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TODAY'S WEATHER

Partly sunny today, partly cloudy tonight.

HIGH: 43 LOW: 28



Hamillton County Reporter

Hurry up and wait

By JANET HART LEONARD

Chuck and I woke up, four mornings,



in a city that never sleeps. We toured the very heart of it, New York, New York.

The sights. The sounds. The tastes. The aromas. For Chuck and I, New York was an over the top of the senses, delight.

And then it was time to come home. Not so easy when you are in New York. You can click your heels all you want and repeat, "there's no place like home" but everyone is in a hurry to get nowhere, quickly, in New York.

We hailed a cab and off we went with a few thousand other people trying to leave New York at six o'clock on a Sunday evening.

The tunnel funnel to get us to the Newark, New Jersey airport was like 9:00 a.m. on Race Day in Speedway. We sat. inched forward. We Exasperation would get us nowhere.

We found out that our taxi driver was also an experienced horn honker. There are a lot of them in New York. Eventually we got through the tunnel.

We told our driver to let us out at Terminal C. Apparently he heard Terminal B. Eventually he got us to C. We gathered our belongings and found our way into the "not so user friendly" Newark airport. The entire lower area was for Business Class Flyers. We were not Business Class. We went up the escalator to then stand in line for the kiosk to get our boarding passes. We did not have a seat assignment on them so we had to find an agent, in another line, to assign us

Next stop was the TSA check in. We had a TSA PreCheck so we could go through the quick (?) check...downstairs. We were able to avoid the LONGER line at the regular TSA check in (vippee). Then, back upstairs to walk (actually hike) to our gate and sit and wait for our flight to board...in two hours. Funny thing is that, when we boarded, everyone was in their seat so quickly that we were able to fly out fifteen minutes early. Somehow the pilot was able to take a shortcut and we landed in Indy, thirty minutes early.

It took longer to get to the Newark airport, via taxi, than it did to get to the Indy airport, via plane. Go figure.

If you hear me complaining about the traffic on 37 funneling onto I69 just remind me of the traffic in New York. However, I will still complain.

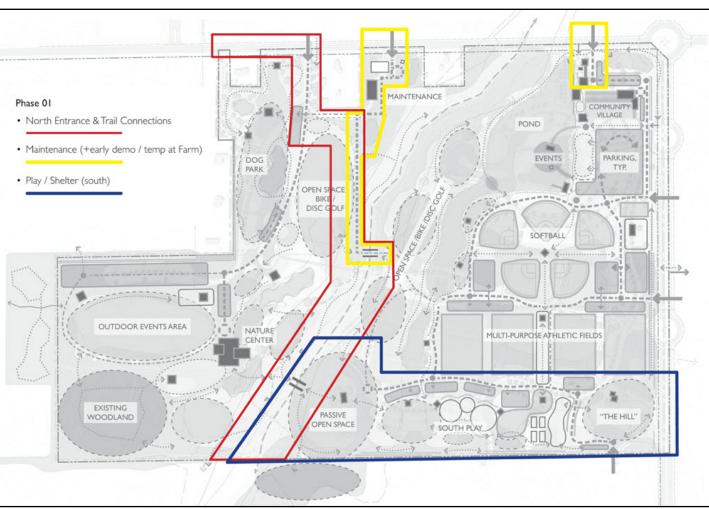


Photo courtesy the City of Noblesville

Finch Creek Park is one of several priority projects for Noblesville over the next three to five years. These projects will benefit the health, safety and welfare of Noblesville citizens.

Noblesville officials identify priority projects

created a list of priority projects to be completed within the next three to five years. The projects, which have been worked on for the past year, will benefit the health, safety and welfare of Noblesville

City administrators compiled a list of projects and worked with the council to prioritize the items.

"The council is anxious to move forward with these projects. We believe these capital improvements to the city's infrastructure will benefit the citizens of Noblesville and improve our quality of life," said Council President Gregory P. O'Connor. "I am excited to see these projects moving forward."

While funding for the projects has been substantially limited by property tax caps and other restrictions outside the control of the city, the list provides a clear set of goals from elected and appointed officials.

"This list provides a clear roadmap of what we want to accomplish in the coming years. It is challenging, but we will work to get the proper funding to continue to move Noblesville forward and address several important items within the city," Mayor John Ditslear said.

The highest priority on the list is improvements to State Road 37 and portions of the 32 parcels for the start of the Midland of Pleasant Street to reduce traffic Trace Trail, which will connect with

The Noblesville Common Council and congestion into and through the city. Westfield's portion at Gray Road and head City of Noblesville administration have Council has asked administration to begin east to downtown Noblesville. The first identifying all revenues that may be available to fund all or part of the road projects including special distributions, tax increment and interlocal agreements with the state and other governmental units.

The list of priority projects include:

Project: Little Chicago Road Trail

connector on Little Chicago Road will run Once completed, the two trail heads include from Indiana 38 to Buttonwood Drive and includes construction and the acquisition of land. A sidewalk also will extend north to Firethorn Circle.

Timing: Construction will begin in 2017. Potential Cost: \$750,000

Project: Finch Creek Park

200-acre park on the city's east side includes groundwork on the site, restroom facilities and a play area on the southern portion from an upgraded crime lab. adjacent to new residential construction.

and completed in 2017.

Potential Funding: \$4.5 million

Background: The city has obtained 23

phase ends at Hazel Dell Road.

Timing: The project should begin this year with possible construction completed in 2017.

Potential Cost: \$1.9 million

Project: Levee Trail

Background: The three phased trail project would connect homes as far north as Background: The key west side North Harbour to downtown Noblesville. Morse Park Beach and the border of Cicero, which will connect with their trail.

> **Timing:** The project is expected to begin later this year or in early 2017.

Potential Cost: \$1.4 million

Project: New Police Station

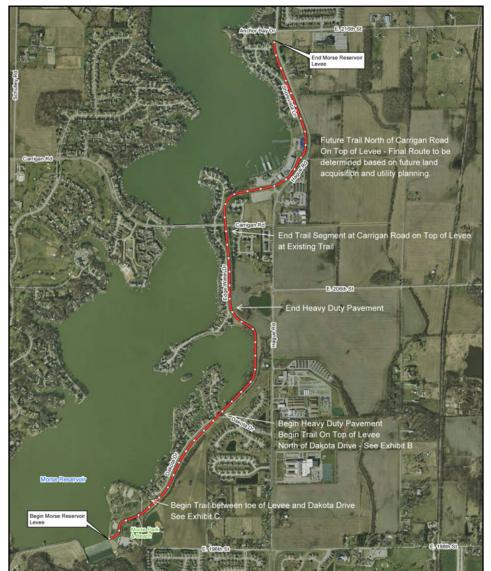
Background: The existing police station **Background:** The first phase of the facility faces challenges with overcrowding, a lack of essential privacy for victims, operational efficiencies and would benefit

Timing: The city will initiate a study to **Timing:** The project will begin in 2016 determine the most appropriate location for a new facility and obtain more specific cost information on construction and cost/benefit analysis. The study also will include Project: Midland Trace Trail Phase I repurposing of the Public Safety Building assuming the full relocation of NPD to a new

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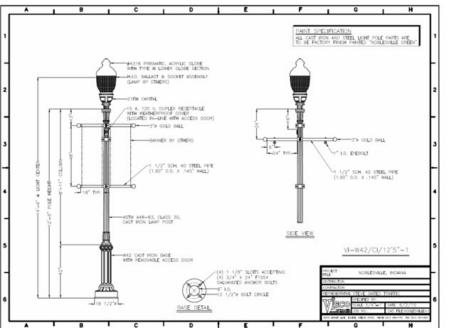


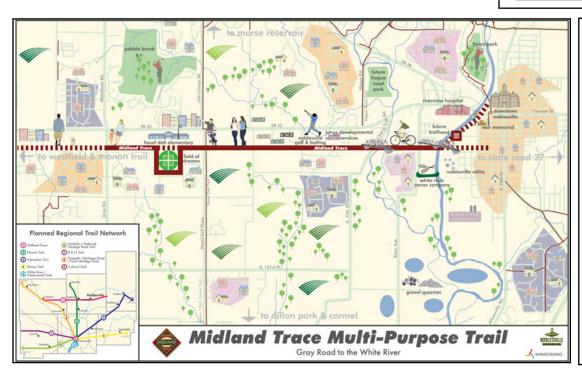
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Graphics and renderings courtesy the City of Noblesville







ABOVE LEFT: The Levee Trail is a three phased trail project that would connect homes as far north as North Harbour to downtown Noblesville.

ABOVE: The city has 250 street lights and six quad-luminaire poles that need to be replaced. Installation of new lights will begin later this year.

LEFT: Noblesville has obtained 23 of the 32 parcels for the start of the Midland Trace Trail.

PRIORITY

location for Noblesville Fire Department and other city uses.

Potential Cost: Undetermined

Project: South 10th Street Corridor Background: Improvements will be on

10th Street south of the roundabout at Greenfield Avenue that will begin this year. The city will construct a new pedestrian bridge at Stony Creek, create a trail from the

Timing: The city will begin engineering Downtown Square. prepare the corridor for

improvement in 2017 or 2018. Potential Cost: \$6 million

Project: Downtown Street Lights

Background: Replacement is needed because of age and the lights are nearing the

Wellingtons to the new roundabout and end of their service life. The city has 250 emergency replacement may be made at any improve drainage to minimize flooding in street lights and six quad-luminaire poles time. that need replaced including 58 poles on the

> **Timing:** The poles are in the process of being ordered and installation will begin later this year. A plan is being put together

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Potential Cost: \$200,000 in 2016. This will be an annual expense to replace all street lights.

* The amounts and dates are estimates that would include 20 to 30 replacements a based on information available at this time. year. Additional lights can be ordered and Final approval and funding of all projects stored with the street department so an will come from the common council at a later time.



Historic Old Town and who makes it great

Bv MARY SUE ROWLAND

The 29th Annual Meeting of the Noblesville Preservation



Alliance met with over 80 people in attendance in Historic Downtown Noblesville for dinner and award giving last Saturday night. The Josiah Durfee Award for Stewardship went for Nathan and Sarah Althouse who have made the most significant positive contribution to NPA mission for 2015. The Althouse family bought a circa 1890 home in Old Town considered in the worst condition possible and still be standing. The

good news was the house was full of original architectural detail and that made it all worthwhile. Today the home stands as a beautifully restored family home with Victorian details and modern spaces for any modern family. The family is leaving their Victorian home after an experience of a lifetime but not Old Town. The family is moving three doors down, west on Conner and reclaiming the massive Craycraft Historic Home and their second experience of a lifetime. Keep an eye on the next chapter of restoration in Historic Noblesville.

The mission of NPA is promoting and preserving Noblesville's historic neighborhoods and resources in order to enhance the quality of life in Noblesville. Just so you know, Josiah Durfee, the award given in his name, was an architect during a historic period called the "gas boom" in the 1800's that affected Noblesville and other Hamilton County communities. His accomplishments include Potter's Covered Bridge, the Model Mill and the Sheriff's Residence, all listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "His work has weathered more than a century and become a symbol of excellence and local pride", as noted in the Annual Report.

Josiah Durfee had more awards to give at the Annual Meeting. Josiah Durfee Award for Community Spirit honored Mike Corbett for his leadership and vision with

Josiah Durfee Award for Corporate Philanthropy

John's help, Kroger has sponsored the Annual Home tour today and Kurt helped for over 35 year to bring attention to since 2007. The Elliott home known as the *Harrell Historic* House is also on the National Register of Historic Places and part of the Home Tour on several occasions. John's mother and father, Sandy and George Elliott, were founding lots of things have changed because he helped make those members of NPA and help to save the Craig Historic House from demolition. Now John, his wife Karen and the family continue to share their passion for Noblesville in a thousand

awarded to Chris Owens and Noblesville Main Street. Through events and programs like First Fridays, the Street Dance and the Farmers Market, the Back to School Bash continues to promote the historic downtown while bringing people from the neighborhoods to see all that downtown Noblesville has to offer. Chis and his wife Maggie and their two children also find time to restore their Conner Street home. They love to walk to town for an ice cream cone on the square.

Josiah Durfee Award for Individual Merit was awarded to Alan and Gail Booker. In 1980, they purchased a French Second Empire gem on North 10th Street when few other restorations were happening in Noblesville. Their standards for quality workmanship and attention to period detail set the standard to inspire the hundreds of restorations by the next generations of old house stewards. Alan and Gail admit it has been a labor of love and they would not live anywhere 22 home projects since 2011, and the Denzel Hufford else. It might be called the Booker Historic Home.

The main speaker for the evening was author, former teacher, and current real estate broker specializing in Old Town Noblesville, Kurt Meyer. He sales Old Town and lives there too in a restored home by his own hand. Actually he has had a hand in the recognition of NPA's work, the continuing success of the Old Town, the writing of important articles on Old Town issues and has even written and published wonderful novels about Old Town. He talked about finding the historic homes and the court house square in the 1980's, when the population of Noblesville was only 18,000 compared with 56,000 today and counting. He hundreds of hours of community service. Mike and his wife reminded the members that no other organization stood up on your hands from your renovation to join NPA, but you Joni, of course, live in old town and are restoring a historic to the tearing down of historic homes and the placing of must have a passion for your town and what makes it great. businesses in neighborhoods. There was a time when talk Everyone is welcome. was that the court house square should be torn down for a honored John Elliott and the Kroger Corporation. With parking lot! Then historic downtown was not what it is

the jewel of the county and his longtime passion for his home town. Today historic neighborhood homes sell in a few days and get their top dollar. Kurt should know that changes possible and he also reminded everyone there is more work to be done.

Outgoing President of NPA, Geoffrey Odle, who served two terms said, "Noblesville has grown exponentially since Josiah Durfee Award for Neighborhood Spirit was the Preservation Alliance was founded and the growth has brought many changes to our city. The great thing is we have always held onto our core –the authentic charm of our downtown and the historic homes that surround it. We are fortunate because we have managed to embrace progress and growth and preserve the historic integrity of our downtown and the ten residential districts surrounding it. Community pride and an appreciation for our heritage are what make's Noblesville so special".

> The NPA organization will celebrate their 30th year in 2017, but 2016 has a list of events on the calendar including another Home Tour on Saturday 17, 2016. More than 700 visitors enjoyed seeing for themselves what historic preservation is all about at last year's tour. The Twelve Houses of Christmas over the holiday, the Old-Fashioned Neighborhood Picnic, Saturday, June 25, 2016 at Seminary Park, sponsoring Façade Grants totaling \$5000.00 helping Garden Award for an outstand outdoor garden keep NPA the leader of all preservation and related activities for the community. Every event for the year is all volunteer with no paid staff. An impressive list of very important activities is again planned for 2016.

> Know that the historic fabric of Noblesville and the people who serve to preserve and protect that historic fabric have just as much passion for their work today as in the beginning of the efforts some 29 years ago. For more information or how to join the "movement" go to info@noblesvillepreservation.com or call 317-462-INPA.

You do not have to live in a historic home or have paint

April events at Westfield Public Library

These are April events scheduled at the Tuesdays, 11:15 AM Westfield-Washington Public Library:

Children's Events Baby Love Story Time Thursdays, 10:30 AM April 14, 21, 28

Toddler Story Time Mondays, 10:30 AM April 11, 18, 25

April 12, 19, 26

Preschool Story Time Mondays, 1:00 PM April 11, 18, 25 Tuesdays, 10:15 AM April 12, 19, 26

Paws and Read 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:30 AM

Book-a-Roo-Bonzai (grades 4-6) Wednesday, April 27, 4:30 PM Discussion of The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Brickmasters LEGO Build (grades K-6) Wednesday, April 20, 4:30 PM

Craft of the Month (grades 4-6)

Wednesday, April 13, 4:30 PM

Acorns to Oaks Homeschool Group 2nd Thursday of the month, 1:00 PM

Homeschool Elementary Science Fair Class Wednesdays, 11:00 AM

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- Graduated from Noblesville High **School as Senior Class President and Football Team** Captain.
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- Noblesville City Court Judge 15 Years.
- Sunday School Teacher, Lay **Leader and Various Committees** with 40 Years of Service - First **United Methodist Church.**

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Mahala Anna Michele (Reinhard) Latham

July 13, 1966 - March 17, 2016

Mahala Anna Michele (Reinhard) Latham, 49, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on July 13, 1966 in Columbus, Ohio.

Mahala was an independent consultant, having earned a Master's degree in Voice from Indiana University. She had a great singing voice, including knowledge of German and Italian music; and loved spending time with her family and helping people whenever she could.

She is survived by her husband, Lance Latham; daughter, Kara Latham; brother, Michael Reinhard; niece, Wendy Lauderman; aunts, Della Welsh and Alice Reinhard; and several other cousins, nieces & nephews, and great nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clement Michael Reinhard; mother, Elsie Lydia (Wells) Reinhard Groves; uncles, John Reinhard and Carl Reinhard; and aunt,

Margie Reinhard.

A memorial visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street in Noblesville. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

- **Matthew 5:15**

Cicero man accidentally shot

A Cicero man is recovering after he was accidentally shot in the face Saturday afternoon. At approximately 1:27 p.m, Cicero Police responded to a shooting in the 1400 block of Springtown Pike. Responding units found a 20-year-old male outside the residence being attended to by medical personnel. Further investigation revealed that the victim suffered a single gunshot wound to the face shot due to an accidental discharge. The victim was transported by medical helicopter to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. No foul play is suspected at this time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Atlanta Town Council will have a special public meeting, Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Town Hall (105 E. Main Street). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a potential water project and grant funding regarding the same.

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Genealogy Group

1st Saturday of the month, 10:15 AM April 2

Watercolor Class

3rd Thursday of the month, 10:30 AM April 21

Writers Group

4th Thursday of the month, 1:00 PM April 28

Technology Class: Microsoft Word Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 PM

Technology Class: Intro to Twitter Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 PM

Technology Class (Beginners): Using Library Computers Thursday, April 21, 1:30 PM

AARP Tax Aide (by appointment) Fridays, 10:30 AM -2:30 PM April 1, 8

LIBRARY

April 13, 20, 27

Homeschool Middle School Science Fair Wii Wednesday Wednesdays, 12:00 PM

April 13, 20, 27 **Homeschool Chess**

Wednesdays, 1:40 PM April 6

Homeschool Art (Ages 6-11) Fridays, 10:30 AM April 1

Homeschool Art (Ages 12-18) Fridays, 1:30 PM

Homeschool Puppet Class (Grades 6-Thursdays, 2:00 PM April 14, 21, 28

Teen Events Anime Manga Club Mondays, 3:00 PM

April 11, 18, 25

Wednesdays, 3:00 PM April 13, 20, 27

Teen Advisory Group 4th Tuesday of the month, 3:00 PM April 26

Teen Book Club

3rd Tuesday of the month, 3:00 PM April 19

Safe Sitter Class Saturday, April 30, 10:00 AM

Adult Events

Beginner American Mahjong Tuesdays, 6:00 PM April 5, 12, 19, 26

Euchre

2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 5:30 PM April 13, 27

Acrylic on Canvas Class 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30 AM April 7

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Discussing The Golden One by Elizabeth

Discussing Infinite Home by Kathleen Al-

Wednesday, 1:00 PM

Book Discussion Group Wednesday, April 20, 1:00 PM

*Registration required

Mondays, 11:30 AM

April 4, 11, 18, 25

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM

Saturdays, 1:30 PM

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 5, 12, 19, 26

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Young team

University led by 4 juniors

By DON JELLISON **Reporter Editor**

Coach Maddy MacAllister knows that if



M. Klemsz

her University High School softball team is to be successful this season, youth will play a big role.

"We are a very young team with lots of freshmen," said the coach.

"Our returning juniors Lucy Bodern, Jenny Bruemmer, Maggie Klemsz and Annabelle Lance will

continue to be great leaders.

"Freshman Zoe Mervis will be a threat on the mound after working hard in the off-season," MacAllister added.

Bodem hit .321 last season; Bruemmer LayLa Basey. batted .297 and Lance finished the season hitting .286.

MacAllister's probable starting lineup will have Bruemmer at short, Lance at first, Maggie Klemsz at second, Bodem at third, Mervis on the mound, Lillian Klemsz in left, Mackenzie Allen at catcher, Malott Meredith in center and Lydia Copeland in

University is scheduled to open its season at home (at Roundtripper) on April 6 against Indiana Deaf.

University Roster

Juniors: Jenny Bruemmer, Klemsz. Maggie Lance, Lucy Bodem. Sophomores: Anna Turgeon.

Freshmen: Mackenzie Allen, Lillian Klemsz, Lydia Copeland, Meredith Malott, Zoe Mervis,

University Schedule

April

6, Indiana Deaf, 5 p.m. 8, at Broad Ripple, 5 p.m.

Greenwood Christian

Academy, 5 p.m. 13, Ritter, 5 p.m.

15, Eminence, 5 p.m.

19. Anderson Prep Academy. 5:30 p.m.

20, at Sheridan, 5 p.m.

Annabelle 21, Seton Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

26, at Liberty Christian, 5:30 p.m. 29, at Clinton Central, 5 p.m.

May

4, at Tri-West, 5 p.m. 6, at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.

Faith Christian School

Lafayette, 5:30 p.m.

10, Attucks, 5 p.m.

12, Traders Point, 5 p.m.

16, at Indiana Deaf, 5 p.m.

17, Brebeuf, 5 p.m.

19, at Bethesda Christian, 5 p.m.

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Track athletes compete at DePauw

Several Hamilton County athletes com- 10:43.15, peted at a Hoosier State Relays qualifier event Friday at DePauw University.

In the girls meet, Carmel's Cailyn Etgen 4x200 relay: 3. Westfield 1:33.80. won the long jump with a solid leap of 16-8.5. Westfield's Emily Robertson also Distance medley: 7. Heights 11:46.34. won an event, finishing first in the 60 hurdles in 9.62.

In the boys meet, the Greyhounds' Ryan Lipe continued his strong performances in the pole vault, winning that event with a leap of 16-6.

GIRLS EVENTS

Pole vault: 7. Kara Deady (Carmel) 9-6, 12. Audrey Bullock (Westfield) 9-0, 13. Kaila Kolodkin (C) 9-0.

High jump: 5. Rianna Evans (W) 5-0, 14. Claire Stitz (W) 4-8 Long jump: 1. Cailyn Etgen (C) 16-08.5,

3. Sydney Spears (W) 16-5.75. Shot put: 24. Hannah Reecer (Hamilton Heights) 30-6.

60 hurdles: 1. Emily Robertson (W) 9.62, 3. Etgen (C) 9.74.

60 dash: 4. Karen Hubbard (W) 7.97. 4x800 relay: 5. Westfield 10:18.95. 4x400 relay: 4. Westfield 4:14.67.

BOYS EVENTS

Pole vault: 1. Ryan Lipe (Carmel) 16-6, 3. Mitch Lipe (C) 13-6, 4. Ethan Bray (Hamilton Southeastern) 13-0, 11. Alex Audia (C) 11-6, 17. Eddie Ward (C) 10-0, 18. Joe Blake (C) 10-0. T18. Jacob Glover

High jump: (Hamilton Heights) 5-6.

Long jump: 9. Jesse Brown (HH) 19-3.75, 11. Peyton Haack (Westfield) 19-

Shot put: 14. Tyler Anderson (HH) 45.5.75.

60 dash: 8. Evan Manley (W) 7.23. 3200 run: 2. Zac Leinheiser (C) 9:49.61, 4. Desmond Herrell (W) 9:52.87, 5. Colin Murphy (C) 9:54.93, 7. Calvin Bates (C) 9:56.05, 9. Zane Williams (C) 9:57.00, 13. Ethan Parsley (W) 10:13.36, 14. Jonah Nichols (C) 10:16.88, 17. Thomas Gastineau (C) 10:27.27, 25. Darren Yates (C)

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36. John Farley (HH)

4x400 relay: 10. Westfield 3:41.22.

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Hamilton Southeastern's Tyler Paradis commits to the University of Southern Indiana

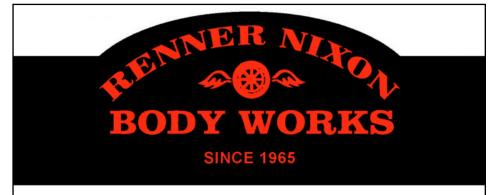


Photo courtesy Hamilton Southeastern

Senior Tyler Paradis has announced his intent to continue his soccer career at the collegiate level. Tyler will attend the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville. The Screaming Eagles are an NCAA Division II school that competes in the Great Lakes Valley Conference under the direction of Coach Mat Santoro.

Tyler is the son of Kent & Jennifer Paradis. He earned his third varsity letter in soccer this fall. Tyler served as captain of the Royals during the 2015 season. He also serves on HSE's Student Athletic Council.

Pictured - Seated: Kent Paradis (father), Tyler, and Jennifer Paradis (mother). Standing: MaKenna Paradis (sister).



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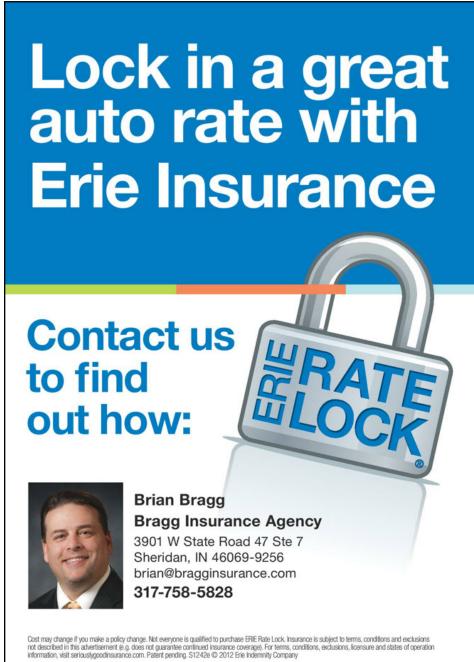
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Boys basketball semi-state scores

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Lapel 55, Fort Wayne Canterbury 49 Indianapolis Howe 70, Providence 62 **CLASS 1A**

Liberty Christian 103, Gary 21st Century 80 Bloomfield 58, West Washington 53

The Griffith-Marion semi-state game was postponed after the team bus carrying Griffith players to Lafayette Jeff (the semistate site) was involved in a frightening accident on Interstate 65 around noon Saturday. A car sideswiped the bus and as a result, the bus overturned, injuring all 27

life-threatening.

The IHSAA said that it will talk with Griffith administrators today regarding plans to play the game.

State basketball schedule

Session I

Class A State Championship | Bloomfi eld (26-3) vs. Liberty Chris⊖ an (25-4) | 10:30 am ET

people onboard. None of the injuries were Class 2A State Championship | Indianapolis Howe (23-7) vs. Lapel (25-4) | Approx. 12:45 pm ET

Session II

Class 3A State Championship | Evansville Bosse (19-10) vs. Griffi th-Marion winner | 6 pm ET

Class 4A State Championship | New Albany (26-1) vs. McCutcheon (28-3) | Approx. 8:15 pm ET

George tops 40 points...

Pacers fall to Thunder, 115-111

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Paul George put together one of the best performances of his career on Saturday night, but it wasn't quite enough as Oklahoma City's two All-Stars one-upped him to lead the Thunder (48-22) to a 115-111 win over the Pacers (36-33) at Bankers Life

George topped 40 points for the fourth time in his career, finishing the night with 47 points on 14-of-29 shooting, seven rebounds, four assists, and two steals.

But on the other end, Russell Westbrook recorded his NBA-leading 14th triple-double of the season and his running mate Kevin Durant flirted with one of his own in the Thunder's victory. Westbrook had 14 points, 11 rebounds, and 14 assists, making up for a 4-for-17 shooting performance with his all-around play. Durant led the

ing and also added 13 boards and eight

"It's one of the best duos in the league," Pacers point guard George Hill said after the loss. "I think we did an alright job of handling them early. I think Kevin got away from us a little bit late. I think our guys fought hard, we just didn't get to pull out

Lavoy Allen's floater gave Indiana a 98-97 lead with 8:28 remaining, but Randy Foye's 3-pointer 25 seconds later started a string of nine unanswered points by the Thunder. Oklahoma City never let the Pacers get back within one possession of the lead until the final minute.

Indiana admirably rallied from an eightpoint deficit over the final 1:41 and got a chance to tie after Ian Mahinmi secured the rebound off a Durant miss with 13 seconds

Thunder with 33 points on 11-of-20 shoot- corner, but his shot came up just short as Thunder center Steven Adams switched in a pair of misses and a pair of turnovers, over to contest the shot. Westbrook tapped the rebound out to Durant, who sealed the win at the free throw line.

"They were dialed into the action and just switched it," George said. "I should have known the switch was going to come and got my feet set for a better look."

The Pacers executed beautifully on the offensive end in the early going, getting a barrage of wide open 3-point attempts. George knocked down a triple on Indiana's field to take a 64-54 lead into the locker opening possession and George Hill quickly added two more. Before you could barely blink, Indiana led 13-2 not even three minutes into the contest.

George and Hill continued to keep the offense rolling through the first quarter. The G2 Zone duo combined for 17 points and six assists in the opening period, but the

After their first four possessions ended Oklahoma City knocked down 11 of their final 17 shots in the first quarter and made up nearly all of their early deficit, as the Pacers took a narrow 28-27 lead into the second frame.

OKC surged in front midway through the second period with a 16-3 run that featured four straight assists from Westbrook. The Thunder led by as many as 13 points in the first half and shot 58.5 percent from the

But George took over in the third quarter to key the Pacers' comeback. PG got to the line early and often in the period, knocking down 7-of-8 free throws over a 4:20 stretch.

That seemed to put him in a rhythm, as the three-time All-Star knocked down several big shots over the next few minutes. George hit a three to make it 83-82 with 2:22 left in the quarter, made another trey to tie the game at 85 just 45 seconds later, then gave Indiana its first lead of the second half on his layup with 32.6 seconds left in the

All told, George scored 19 points in the third quarter, going 5-for-10 from the field, 2-for-2 from beyond the arc, and 7-for-8 from the charity stripe.

"He was great in all areas," Pacers head coach Frank Vogel said. "I don't think he forced much. When he got hot, we kept going to him."

The two teams traded punches over the next several minutes. Durant buried a deep three that gave OKC a one-point lead heading into the fourth quarter and the two sides traded the lead six times in the first four minutes of the final frame.

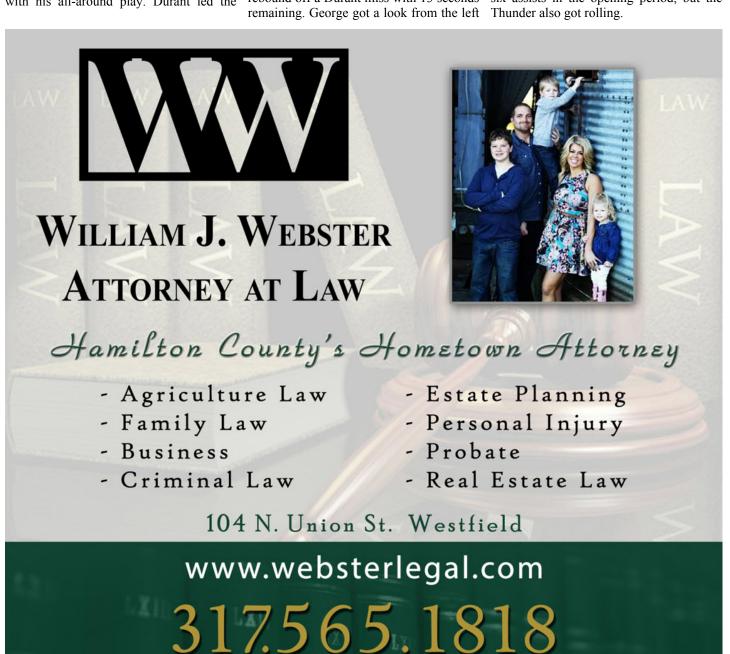
In addition to George's big night, the Pacers got a nice performance from Hill, who finished with 20 points and nine assists.

Mahinmi returned to the lineup after sitting out Thursday's overtime loss to Toronto with a sore lower back. The fashionable Frenchman finished with 11 points and five boards. Fellow starters Monta Ellis (11 points, six rebounds, seven assists) and Myles Turner (10 points and eight boards) also finished the night in double figures.

The Pacers continue their five-game homestand next week, when they host the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday and the New Orleans Pelicans on Thursday.

After Saturday's loss, Indiana remains in seventh place in the Eastern Conference but is now just a half-game ahead of both Chicago and Detroit. The Pacers do, however, have a favorable closing schedule, with only three of their final 13 games against teams that currently have a winning

"We've got to win these games," Vogel said. "Teams we're playing don't have great records but we have to take care of busi-



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Saturday's scores Denver 101, Charlotte 93 Detroit 115, Brooklyn 103 Oklahoma City 115, Indiana 111 Washington 99, New York 89 Atlanta 109, Houston 97 Miami 122, Cleveland 101 Chicago 92, Utah 85 Memphis 113, L.A. Clippers 102

San Antonio 87, Golden State 79 Sunday's games Portland at Dallas, 4 p.m. Orlando at Toronto, 4:30 p.m. Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 6 p.m. Utah at Milwaukee, 7 p.m. Sacramento at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Eastern Conference

NBA standings

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	47	21	.691	-
Boston	39	30	.565	8.5
New York	28	42	.400	20.0
Brooklyn	19	50	.275	28.5
Philadelphia	9	60	.130	38.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	49	20	.710	-
Indiana	36	33	.522	13.0
Chicago	35	33	.515	13.5
Detroit	36	34	.514	13.5
Milwaukee	30	39	.435	19.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	41	29	.586	-
Miami	40	29	.580	0.5
Charlotte	39	30	.565	1.5
Washington	34	35	.493	6.5
Orlando	29	39	.426	11.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oklahoma City	48	22	.686	-
Portland	36	34	.514	12.0
Utah	33	36	.478	14.5
Denver	29	41	.414	19.0
Minnesota	22	47	.319	25.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	62	7	.899	-
L.A. Clippers	43	25	.632	18.5
Sacramento	26	42	.382	35.5
Phoenix	19	50	.275	43.0
L.A. Lakers	14	55	.203	48.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	59	10	.855	-
Memphis	40	30	.571	19.5
Houston	35	35	.500	24.5
Dallas	34	35	.493	25.0
New Orleans	25	43	.368	33.5