John Kiser each finished with eight.

The win was a costly one for Noblesville, however, as Kiser suffered a fourth quarter concussion and has been ruled out of playing the Millers' next game, Tuesday at "This was a good defensive game," said Miller coach home against Lawrence Central. He is expected to play when Noblesville visits Fishers on Friday.

> The win over Zionsville pushed Noblesville's overall record to 12-5 with three games remaining before tourney

their last nine games.

Noblesvi	lle	33	, Zic	onsville	e 29
Noblesville	FG		FT	TP	PF
John Kiser	4-6		0-0	8	1
Justin Pegues	1-6		0-0	2	0
Jack Trittipo	1-3		0-0	2	3
Sean Wilson	3-7		2-2	11	0
Jake Mills	4-1	1	0-0	8	1
Zach Parker	0-1		0-0	0	0
Max Meehan	0-2		0-0	0	2
Joey Brewer	1-2		0-0	2	0
Jordan Saal	0-3		0-0	0	0
Joey Herron	0-0		0-0	0	0
Totals	14-	41	2-2	33	7
Score by Quarters:					
Noblesville	9	6	10	8 –33	
Zionsville	8	8	6	7 –29	

Noblesville 3-Pointers (3-12): Wilson 3-6, Mills 0-3 Parker 0-1, Saal

Noblesville Rebounds (14): Kiser 4, Pegues 1, Trittipo 2, Mills 6, Brewer 1.

Noblesville Turnovers: 8.

Junior Varsity

Zionsville 58, Noblesville 47 Noblesville: Max Flinchum 17, Brady Resch 12, McGwire Plumer 3, Ryan Ogden 0, Julian Simac 0, Asmundur Magnusson 3, Tristan Popa 6, Luka Dabanovic 4, Brandon Barthel 2.

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Hamilton Southeastern's Jack Chastain celebrates after winning the 126-pound championship at the New Castle semi-state. Chastain is one of five Royals who finished in the top four at New Castle, thus qualifying for the state meet next weekend.

County qualifies 13 for state

The Royals had five wrestlers finish in the top four, thus at 220 and Chet Maxey at 285. qualifying for next weekend's state meet at Bankers Life state qualifiers, Carmel and Fishers two each and Dillon Eldred, who finished fourth at 138. Noblesville had one.

Southeastern 126-pounder Jack Chastain won his weight pounds, and Karl Wilhelm, who placed fourth at 106. class, getting an 8-3 decision victory over Perry Meridian's

Hamilton Southeastern led the way at the New Castle Austin Holmes took second. Southeastern had three fourthplace finishers: Edrece Stansberry at 120, Georges Brantley

Carmel's qualifiers were Eli Carlson, runner-up at 152 championship, edging Perry Meridian 117.5-114.

It was a Royal day for Hamilton County wrestling, as Aidan Kenny for the championship. Royal 113-pounder Fishers had two third-place finishers: Lance Syverson at 132 and Jordan Lile at 145.

Noblesville's Ben Elliott finished fourth at 182 pounds. In the team standings, Southeastern was fifth with 54 The Shamrocks' qualifiers were AJ Belden, who placed points. Westfield was sixth with 25, Carmel tied for seventh Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis. Westfield had three third at 126, Michael Steele, the third-place man at 152, and with 22, Fishers was 10th with 19.5 and Noblesville placed 23rd with 8. Cathedral won the semi-state team

McRoberts, Cline combine for 31...

More defense; another win

Reading about Carmel's most recent basketball game kind of is like reading about the previous game. And, the shooting. Terre Haute scored 11 of its 26 points in the fourth previous game. And..

Nothing seems to change.

Carmel wins again. Yes, that, too.

Carmel, now 16-1 on the year after a Saturday 46-26 victory at Terre Haute North, always seems to win the same No. 1 ranked Greyhounds. way.

*A great defense.

*A great 1-2 punch by senior Zach McRoberts and junior Ryan Cline.

So it was at Terre Haute North.

*McRoberts tallied 16 points and Cline added 15.

*Carmel's defense held the host Patriots to 9-of-27 quarter, well after Carmel had the victory in its bag.

It was a close game only after the first quarter, when Carmel led 6-4. The Greyhounds outscored North 25-11 the next two quarters, and it was another victory for the state's

It was Carmel's eighth consecutive victory.

Carmel had a big 27-12 advantage n the boards, led by eight rebounds from Keegan Culp and five each from McRoberts and Michael Bruns.

Cline passed out four assists to go along with his double-digit scoring.

The Greyhounds have just one game this week, playing a MIC tilt on Friday at Warren Central.

Carmel 46 Terre Haute North 26

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Carmel		FG		FT	TP	PF
Ryan Cline		5-14	1	3-6	15	1
Neil Lampe		2-2		0-0	4	0
Zach McRoberts		7-13	3	2-4	16	0
Michael Bruns		2-3		3-3	7	3
Preston Flamion		0-1		0-0	0	2
Parker Bernhold		0-1		0-2	0	4
Keegan Culp		2-3		0-0	4	0
Liam Duncan		0-0		0-0	0	2
Totals		18-3	37	8-15	46	12
Score by Quarters:						
Carmel	6	11	14	15 –46		
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4 6 5 11 – 26 TH North Carmel 3-Pointers (2-12): Cline 2-9, McRoberts 0-1, Flamion 0-1, Culp 0-1.

Carmel Rebounds (27): Cline 4, Lampe 1, McRoberts 5, Bruns 5, Flamion 1, Bernold 3, Culp 8. Carmel Turnovers: 8.

Huskies win again on...

Paull's double 16 night

Garrett Paull had a double-double with 16 points and 16 rebounds and Hunter Crist poured in 17 points, caning away the Trojans with a 20-4 third quarter run. 9-of-12 free throws, to lead Hamilton Heights to a 59-46 Saturday afternoon victory at Tri-Central.

Ballenger's Huskies was Bo O'Laughlin with 13 points and Kurry Miller with nine rebounds.

It was the Huskies' seventh straight victory and the win brought Hamilton Heights' record to 12-3.

Tri-Central jumped to a 17-11 first quarter advantage, but then the Trojans scored only nine points against a tough Hamilton Heights defense the next two quarters.

Hamilton Heights led 26-22 at halftime and then put Bo O'Laughlin

The Huskies, the leaders in the Mid-Indiana Conference with a 3-0 record, have two big loop games next week, Also coming up with a big game for Coach Chad hosting Northwestern on Tuesday and Taylor on Friday.

Heights 59, Tri-Central 46

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Garrett Paull	6-15	4-4	16	3
Hunter Crist	3-9	9-12	17	4
Noah Whyde	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kurry Miller	3-7	0-0	6	4

Ian Nicholson Lukas Sipe 0-0 0-0 Conley Hoover Totals Score by Quarters: Heights 11 15 20 13 – 59 Tri-Central

Heights Turnovers: 7.

Heights 3-Pointers (3-13): Paull 0-2, Crist 2-4, O'Laughlin 0-1, Heights Rebounds (34): Paull 16, Crist 2, Miller 9, O'Laughlin 4, Sipe 1, Hoover 2.

Katherine Chininis sets new vault record...

Miller gymnasts place 3rd at Connersville

on Saturday

The Millers scored a season-high 102.60 points. Columbus North was first with 107.775 and Connersville second at 104.45. Noblesville's Katherine Chininis placed second in the vault with a new Noblesville school record score of 9.50; that breaks the old record of 9.45, which Jessica Hilton got in 2001 and Katherine herself would later tie.

Constance Chininis placed fourth in the all-around with 35.025, and was third in the vault with a 9.00. Jenny Coy placed ninth in the vault with an 8.60, a season-high for

"The Lady Miller Gymnasts continue on their streak of outstanding performance and continue to make this coach proud,'

The Noblesville gymnastics team fin- said Noblesville coach Jody Kiovsky

Team scores: Columbus North 107.775, Connersville 104.45, Noblesville 102.60, Hagerstown 97.275, Northwestern 88.50, Muncie South

All-around scores: 4. Constance Chininis 35.025, 6. Katherine Chininis 34.60, Jenny Coy

Vault: 2. K. Chininis 9.50, new school record, 3. C. Chininis 9.00, 9. Coy 8.60, Maddie VanBus-

ray 7.425. Balance beam: 7. C. Chininis 8.65, 8. K. Chininis 8.625, Coy 8.20, R. VanBuskirk 6.625, Ellie Van-

Floor exercise: 5. C. Chininis 8.55, 10. Coy 8.425, K. Chininis 8.20, R. VanBuskirk 7.375,

Saturday sectional scores

CLASS 4A Lowell

Gary West 66, Lowell 30, final **Hobart**

Merrillville 56. LaPorte 49. final South Bend Clay Penn 49. Mishawaka 37. final Northridge

Northridge 53, Goshen 37, final Fort Wayne Northrop Carroll (Fort Wayne) 65, East Noble 49, final

Fort Wayne South Homestead 79, Fort Wayne South 70,

Logansport Logansport 66, Marion 52, final North Central (Indianapolis) Fishers 46. Westfield 34. final Connersville

Anderson 43. Mount Vernon (Fortville)

Indianapolis Tech Indianapolis Roncalli 61, Indianapolis Lawrence North 59, Warren Central

Lawrence North 45, Indianapolis

Roncalli 41, final Pike 70, Decatur Central 49, final

Terre Haute North Mooresville 57, Martinsville 34 Brownsburg 69, Plainfield 60, Mooresville 61, Brownsburg 43, final Whiteland

Franklin Central 60, Greenwood 35,

Bloomington South Bloomington South 63, Bloomington

Columbus North 85, Columbus East Columbus North 66, Bloomington

Jennings County
Jeffersonville 46, New Albany 38, Bedford North Lawrence 92, Jennings County 61, Bedford North Lawrence 70,

Jeffersonville 36, final Evansville Central Castle 61, Evansville Central 60, final CLASS 3A

Griffith 48. Gary Wallace 32. final Hanover Central

Kankakee Valley 71, Andrean 58, final John Glenn South Bend St. Joseph 59, Rochester Western

Western 43, Benton Central 33, final NorthWood NorthWood 56, Whitko, 47, final Garrett

Garrett 49, Fort Wayne Concordia 39, Bellmont

Norwell 74, Columbia City 61, final Blackford Muncie Central 40, Hamilton Heights

39 final Western Boone Western Boone 63, Crawfordsville 39, Lebanon 57, Frankfort 38,

Western Boone 55, Lebanon 37, final **Brebeuf Jesuit**

Guerin Catholic 52, Indianapolis Marshall 31, Indianapolis Chatard 86, Indianapolis Herron 32 Indianapolis Chatard 64, Guerin Catholic 45, final

Danville Tri-West 58, Indian Creek 47, final West Vigo Owen Valley 49, West Vigo, 42,

Northview 42, Edgewood 36, Owen Valley 47, Northview 44, final Rushville Rushville 69, Lawrenceburg 45, Batesville 47, South Dearborn 28,

Rushville 63, Batesville 30, final Charlestown Charlestown 70, Scottsburg 55, Madison 60 Silver Creek 45

Vincennes Lincoln Vincennes Lincoln 54, Mitchell 45, Southridge 41, Washington 40, Southridge 46, Vincennes Lincoln 41,

Boonville Evansville Mater Dei 53, Evansville Evansville Memorial 41, Princeton 26, Evansville Mater Dei 58, Evansville

Memorial 28, CLASS 2A Whiting Hammond Noll 52, Whiting 22, final

Winamac Winamac 57, North Judson 47, final **Central Noble**

Westview 75, Prairie Heights 55, final Fort Wayne Canterbury 83, Woodlan

Northfield Wabash 54, Oak Hill 35, final

Southmont Southmont 56, Fountain Central 35,

Elwood Tipton 65, Elwood 61, final Shenandoah Shenandoah 65, Frankton 40, final

Eastern Hancock Knightstown 59, Northeastern 44, Eastern Hancock 49, Hagerstown 34 Knightstown 59, Eastern Hancock 55,

Indianapolis Howe Heritage Christian 81, Indianapolis Howe 28, Indianapolis Scecina 63, Indianapolis

Broad Ripple 43, Heritage Christian 84, Indianapolis Scecina 23, final Indianapolis Manual Triton Central 62, Irvington Prep

Academy 13 Indianapolis Ritter 69, Indianapolis Manual 32. Indianapolis Ritter 59, Triton Central

Speedway Monrovia 55, Cascade 41,

Covenant Christian 60, South Putnam, Monrovia 42, Covenant Christian 40,

Southwestern (Hanover) 51 Switzerland County 48, 3OT Austin 52, South Ripley 39.

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North Knox Eastern Greene 48, North Central (Farmersburg) 38, North Knox, 64, Sullivan 32, Forest Park North Posey 42, Tell City 17, final CLASS 1A

Kouts Morgan Twp, 32, Washington Twp, 29,

West Central West Central 36, Caston 21, final

Oregon-Davis 62. Triton 40. final Hamilton 48. Bethany Christian 43.

North Vermillion Lafayette Central Catholic 51, Covinaton 27 Turkey Run 47, Rockville 38, Lafayette Central Catholic 62, Turkey

Rossville Frontier 43, Tri-Central 36, final Southern Wells

Southern Wells 55, Monroe Central 25,

Randolph Southern Tri 47, Randolph Southern 37, final Clay City 43, Shakamak 39, White River Valley 38, Union (Dugger)

White River Valley 41, Clay City 23, Bethesda Christian

Indianapolis Tindley 45, University 33,

Bethesda Christian 45, Indiana Math & Science 18, Indianapolis Tindley 49, Bethesda

Christian 43, final Morristown Indianapolis Lutheran 40. Edinburgh

Morristown 60. Southwestern (Shelbyville) 50, Morristown 55. Indianapolis Lutheran

Jac-Cen-Del Jac-Cen-Del 49, Hauser 34,

South Decatur 42, Rising Sun 37, Trinity Lutheran 51, Orleans 42,

West Washington 59, Medora 34, Trinity Lutheran 58, West Washington New Washington

Borden 51, Lanesville 20, New Washington 57, Christian Academy 38, Borden 57, New Washington 43, final Loogootee Vincennes Rivet 67, Shoals 19,

Barr-Reeve 51, North Daviess 45, Wood Memorial Northeast Dubois 65, Cannelton 23, Wood Memorial 61, Tecumseh 42, Wood Memorial 62, Northeast Dubois

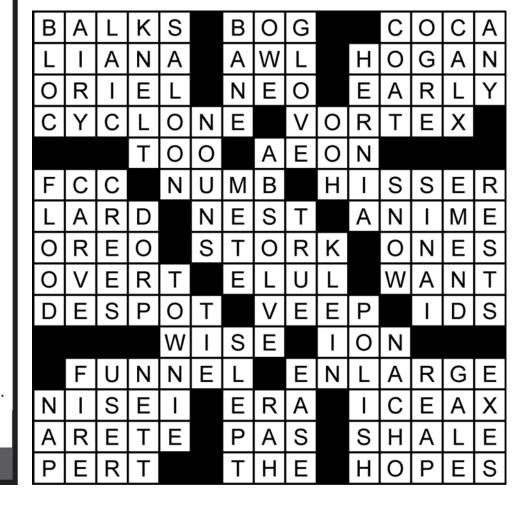
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25. Communications regulator	68. Mountain ridge	24. Let off the hook	61. Cut the crop
28. *Like frostbitten fingers	69. "Swan Lake" steps	25. *Spring threat	62. *Outburst
30. Snake, usually	70. Fossil fuel rock deposit	26. Turn pumpkin into Jack-o-	63. Donald and Ivana, e.g.

These Kids Didn't Get This From Me

Lantern

of Canada

27. Native American people in parts

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35. Porcine fat

37. Hawk's aerie, e.g.

39. Japanese animation



could have imagined. But there

71. Chipper

72. Café alternative

73. Christian virtue, pl.

Take this story from a few years ago. I'm sure that many parents will home from work, and I was in my

to tell me that she found dog pee on the carpet. I wasn't mad at the dog; she was home alone all day and didn't have from it. After all, even at that age Faith could shower enroll your child, but act fast. I have a feeling space will many options. I asked Faith, "What did you do?" She said herself, make her bed, fold laundry, memorize every word be limited. that she told Conor and that he saw it too. At that point I assumed that between the two of them they took care of the situation. How foolish of me.

A little while later, I went into the family room to turn talented. Conor has always been the master of cell phone light up my life in ways I never all comprehension of the English language. "Huh?" "Who?" "Wha-?" Clearly my shocked expression must cials read this story, they may want to revoke his status. have been many, many times that have scared them into some kind of sudden-onset amnesia they have left me baffled and bewil- because the next words out of Conor's mouth were, "I dered, and I don't mean in a good didn't know what to use." That was backed up by Faith saying, "Yeah, I didn't know what to do." Wow. That's a

pretty sad testament to our parenting that at age 15 and 7 they couldn't put their heads together to figure out how to on fire. I suppose they would've sat there watching it, room changing when Faith flew in complaining, "Man, it's hot in here!"

> to every pop song, and make her own lunch. Even more impressive, she was able to work the U-Verse remote,

which I'm pretty sure requires the skills of the gifted and

I love my children, I really do. My 10 year old daughter on the light. That's when I saw it - the pee stain on the technology, has beaten every video game known to man, and my 18 year old stepson are carpet. "Is this the pee from earlier?" I screeched. "Did no and, I'm pretty sure, could hack into national security wonderful, beautiful souls. They one clean this up?" Suddenly, both of them seemed to lose computer systems if he wanted to. Oh, AND he made the Honor Roll in high school. Of course if any school offi-

66. Repeated at rallies

64. Siesta

I share this story, not to embarrass my children, but to connect with other parents who may be wondering what to do when their smart, capable children are lacking simple, common sense. If this sounds familiar, I'd be happy to share some of the life-skills classes taught at the Gebhart House. I can offer courses such as: Have Enough Common be able to relate. I had just gotten use a paper towel! Thank Heavens the house never caught Sense to Come in Out of the Rain, No Kool-Aid Does NOT Count as a Serving of Fruit, Dog Pee Doesn't Clean Itself Up, and, my personal favorite, We Know You're Making Don't get me wrong. I know they aren't dumb - far Faces at Us When We Leave the Room. Please feel free to