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TODAY'S WEATHER

Snow likely before 1 p.m., then turning much colder tonight.



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Hamilton County Reporter

With another city in the mix....

Noblesville will make bid to retain BlueSky company

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

The Hamilton County Reporter has learned that the special session called Thursday for the Noblesville Common Council concerns a deal the City hopes to make with a company called BlueSky Technology Partners

The company currently has headquarters and primary office facilities at Herriman Boulevard on the southeast side of

Noblesville and they want to relocate to several parcels of real estate located immediately west of John Street between Logan Street and Conner Street on the east side of Noblesville.

They want help from the City of Noblesville and if they don't get it The Reporter has learned they have an offer on the board from another Hamilton County community, which might be Fishers.

BlueSky anticipates the construction of a new multi-story headquarters technology

center consisting of approximately 40,000 square feet.

They anticipate having 55 to 60 employees at its present location by the end of 2015, and expects to grow by an addition 10 to 15 employees prior to the completion of the BlueSky building in 2016.

BlueSky employees exceed \$95,000 per employee.

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear has made a preliminary offer of economic development incentives to BlueSky, which

likely will be approved by the Common Council on Thursday.

It's a push-to-shove situation right now with BlueSky having at least one other municipality in Central Indiana to induce BlueSky to move to that community.

Here is what Noblesville is offering:

*The City will purchase the vacant parcel of land on the southwest corner of John and Osborn streets, containing

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Lots happening with the parks

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Lots of items, old and new, were discussed Wednesday evening at the Noblesville Parks & Recreation Board Meeting.

Parks Director Brandon Bennett revealed that he had recently talked with Ivy Tech President Dan Clark and that all is going well in forming a partnership between the two groups.

Bennett and Clark talked about how and when the Parks Department can begin using facilities in the Ivy Tech building, which most recently housed the Noblesville East Middle School.

"There are lots of need for space," Bennett said. "Capitol improvements will need to be made."

Bennett said he thought the Parks will begin moving in some of their programs in May or June.

Also on the agenda was discussion on the planned Federal Hill Commons (park) on the west side of the City. The park will be known as Federal Hill Commons and will be located in the Federal Hill District.

Bennett said he believes movement will begin in August.

An interesting discussion scheduled tonight at a special session of the Noblesville Common Council will be the BlueSky development which, if approved by the Council and if BlueSky accepts the deal, could provide more parking spaces for Federal Hill Commons. As many as 100 parking spaces in walking distance.

Councilman Roy Johnson, a member of the Parks Board, would not comment on the vote which is scheduled for tonight, but he did say, "Riverview Health and others (including BlueSky) may help solve the parking needs at Federal Hill Commons."

BlueSky will be in what has been labeled as the Federal Hill District.

Golf director Gary Deakne said he has been busy, despite the nasty cold weather.

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New roundabouts, improvements...

Mayor Brainard announces infrastructure improvement for east side of Carmel

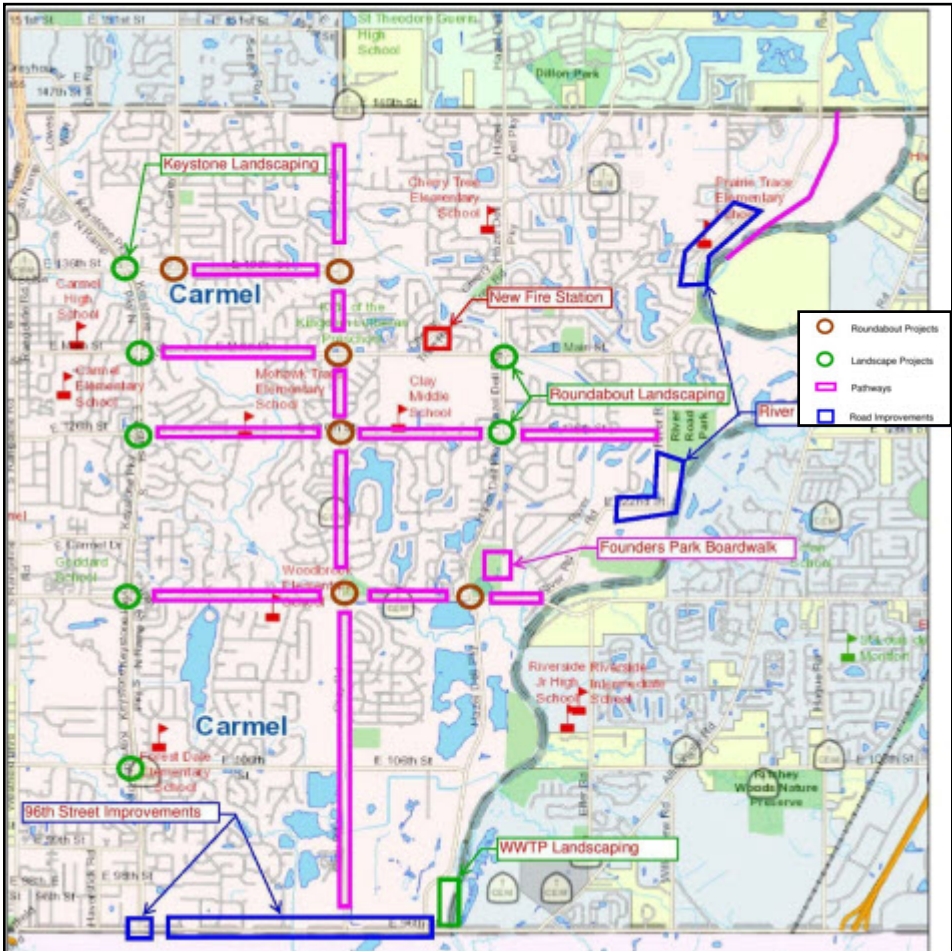
Mayor Jim Brainard outlined an aggressive infrastructure improvement plan Wednesday that focuses on the East Side of Carmel. The plan includes many projects that will get underway in 2015 and others that are in the planning stages this year for completion in the next few years.

Several new roundabouts, bike paths and extensions, landscaping projects and a new fire station to serve East of Keystone residents are all part of the plans announced today at a press conference held at Carmel City Hall. The plans were announced so that residents and motorists will know what to expect as the spring and summer construction seasons quickly approach.

"Carmel consistently ranks among the best cities to live for a variety of reasons, but it is also important we not rest on our laurels. We want to make sure our residents have safe and efficient streets, strong public safety and neighborhoods that connect with Carmel's vibrant and walkable environment," said Brainard. "We have worked hard to build world-class city, but at the same time we need to continue investing in our neighborhoods."

In 2010, the city of Carmel opened the new Keystone Parkway, which provided unprecedented access for East Side residents to safely and easily drive, walk or bicycle across Keystone, which up until then had been a congested, four-lane busy highway that was very dangerous to cross.

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Artistic rendering provided

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard unveiled an infrastructure improvement plan for the city's east side on Wednesday. The plan includes several new roundabouts, bike paths and extensions, landscaping projects and a new fire station.

NHS 50th reunion set for April 24

The NHS Class of 1965 is having their 50th class reunion on April 24, 2015 at The Bridgewater Club in Westfield, Indiana. Organizers also have activities planned for all day on April 25, 2015, with the Alumni Association Banquet that evening, and a brunch on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

We have had an amazing response to our invitations, but we still have classmates whom have not responded. If you are reading this and graduated from Noblesville High School in 1965, or have any connection to the class, please contact Toni Dickover at dickover@amerifirst.com

The Class of 1965 graduated 216 students. Toni Dickover stated, "We were a large class due to our "Baby Boomer" status. We also were blessed to have classmates from Wayne Township join us at NHS for their high school years, which helped increase class size numbers. To date we have nearly 80 students that are registered to attend our events. We would like to have everyone, who is able, come to this special gathering."



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Obituary

Margaret J. Sprinkle

November 26, 1924 - February 22, 2015

Margaret J. Sprinkle, 90, of Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on November 26, 1924 to Walter and Gladys (Foland) Kissick in New Castle, Indiana. Her parents preceded her in death.

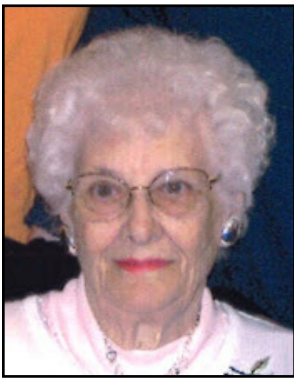
Margaret was a graduate of Spiceland High School, and a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville. She was an avid reader, liked crossword puzzles, enjoyed keeping house, and loved her grandchildren.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 67 years, Ben Sprinkle; daughter, Joyce L. Houk; son, Michael (Julie) Sprinkle; daughter, Sherri Sprinkle; daughter, Cathy Ellis; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, March 2, 2015, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville, with visitation from 11:00 am to the time of service. Pastor Sandra Alleyne will officiate. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com.



PARKS

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“I’m using the time to schedule outings for the summer season,” Deakyne said. “So far 15 of 29 groups scheduled here last summer are back, along with six new groups and two new summer leagues, one at Fox Prairie and one at Forest Park.

The Board also approved allowing the NFL (Noblesville Football League) to use Dillon Park concession stand as a fund raiser.

This Saturday at Cooper Bowl in Noblesville, the Parks Department will help with the Prevail Bowl-A-Thon, scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m.

Also coming up soon are the March 3 Taste of Noblesville March 13 French Lick bus trip; Marh 28 Easter Egg Hunt and April 8 Fair Oaks Farm bus trip and Park Board meeting.

BLUESKY

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approximately 1.55 acres. The real estate will be conveyed to BlueSky for the construction of the building.

In addition the City will acquire the two parcels north of the real estate, which present includes two small homes, and vacate the northern section of Osborn Street. The two residential parcels and Osborn Street will be cleared to accommodate future parking needs of BlueSky by providing approximately 80 additional parking spaces.

The total cost of acquiring the real estate and the additional parcels is estimated to be \$1,200,000 in addition to the \$60,000 which the City has already expended to acquire one of the small homes.

*The City will design, permit and construct all improvements on the real estate necessary to accommodate construction of the BlueSky’s building. This will include environmental work survey, retention walls on the east and west park of the real estate; testing and compaction of the building part on-site drainage curbs; parking lot lighting and construction of the parking lot to include approximately 100 spaces. The construction of the parking lot north of Osborn Street will

be completed by the summer of 2019 or when needed by BlueSky, whichever is later. The City anticipates all of these costs to be approximately \$2.4 million dollars.

*The parking lot on the real estate and future parking on a lot north of existing Osborn Street will be conveyed to the company in fee simple or least to the company for a nominal amount. The lease would be a long term lease. Most of the parking spaces will be available to the public on nights and weekends.

*The City will waive or pay all road impact fees and sewer tap-on free.

*The above will be subject to the City receiving written pre-approval of BlueSky to construct the building. The written approval shall be provided to the City no later than April 1, 2015.

BlueSky calls itself "an eCommerce consultancy," according to its Web site, www.blueskytp.com. The company says it specializes in business-to-business and business-to-customer solutions. BlueSky has another office in Toronto, Calif, and has clients throughout North America.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

- Ecclesiastes 12:9

50 Years Ago

February 26, 1965

News & Sports: After a two-day delay because of the weather, the Carmel Sectional took the spotlight. Noblesville defeated Walnut Grove 78-64 with 26 points from Jimmy Holman. Westfield got 33 points from Gary Cummings and defeated Walnut Grove, 78-66. Last sectional game for Walnut Grove as the school consolidated the following year with Jackson Central.

Deal of the Day: Fryers were on sale at the A&P for 25 cents a pound.

Luck will be “squared” in Noblesville on First Friday

It could be your lucky day. On March 6, Noblesville Main Street will be hosting First Friday from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in downtown Noblesville. Look for #Hipstoric green signs around the square and snap a picture. Post your picture to Facebook/HipstoricNoblesville. One lucky person will win a set of Hipstoric t-shirts.

Be sure to stop by the Visitors Center and snap a picture with Fionn and Fiona, the First Friday leprechauns, and their pot

of gold. And you can share your gold by making a donation to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Fionn, aka Tom Britt with *Noblesville Newsletter*, and Fiona, aka Kelly Treinen from Promise Road Elementary, are running for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Man and Woman of the Year. Help us cheer them on and raise money to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Letter to the Editor

Jonathan Byrd’s looking forward to Grand Park partnership

After more than a quarter century of Jonathan Byrd’s operations, and nearly 65 years of family-run foodservice on the south side of Indianapolis, the opportunity to partner with the City of Westfield, and to do so within a truly visionary project on the scale of Grand Park, is tremendously exciting.

Since our very first meeting with Mayor Cook and his staff, and the very first mention of the possibility of bringing the Jonathan Byrd’s brand to what is going to be the absolutely incredible indoor soccer facility within Grand Park, we have eagerly looked forward to having a stake in what is truly a landmark facility for Westfield, for Hamilton County, and for the state of Indiana.

Opportunities to be part of visions and ventures such as what has already happened and what is going to be happening in Westfield are rare indeed. So not only can we not wait to be part of the increasingly vibrant business community of Westfield that has been spurred by the development of Grand Park and which we believe will be catapulted to even greater heights with the addition of the soccer complex that truly makes Grand Park a year round attraction and economic engine for Westfield and its

business community, we are taking the opportunity to create a new brand within our foodservice operations.

This new branding that is part of the new era of Jonathan Byrd’s, which we expect to deliver well over 100 new jobs to the Westfield community with an estimated annual payroll of \$1.6M, effectively makes Westfield, Grand Park, and its indoor soccer complex an incubator for a new business concept that will add one more chapter to the success story that is Grand Park.

The indoor soccer complex is what is bringing Jonathan Byrd’s to Westfield and to Grand Park, and we have no doubt that it will be a driving force behind the growing Hoosier success story that is Westfield.

We join with so many from around the state and around the country in applauding what has already been accomplished by the citizens and leaders of Westfield in such a short period of time, and we very much look forward to the construction of the facility that has people throughout the state and around the nation buzzing with anticipation, and that will tie this great vision together.

David Byrd

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CARMEL

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In subsequent years, the city turned its attention to the West Side of Carmel, particularly the areas that were annexed, and to our central core where we have been focused on developing our City Center and Arts & Design District.

“The strength of any city is directly tied to the quality of life experienced by its residents. And that holds true no matter where you live. I am very happy to announce the list of priorities that I have outlined for the East Side,” said Brainard.

A list of projects is below:

NEW BUILDING

- New Fire Station on Main Street – built in conjunction with Township; Designed; Bid this spring.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- River Road reconstruction and realignment from 116th to 126th Street to remove dangerous curves south and east of Plum Creek Golf Club
- River Road north of Main Street to Prairie Trace Elementary – expansion to 3-lane Blvd.
- 96th and Keystone – expedite progress for roundabout interchange
- 96th Street from White River to Keystone Parkway – removal of traffic signals, construction of roundabouts to improve traffic flow and eliminate congestion

ROUNDBABOUTS

- 116th and Gray Road – new roundabout
- 116th and Hazel Dell Parkway – new roundabout
- 126th and Gray Road – new roundabout
- Main Street and Gray Road – new roundabout
- 136th Street and Gray Road – new roundabout
- 136th Street and Carey Road – new roundabout



Photo courtesy Carmel Fire Department

Carmel Fire Department unveiled a rendering of what it’s new Station 44 will look like. The station will remain in the same location as the current station at 5032 E. Main St. Construction will begin early summer and take about one year to complete.

PATHWAYS

- 136th Street – Currently under construction bike path project from Keystone to Gray Road
- Main Street – Currently under construction bike path project from Keystone to Gray Road
- Gray Road - Bike path extension to complete access from 96th Street to 146th Street
- 126th Street from Keystone Parkway to River Road – Bike path improvements
- 116th Street from Keystone Parkway to River Road – Bike path improvements

LANDSCAPING PROJECTS

- Roundabouts at each interchange along Keystone Parkway
- 136th Street
- Main Street
- 126th Street
- Carmel Drive
- 116th Street
- 106th Street
- Roundabout at 126th and Hazel Dell Parkway
- Roundabout at Main Street and Hazel Dell Parkway

- Carmel Wastewater Treatment Plant, Hazel Dell Parkway at 96th Street

PARKS AND RECREATION

- White River Greenway – Expansion north of this river-hugging greenway to 146th Street, working with Conner Prairie on land acquisition.
- Founders Park – Adding a boardwalk along an area of the pond and parking lot lighting.

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To help with the winter blahs...

Nickel Plate offers “Art as Therapy”

This endless winter putting you in a funk? Find artistic healing in March at Nickel Plate Arts in hipstoric downtown Noblesville. Hands-on projects and gallery show offer opportunities to unplug and create—just what the doctor ordered.

Art as Therapy, March 6-21

--The Show: Explore the healing power of art during Nickel Plate Arts' March gallery show. The Judge Stone House will be filled with art that has an emotional significance to the artist and/or represents a healing journey. Works in Art as Therapy represent a variety of mediums and are by local artists.

-- Artist/Therapist: Gina Baird, a Fishers artist and board certified therapist, is a featured artist of the show. She has been practicing art therapy for more than 19 years. Throughout her career, she has worked in diverse settings including homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, school-based services, youth and adult inpatient hospitalization units, and residential treatment centers, as well as running her own successful private practice. Baird has most recently specialized in working with women and children who have a history of trauma.

--First Friday at Nickel Plate Arts: The opening night of Art as Therapy happens March 6, 6-9 p.m., during First

Friday at Nickel Plate Arts. Throughout the evening, artist and therapist Gina Baird will lead a “healing stones” community art activity using glass stones and collage materials. She and other artists will be available to discuss their works and how art creates therapeutic experiences. Admission is free; cash bar with local beer and wine available for sale.

--More Details: Most pieces in Art as Therapy will be available for sale to the public. Admission to the gallery is free and open during regular hours, March 6-21; Wednesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Medicine Bag Workshop, March 12, 6-9 p.m.

Noblesville artist Kandi Jamieson of [Arthouse](#) will ask, “What do you need to bring on your journey?” during a reflective Project Party on March 12, 6-9 p.m.

In Native American cultures, medicine men or shaman of some tribes commonly use medicine bags. During the Medicine Bag Workshop, adult participants will put a modern, Western-medicine twist on the tradition by filling an IV bag with items of healing. Tangible symbols, scraps of stories, or personal keepsakes bring life to these life-saving IV bags.

This hands-on project is designed to complement our Art as Therapy exhibit; cost is \$30. Register at [nickelplatearts.org](#).

Fairy Home Show, Applications due March 23

During last year’s Welcome to Fairyville April celebration, dozens of artists representing themselves, organizations or businesses designed beautiful fairy houses made of natural materials.

The third annual Welcome to Fairyville celebration is April 22-25, and applications to enter the Fairy Home Show are due March 23; finished houses due April 20. Stretch your whimsical, creative muscle by building a fairy house to be displayed along the Fairyville Trail and inside our gallery. Details and the application are found at [nickelplatearts.org](#).

All events held at Nickel Plate Arts are sponsored by the City of Noblesville and Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim. First Friday events at Nickel Plate Arts are sponsored by Brannon Sowers & Cracraft. Nickel Plate Arts' Judge Stone House Gallery is open to the public every Wednesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For many more events supported by Nickel Plate Arts, visit [nickelplatearts.org](#).

New Noblesville Library lists

Here are the new library items lists for the week of Feb 23, 2015.

New Adult Fiction Books

- 1. Death of a liar; by Beaton, M. C.
- 2. Twisted innocence; by Blackstock, Terri
- 3. The nightingale; by Hannah, Kristin.
- 4. Where trust lies; by Oke, Janette
- 5. Crash & burn: A novel; by Gardner, Lisa.
- 6. Private Vegas; by Patterson, James
- 7. A fine summer's day; by Todd, Charles.
- 8. The empty throne: A novel; by Cornwell, Bernard
- 9. The sacrifice: A novel; by Oates, Joyce Carol
- 10. The martini shot: A novella and stories; by Pelecanos, George P.

New Adult Nonfiction Books

- 1. You can conquer cancer : a new way of living; by Gawler, Ian.
- 2. Boom, bust, exodus : the Rust Belt, the maquilas, and a tale of two cities; by Broughton, Chad.
- 3. Gateway to freedom : the hidden history of the underground railroad; by Foner, Eric
- 4. The DASH diet younger you: Shed 20 years-and pounds-in just 10 weeks; by Heller, Marla.
- 5. The 5 choices : the path to extraordinary productivity; by Kogon, Kory.
- 6. The plan cookbook: 150 delicious recipes for vibrant health and weight loss; by Recitas, Lyn-Genet.
- 7. Stalin. Volume 1, Paradoxes of power, 1878-1928; by Kotkin, Stephen.
- 8. Citizen Coke: The making of Coca-Cola capitalism; by Elmore, Bartow J.

- 9. The train to Crystal City: FDR's secret prisoner exchange program and America's only family internment camp during World War II; by Russell, Jan Jarboe
- 10. No simple highway: A cultural history of the Grateful Dead; by Richardson, Peter

New DVDs

- 1. Before I go to sleep
- 2. The best of me
- 3. Downton Abbey. Season 5
- 4. Fury
- 5. Game of thrones. The complete fourth season
- 6. Black sails. The complete first season
- 7. The guest
- 8. The judge
- 9. The remaining
- 10. A walk among the tombstones

New Music CDs

- 1. Absent fathers; by Earle, Justin Townes
- 2. American beauty/American psycho; by Fall Out Boy
- 3. Billboard #1 gospel hits; by Franklin, Kirk
- 4. Brazilian nights; by G., Kenny.
- 5. Non-fiction; by Ne-Yo.
- 6. Now that's what I call music! 53; by Ronson, Mark
- 7. The phosphorescent blues; by Punch Brothers.
- 8. What a terrible world, what a beautiful world; by Decemberists
- 9. 747; by Lady Antebellum
- 10. 1989; by Swift, Taylor

Baseball Book Festival takes place Saturday

The 2015 Baseball Book Festival will be held Saturday, February 28 in the historic Athenaeum Building at the Rathskeller, 401 E. Michigan St. in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The event will include a book fair, author panel, and featured speakers. Authors will be on hand to sign copies and interact with fans. All proceeds benefit the RBI program (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) of Play Ball Indiana. The author fair is from 1-5 p.m., the author panel will run from 2-3:30 p.m. and the featured author, SABR member Chris Lamb, will speak from 4-5 p.m.

Scheduled speakers include SABR members James Bailey,

Pete Cava, Chris Jensen, John Kovach, Chris Lamb, Frank Nappi, John Stanger, and Doug Wilson.

Tickets to the live event are \$15 and include a one-year subscription to the Virtual Book Festival as well. The Virtual Book Festival is a members-only archive of free chapters, short stories, free e-books, and other content from a host of baseball writers. New content is added monthly and members receive a monthly newsletter with featured authors and monthly prizes.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [baseballbookfestival.org](#).

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Photo courtesy Sheridan Library

The Sheridan1st Grade Daisies Troop #00664 are making bookmarks to be given away at the Sheridan Public Library. Pictured above, front row (L to R): Brooklyn Conley, Addison Fosnight, Abigail Flint and Abby Dallas. Back Row (L to R): Brianna Duke, Lizzie Higginbotham, Abbigayle Moistner and Cecelia-Ahlyne Cox. Not pictured: Bella Prater.

Sheridan Daisies busy making bookmarks

The Sheridan 1st Grade Daisy Scouts—Troop 00664—are busy making handcrafted bookmarks to be given away to patrons of the Sheridan Public Library. According to Troop Leader Christina Flint, the girls were looking for a community project to accomplish and hit upon this idea. Library director Steve Martin says he was surprised by this

unexpected and wonderful offer and will be pleased to offer them to the library’s patrons at the checkout counter. The Daisy Scouts of Troop 00664 are all first graders. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the First Christian Church in Sheridan. Any parent wanting to sign up a child for Girl Scouts should contact Girls Scouts of Central Indiana at 855-GSCIN-4U or at

girlscoutsindiana.org on the internet. The central Indiana area is broken down into many different troops and parents will be able to locate the closest/best troop to join. For further information about the local Daisy Troop in Sheridan, please feel free to contact Troop Leader Christina Flint at 317-645-8011. Remember, scouting builds character, and every year they sell GREAT cookies.

INDOT offers scholarships, jobs to engineers in training

The Indiana Department of Transportation is offering civil engineering students scholarships of up to \$3,125 per semester, and paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation. Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana’s certified civil engineering schools and apply using the form at www.INDOTScholarship.in.gov. Applications for the 2015-2016 school year must be postmarked by Tuesday, March 31. INDOT’s scholarship program offers \$3,125 per semester or \$2,083 per trimester for up to five years of

post-secondary civil engineering education. Scholarship funds can be applied to educational expenses, fees and books. In return, recipients will work for INDOT in full-time, paid positions during their summer breaks and upon graduation. Students must be accepted or enrolled full time in one of Indiana’s Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology certified civil engineering programs. Eligible programs include Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of

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EnVista announces record revenue for 2014

Press Release
enVista, a leading supply chain, retail and IT consulting firm based in Carmel, today announces it attained record revenue and met its top line revenue target for 2014 and earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) objectives. The company's considerable growth follows 53 percent growth in 2013 and a consistent 33 percent compound annual growth rate since the company's founding in 2002. enVista was recognized in 2014 by Inc. magazine for the fourth consecutive year as one of the fastest growing (#1337), private-

ly held companies. enVista's success is attributed to its extensive supply chain and IT consulting offerings focused on driving customer service and profitability and eliminating waste for retailers, distributors and manufacturers. enVista simultaneously grew its associate base by 40 percent through hiring and acquisition, totaling 102 new resources in 2014 and finishing the year with 354 associates globally. The firm is on target to hire an additional 60 associates this year. enVista has received the Inc. Hire Power award for jobs creation, and the company is also recognized as a top workplace in Indiana based on a culture that encourages accountability, entrepreneurialism and transparency. enVista President and CEO Jim Barnes said, "enVista has grown based on the results we provide for our clients in C-level leadership and supply chain executives. We continue to build out solutions that enable our clients to be nimble and extremely competitive in today's world of dynamic omnichannel commerce. As a result, our clients realize significantly improved customer service and profitability and reduced waste." Contributing to enVista's 2014 success were enVista's Supply Chain Consulting and Transportation Solutions practices and newly formed Enspire Commerce Software division, which is focused on mid-market retailers and distributors. enVista expanded its international footprint by establishing an office in Ellesmere Port, UK with 20 consultants. Barnes adds, "Our UK office allows us to deliver our Supply Chain and Transportation services within Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA). It is important we deliver our solutions locally versus more than 3,000 miles away. Understanding the vast cultural differences within EMEA and having resources focused in this location is a key differentiator." Barnes continues, "We are planning for a 26 percent growth trajectory in 2015, and we are off to a great start; we made internal investments in 2014 that have created a platform to grow on and that allow us to achieve our next three year strategic plan. We have our eye on a number of strategic acquisition targets that will allow us to accelerate our growth and round out our solutions and services footprint." enVista's major initiatives for 2015 include building out its Enterprise Commerce Management Platform and integration framework B2B Mailbox, which enables retailers, distributors and manufacturers to use a single platform to orchestrate, route and optimize orders across multiple trading partner communities and from multiple order capture points. John Stitz, senior managing partner and co-founder, said, "Our backlog is strong, which will allow us to exceed revenue of \$75 million in 2015, and we will continue to make strategic investments that strengthen the value we bring to our clients. Major and mid-market retailers and distributors such as Tory Burch, Performance Bike, One Kings Lane and Bradshaw Industries are deriving significant value from partnering with a consulting firm that can tailor solutions that meet their needs regardless of if it is our technology or a best of breed solution."

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Boys swimming...

County well-represented at state meet



Photo by Bret Richardson

Hamilton Southeastern's Joe Young is the top seed in the backstroke at this weekend's IHSAA state boys swimming meet. Young is also part of the Royals' two top-seeded relays, the medley and 200 freestyle.

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

The IHSAA boys state swim meet begins with Friday's preliminaries, and that round could be crucial as to who wins the state championship.

Eleven of the 12 events feature 32 swimmers, while the butterfly has 34. That's because there were so many swimmers who made the state cut in that event. After sectional champions in each of the IHSAA's 20 sectionals advance to state, all those swimmers who swam equal to or faster than the state cut in their respective events automatically qualify for state.

Once the cut swimmers are added in, the next fastest athletes are added until there are 32 participants in the event. It's not uncommon for an event to have more than 32 swimmers - it simply speaks to how fast the field is in a certain race. By contrast, there were no additional state cut swimmers in the 50 freestyle (although there were some champions that were below the cut). The 12 other qualifiers were under the cut, but fast enough to get in. Those swimmers are referred to as receiving "callbacks" in their event.

Carmel has the most state qualifiers with 18. The Greyhounds had 10 champions at their own sectional, six more that

qualified on the cut, and another two that got callbacks.

The big events for Carmel will be the 200 free and the breaststroke, where there will be three Carmel swimmers in both events. Troy Li, Reilly Garman and Adrian Jarding will swim in the 200 free: Li was the sectional champ, while Garman and Jarding qualified by cut time. As for the breaststroke, Charles Vaughan won the sectional to earn a place at state, Derek Stauder made the cut, and Stefano Batista received a callback. Avon has the second-most swims at state behind Carmel, with 13. Gabriel Whitaker has the Greyhounds' highest seed, second in the 50 free.

Hamilton Southeastern has 12 swimmers at state, with seven champions, three by cut and two by callback. The Royals have three of the top seeds, including the medley (1:33.11) and 200 free relays (1:26.07). The same group - seniors Joe Young, Wilson Clark, Nick Pfanstiel and Quinn Teague - swam for HSE on both relays in sectionals. Meanwhile, Young is also the top seed in the backstroke (49.37). He finished fourth in that event last year at state.

Fishers has 12 swims at state, and that total includes two divers. Austin Smith and Cole VanDevender both finished in the top eight at the Tigers' diving regional. As for the swimmers, Fishers had four qualify by winning sectionals, four more by the cut, and two more by callback. That list includes Glen Brown, a junior transfer from Western. Brown is the top seed in the 200 free (1:40.36), and the second seed in the 500 free.

Noblesville will have seven swims at state, getting three in by the cut and four more through callbacks. The Millers have two swimmers in the breaststroke event, both of them seeded highly: Luke Conner is eighth and Justin Ogle is 11th.

Westfield qualified two swimmers by the cut, and will have a diver, Trevor Crupi, at state as well.

Two swimmers will go into the meet with two top seeds. Bloomington South's Ian Finnerty is ranked first in the individual medley (1:48.04) and the breaststroke (55.07), while Zionsville's Kyle DeCoursey is the top seed in the 50 (20.32) and 100

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Phil Gibson, Certified Crop Advisor, Bayer Crop Science
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Phil will be discussing the importance of protecting pollinators from agricultural hazards, and will cover the following: A. Why Important (Feeding a Hungry World, Population Growth in Emerging Economies) B. Benefit of Pollinators (Fruit & Vegetables, Worldwide Food Production) C. Pollinator Threats (Parasites, Nutrition, Diseases, Pesticides) D. Pollinator Protection and Health (Communication, Be Aware of Surroundings, Ensure Seed is Planted to Minimize Dust) E. Projects to Improve Pollinator Health + Safety (Communication, Cover Crops, Flowers & Trees, Current Stewardship – Seed Finishers & Fluency Agent).

"Common Tree Pests"
Aren Flint, Urban Forester and Project Manager, Davey Resource Group
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"Keeping Pesticides Out of the Water Supply/Capping Abandoned Wells"
Curt Emanuel, Extension Educator (ANR & CED), Purdue Extension
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Curt will be discussing the importance of keeping pesticides out of the water supply when mixing chemicals, and steps that can be taken to avoid well contamination. This session will also include a discussion on proper procedures to plug an abandoned well.

"Starting and Managing a Home Orchard"
Roy Ballard, Purdue Extension agent & orchard owner
In this session, Roy Ballard, Purdue Extension Educator and practitioner will discuss how to start and manage a small home orchard. He will discuss what trees do well in Central Indiana, spacing and size. Roy will also discuss how to manage your fruit trees for pests, production and pruning.



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Local angler Todd Hollowell of Fishers, Ind., host of the hit television show The Bass Dr., will be one of the 154 anglers competing on the Walmart FLW Tour this season.

Fishers’ Todd Hollowell has high expectations for new FLW Tour season

The first tournament of the 20th anniversary season of the Walmart FLW Tour, the most competitive Tour in professional bass-fishing, kicks off March 5-8 with the Walmart FLW Tour at Lake Toho presented by Mercury. Hosted by Experience Kissimmee and the Osceola County Department of Tourism, the tournament will feature 154 of the world’s best bass-fishing professionals and co-anglers casting for top awards of up to \$125,000 cash in the pro division and up to \$25,000 cash in the co-angler division.

Local angler Todd Hollowell of Fishers, Ind., host of the hit television show The Bass Dr., will be one of the 154 anglers competing on the FLW Tour this season. Hollowell is entering his fourth season on the FLW Tour and is looking to return to the championship Forrest Wood Cup after qualifying in 2012. Hollowell will also serve as a spokesperson for Hooked on Helping, a group of volunteer anglers that assist local food banks by coordinating food drives at each of the seven Walmart FLW Tour events.

One of the anglers competing against Hollowell is 18-year FLW Tour veteran Terry Segraves, who lives near Lake Toho and is considered an early favorite.

“I think that the timing of this tournament is going to be perfect,” said Segraves. “It’s cold right now, but the warm weather is expected to return in the next few weeks. With the expected sunshine and the full moon, the fish are going to pop. There really isn’t going to be much of a local

advantage; we’re going to see a lot of really big fish.

“The weather conditions are going to be a huge determining factor for the winning weights,” Segraves went on to say. “If the weather is nice, I think you’ll need to catch an average of 20 pounds through the first two days just to make the top-20 cut and fish the weekend. This tournament has the potential to set some new records.”

Fishing fans that can’t make the trek to Central Florida can still follow along with all of the tournament action at FLWFishing.com. Live on-the-water tweets, updates and videos will be posted throughout the four days of competition as well as a live streaming video feed of the weigh-in held at 5 p.m. each day.

In FLW Tour competition, anglers are also vying for valuable points in hopes of qualifying for the 2015 Forrest Wood Cup, the world championship of bass fishing. The 2015 Forrest Wood Cup will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas, Aug. 20-23 on Lake Ouachita and is hosted by Visit Hot Springs. The Forrest Wood Cup Champion could win as much as \$500,000 – professional bass-fishing’s richest prize.

Coverage of the Lake Toho tournament will be broadcast in high-definition (HD) on NBC Sports Network (NBCSN) when Season 20 of “FLW” premieres Sept. 28 from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. ET. The Emmy-nominated “FLW” television show airs on NBCSN, the Pursuit Channel and the World Fishing Network and is broadcast to more than 564 million households worldwide, making it the most widely distributed weekly outdoors-sports television show in the world.

For complete details and updated information visit FLWFishing.com. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow us on Facebook at Facebook.com/FLWFishing and on Twitter at Twitter.com/FLWFishing.



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(45.44) freestyles. The Eagles are also first-seeded in the 400 free relay (3:07.27).

Fort Wayne Carroll's Ryan Huizing is ranked first in the butterfly (49.17), while Columbus North freshman Michael Brinegar is the top seed in the 500 free (4:29.91). Homestead's Kevin Frebel is the highest-scoring diver (552.55) in the field; he was runner-up to HSE's Cody Coldren last year.

Hamilton County state qualifiers

200 medley relay: Hamilton Southeastern (Joe Young, Wilson Clark, Nick Pfanstiel, Quinn Teague); Carmel (Gabriel Whitaker, Charles Vaughan, Nathaniel Bledsoe, Harrison Stuckey); Westfield (Thomas Kenney, Joseph Niederberger, Matthew Carr, Christopher Kenney); Noblesville (Jake Seyfried, Luke Conner, Nathan Olberding, Isaac Johnston); Fishers (Nolan Yorkman, Luke Ingram, Joseph Moser, Joel Crull).

200 freestyle: Glen Brown (F), Troy Li (C), Reilly Garman (C), Adrian Jarding (C), Bradley Jacobs (F)

200 individual medley: Vaughan (C), Young (HSE), Bledsoe (C), Ingram (F), Clark (HSE).

50 freestyle: Whitaker (C), Teague (HSE), Stuckey (C), Johnston (N)

Diving: Austin Smith (F), Trevor Crupi (W), Cole VanDevender (F).

100 butterfly: Pfanstiel (HSE), Carr (W), Jacobs (F).

100 freestyle: Whitaker (C), Li (C), Teague (HSE), Olberding (N).

500 freestyle: Brown (F), Reilly Garman (C), Pfanstel (HSE), Matthew Netherton (HSE), Yorkman (F).

200 free relay: Southeastern (Teague, Young, Clark, Pfanstiel); Carmel (Vaughan, Stuckey, Garman, Whitaker); Fishers (Moser, Jacobs, Crull, Brown); Noblesville (Johnston, Conner, Drew Saraby, Olberding).

100 backstroke: Young (HSE), Bledsoe (C), Joseph Vinyard (C), Seyfried (N).

100 breaststroke: Vaughan (C), Conner (N), Derek Stauder (C), Justin Ogle (N), Ingram (F), Stefano Batista (C), Clark (HSE).

400 free relay: Carmel (Li, Garman, Jarding, Bledsoe); Fishers (Yorkman, Jacobs, Ingram, Brown); Southeastern (Netherton, Zack Teffteller, Nicholas O'Connor, Max Eden)

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House approves downtown stadium

The Indiana House voted 73-21 on Wednesday in favor of House Bill 1273 to enable construction of a new 18,500-seat multipurpose stadium proposed for downtown Indianapolis. The stadium would serve as a permanent home for all Indy Eleven Professional Soccer games and more than 30 other sports and entertainment events to be held every year starting with the venue's anticipated opening in 2017.

"Indy Eleven appreciates the time that members of the House put forth to consider the merits of House Bill 1273, and we're pleased to have such momentum as we turn our focus to the Senate," said Indy Eleven President/General Manager Peter Wilt. "We also thank the legions of soccer fans from around Indiana who have reached out to support our efforts to build a permanent home for the fastest growing sport in the nation."

HB 1273 was filed by Indiana State Representative Todd Huston (Fishers – District 37) to extend a sports and entertainment development area to include the future stadium site and a new downtown Indianapolis hotel to be developed by the owner of Indy Eleven.

Sales and income tax revenues generated at the stadium site would go towards payment of the venue's construction costs, as would a payment of 10 percent of ticket revenues from events by Indy Eleven. While KSM Consulting's stadium feasibility study concluded these revenue streams would pay for the venue's construction debt, it has been proposed that a portion of the new taxes generated by the new hotel site could be used only if necessary to provide greater security for the stadium's financial mechanism.

The bill received strong bipartisan support from the House Ways and Means Committee earlier this session when it was approved by a vote of 20-3.

If approved by the Indiana General Assembly, the proposed funding mecha-

nism will not result in any increase in city or state taxes, nor will it divert taxpayer dollars earmarked for services or programs funded by the City or State.

The proposed stadium and hotel development is expected to generate significant economic activity, which may attract new businesses and encourage existing businesses to remain or expand in central Indiana; protect and increase state and local tax revenues; and encourage overall economic growth.

Including Indy Eleven games, the stadium is expected to host at least 50 events annually.

The projected \$82 million cost to construct the facility is considerably less than similarly sized venues geared towards soccer that have been built throughout North America in the last 10 years. Indy Eleven sold out all 14 of its home games in 2014 with an NASL-leading average attendance of 10,465 fans, proving that the people of Indiana will support soccer at the professional level.

"We're excited and encouraged by today's vote as a significant step forward for Indy Eleven fans, and for all fans of soccer from around the state," said Ersal Ozdemir, owner of Indy Eleven and Keystone companies. "We look forward to working with the Senate and continuing dialogue that will make the bill more effective so that we can bring this world-class facility to the people of Indiana."

To avoid any perceived conflict of interest, Ozdemir has publically stated his construction company, Keystone Construction, will not serve as the venue's contractor.

Details about the stadium proposal can be found at www.stadiumforindiana.com, including renderings of the potential design created by world renowned stadium architecture firm Populous. The site also provides suggestions for how supporters can get involved.

Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool to feature Team USA, Europe in Indianapolis

Featuring Team USA's top swimmers squaring off against Europe's best, the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool returns to the United States on Dec. 11-12 at the Indiana University Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI in downtown Indianapolis.

Designed to showcase the sport's most exciting athletes in a short-course meters, dual-meet format, the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool is a made-for-television event that has captivated spectator audiences since its 2003 debut in Indianapolis.

"Highlighting that swimming truly is a team sport, the athletes really enjoy the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool's dual-meet format, which also makes for a thrilling competition for fans," USA Swimming National Team Director Frank Busch said. "Over the past 12 years, this event has proven to be one of the most exciting events on the international swimming calendar."

Action from the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool will be televised on Dec. 19 on NBC. Additional broadcast coverage will be announced in the future.

"Mutual of Omaha is excited to once again bring the world's best swimmers together in a head-to-head competition as undefeated Team USA takes on the European All-Stars," said Mutual of Omaha Senior Vice President John Hildenbiddle. "With its thrilling competition and great coverage on NBC, the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool builds excitement and enthusiasm for swimming leading up to the 2016 Olympic Games."

"The Indiana Swimming community is thrilled and honored that the Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool is returning to Indianapolis and the IU Natatorium in December," said Arlene McDonald, Event Director for Indiana Swimming, Inc., one of 59 Local Swim Committees (LSCs) of USA Swimming. "The inaugural 2003 Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool in Indianapolis

ranks as one of the most exciting competitions ever held at The Nat. Our members look forward to being a great partner with Mutual of Omaha and USA Swimming to insure this year's event is a huge success."

The iconic Indiana University Natatorium was the site of the inaugural Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool in 2003, with the U.S. topping Australia by a score of 196-74. It is one of the foremost swimming venues in America, hosting such events as the 1984, 1992, 1996 and 2000 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, as well as eight USA Swimming National Championships.

This year will mark the seventh Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool, held every other year since the 2003 inception. The U.S. is undefeated and holds a 6-0 all-time record in the competition.

The 2013 Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool was the most thrilling edition of the event yet. Team USA capped a 23-point comeback with a victory in the tie-breaking 200-meter mixed medley relay en route to a 132-131 victory over the European All-Stars, in Glasgow, Scotland.

The 2013 Team USA roster featured the likes of Olympic gold medalists Katie Ledecky (Bethesda, Md.) and Tyler Clary (Riverside, Calif.), while gold medalists Missy Franklin (Centennial, Colo.) and Ryan Lochte (Daytona Beach, Fla.) led the U.S. in 2011. At the 2003 event in Indianapolis, a 17-year old Michael Phelps (Baltimore, Md.) broke the world record in the 400-meter individual medley in the first individual event of the competition.

Swimmers can compete in a maximum of six events (individual and relays), and each team may enter up to four swimmers per individual event and one relay. A running score will be kept combining the points earned by both women and men to determine the winning team.

The meet will be comprised of 15 events per gender (13 individual and two relays) with over \$120,000 in prize money on the line. The winning team will take home a portion of the winnings while prize money will be awarded to the winner of each race. A bonus will also be awarded for any world-record swim at the event.

Rosters for both teams will be announced in early October, and ticket information will be available at usaswimming.org in the near future.

Year-By-Year Mutual of Omaha Duel in the Pool Final Scores

2013: U.S. 132, European All-Stars 131
2011: U.S. 181.5, European All-Stars 80.5
2009: U.S. 185, E-Stars 78
2007: U.S. 181.5, Australia 129.5
2005: U.S. 190, Australia 102
2003: U.S. 196, Australia 74
United States: 3-0 vs. Australia, 3-0 vs. Europe

Fuel lap K-Wings, 5-2

In the third of six head-to-head meetings between the two teams this season, the Indy Fuel defeated the Kalamazoo Wings on Wednesday at Indiana Farmers Coliseum by a final score of 5-2. With the win, Indy improved to 21-23-4-4 overall this season and with 50 points, claimed fifth place alone in the ECHL's North Division standings.

Kalamazoo collected an early 1-0 lead on Wednesday as Ludwig Blomstrand potted his 17th of the season just 2:28 into the game. A Fuel response was quick in coming, however, as Vincent Arseneau popped home a rebound score at 12:18 to tie the game before Chris DeSousa sent an instinctive, turnaround crank past Wings goaltender Joel Martin at 13:40, DeSousa's first career professional goal, to deliver Indy a 2-1 advantage through one period of play.

Most of the second period slid by scoreless, but Kalamazoo tallied the lone middle frame marker at 17:32 when Blomstrand wired a shorthanded wrister past Indy goaltender Mac Carruth to tie the game at two heading into the final period of regulation. Smarting in the wake of that late middle frame equalizer, the Fuel raced out of the gates in the third, netting three final period tallies, from Rhett Bly at 0:57, Mike Duco at 3:12 and Garrett Bembridge at 16:00, to skate away 5-2 winners over the Wings.

Mac Carruth picked up his 11th victory in his past 12 starts in net for the Fuel thanks to a 19-save performance while veteran Kalamazoo backstop Joel Martin denied 38 of the 43 Indy shots he faced. Indy's Wednesday shot total was the largest in Fuel franchise history and Pete Massar's team-best seven shots on goal tied a single-game career high for the former University of Vermont winger.

Next up for the Fuel, it's a Friday showdown vs. the Fort Wayne Komets with the opening faceoff set for 8 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Full coverage of Friday's game begins with the "Jose Cuervo Pregame Show" at 7:45 p.m. over the air on CBS Sports 1430 WXNT-AM, online at www.cbssports1430.com and on smartphones everywhere via the free "TuneIn" Radio app with Fuel broadcaster Tony Brown providing the play-by-play.

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Boston 115, New York 94		L.A. Lakers 100, Utah 97
Charlotte 98, Chicago 86	Minnesota 97, Washington 77	Sacramento 102, Memphis 90
		Portland 111, San Antonio 95

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Boston	22	33	.400	14.0
Philadelphia	12	45	.211	25.0
New York	10	46	.179	26.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	36	22	.632	-
Chicago	36	22	.632	-
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	3.5
Detroit	23	34	.404	12.5
Indiana	23	34	.404	12.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	45	12	.789	-
Washington	33	25	.569	12.5
Miami	25	31	.446	19.5
Charlotte	23	32	.418	21.0
Orlando	19	40	.322	27.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	37	19	.661	-
Oklahoma City	32	25	.561	5.5
Utah	21	35	.375	16.0
Denver	20	37	.351	17.5
Minnesota	13	43	.232	24.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	44	10	.815	-
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