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A 30 percent chance of rain today, after 1 p.m. Tonight, rain likely, mainly before 1 a.m.
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Hamilton County Reporter

The County Line

News media has influenced polarization in the country

By **FRED SWIFT**
The news media is in trouble nationwide and maybe it is causing the trouble for itself and the nation. The major news outlets (sometimes called mainstream media) tells us that the nation is divided and polarized. This appears to be true, and the news media has a major influence on polarizing the country especially following the recent election.

Twenty years ago Americans got their news and a lot of their entertainment from major city newspapers and three national TV and radio networks. We like to believe that these information outlets were



reasonably fair and accurate. And, for the most part they probably were.

Today, the printed newspaper is shrinking and the network ratings are falling. Of course, this is largely because of cable news, social media and maybe other factors. This change in major media should not be confused with the relatively stable small or local media such as a county seat daily paper or local radio station.

The local media does a good job of covering city council meetings, the high school sports and local obits, but most folks get their national and world news from "big" media. And, here we're getting a very polarizing message. If you watch MSNBC and then Fox News coverage of news event, you can get an entirely different message.

The old mainstream news outlets seem to also be

growing more opinionated with their editorial policy often seeping into their news stories. A majority of these mainstream organizations are accused by conservatives of having a liberal bias. There is, at least, no doubt that they are leading the way on constantly telling us that we are a divided nation.

Of course, we value a free press, but if the owners of news organizations would voluntarily try to offer more fair and balanced reporting we might find the nation less polarized. Although most folks don't always admit it, they tend to believe what they are told. This constant drumbeat about division may be good copy for the reporter, but bad for the country.

A newspaper publisher or a network top exec can easily demand better, more fair and less divisive reporting.

Benny Craig recognized for 45 years of employment



Photo by Byron Settles

Benny Craig, center, a 45-year officer of the County Sheriff's Department, was recognized Wednesday as the person longest currently employed by Hamilton County. A county employee Wellness and Recognition luncheon, attended by nearly 800, was held at the Exhibition Building at the County 4-H Grounds. To the left of Craig is County Councilman Steve Schwartz, and to the right is Commissioner Christine Altman. Behind is Commissioner Steve Dillinger.

Mills, Templeton attend statewide training with the Association of Indiana Counties



Photo provided

Robin Mills, Hamilton County Auditor (left) and Jennifer Templeton, Hamilton County Treasurer (right) attended the Association of Indiana Counties Newly Elected Officials Seminar. The all day event was held Dec. 14-16 at the Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing.

This is a three-day conference being held this month for more than 200 county elected officials from all over Indiana. Seminar training included such topics as: Purchasing and Public Bidding, Employee/Employer Issues, State Board of Accounts Overview and The Basics of County Budgeting. Various other state agency representatives from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, the Indiana Secretary of State's Office and the Indiana State Auditor's office also discussed a variety of issues specific to different county offices. Office holders who attended the conference also met during breakout sessions with their affiliate associations.

Reporter's Holiday Publication Schedule

- Saturday, December 24th**
No Publication
- Sunday, December 25th**
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Normal Publication Schedule
- Sunday, January 1**
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Grand Park surpasses visitor projections for 2016

In its second full year of operation, Grand Park has surpassed all of its visitor projections. More than 750,000 visitors attended over 300 events and accounted for 60,000 hotel room nights. It is estimated that there were 1.9 million total visits to Grand Park in 2016.

Third party economic impact study conducted by Applied Economics projected an overall impact of \$162.6 million for 2016 based on a forecasted 1.5 million total visits.

"It was an exciting year for Grand Park. We're thrilled to have exceeded our projections and to further demonstrate the success of Grand Park as an economic driver for Westfield and the entire region," said Westfield Mayor Andy Cook.

More than 15,000 teams attended events at Grand Park from the 48 contiguous United States and several countries.

On the field sports side, the following were the highest profile events held in 2016: Big Ten Men's Soccer Tournament; Crossroads of America College Showcases; Indiana Soccer State, Presidents, and Challenge Cups; US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Regionals; US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Midwest Regionals; US Lacrosse Nationals; and USA Ultimate Select Flight Invite.

On the baseball side, some highlighted tournament events included the Amateur Baseball Championships; Prep Baseball Report World Series; USSSA Global World Series; PBR Future Games Powered by Under Armour; and Premier Girls Fastpitch Firecracker Showcase.

The Grand Park Events Center officially opened in July with a three-day celebration that included a ribbon cutting ceremony and Mayor's Yellow Tie Ball event. Prior to its opening, the Events Center was the location of a presidential campaign rally for President-elect Donald Trump attended by more than 6,500 people and covered by national news media. The facility is being regularly utilized this winter by numerous local sports leagues, including MAX Lacrosse, Indiana Fire Juniors Soccer, Indiana Soccer, 1st and 10 Passing Academy (football), and Indy Juniors Volleyball Club.

Holiday donation drive...

The Barrington launches initiative to support Trinity Free Clinic

The Barrington of Carmel, an SQLC retirement community, recently launched a new initiative to provide support to the Trinity Free Clinic, which serves the health care needs of the uninsured and underinsured low-income residents of Hamilton County. According to Peggy Muncy, community outreach coordinator at The Barrington of Carmel, the goal of the campaign will be to provide year-round support to the Clinic through various in-kind and financial contributions, as well as volunteer assistance.

"Trinity Free Clinic is an amazing organization that has provided free medical, dental and health services to more than 20,000 patients since it opened 15 years ago," said Muncy. "Residents and staff at The Barrington are excited to be able to give back to a community resource that has become a lifeline for so many in Hamilton County."

During December, residents of The Barrington will be collecting items for care packages that will be given to patients at the clinic following their appointments. Items being collected fall into three categories: donations for women, donations for the flu clinic and donations for children. Examples of the types of items needed for each category are outlined below:

- Donations for women – small, travel-sized toiletries (e.g., deodorant, Q-tips, tampons, shampoo, conditioner, powder, comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.).
- Flu clinic – digital thermometers, chicken noodle soup, tea bags, tissues, cough drops, etc.
- Donations for children – stickers, sugar-free lollipops, flash cards, coloring books, board books, chapter books, crayons, etc.

The Barrington staff also turned the donation drive for Trinity Free Clinic into a

fun way for residents to vote in the annual Christmas tree decorating competition. Each department decorated a tree, and collection boxes are set up under each one. The box that receives the most donations will be the winner of the Christmas tree decoration competition. Additionally, Muncy is encouraging the public to get involved as well by dropping off collected items in the lobby of The Plaza at The Barrington of Carmel (1335 S. Guilford Road).

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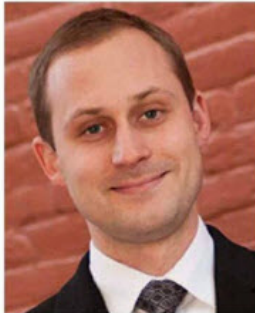


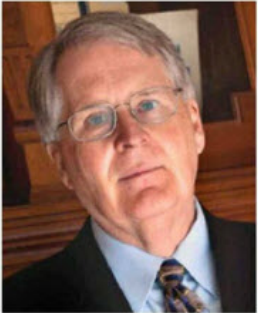
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Kenley, Brown announce road-funding task force recommendations

State Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville) and State Rep. Tim Brown (R-Crawfordsville), co-chairs of the Funding Indiana’s Roads for a Stronger Safer Tomorrow (FIRSST) task force, today announced the group’s recommendations ahead of the 2017 legislative session.



Kenley

The FIRSST task force was created as part of a comprehensive two-year road-funding plan passed in House Enrolled Act 1001 in 2016, and was charged with identifying new revenue sources to increase long-term funding for Indiana’s transportation infrastructure.

The Task Force found a variety of new revenue options for the state, ranging from increases in the gas tax, to tolling, to a vehicle fee. These options will be carefully debated and scrutinized by lawmakers, stakeholders and citizens when the legislative session begins in January.

“We know that the revenue sources we are using right now are not keeping up with our current and future transportation infrastructure needs,” Kenley said. “FIRSST has identified plenty of options that will be on the table as we move into the upcoming budget session. I am confident that through additional deliberative conversations, we will be able to identify a fiscally responsible plan to fund our infrastructure for years to come.”

Brown added that the strength of Indiana’s economy depends on sound transportation infrastructure.

“The work of the Task Force confirms that a quality network of roads and bridges is critical to Indiana’s future economic success,” Brown said. “In the upcoming session, I am committed to working with my colleagues to craft a road funding plan that is data-driven, comprehensive and sustainable.”

The Senate will reconvene for the 2017 legislative session Jan. 3 and the House of Representatives will reconvene Jan. 4. By law, the Indiana General Assembly must conclude the 2017 session by April 29.

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

- Matthew 11:2

50 Years Ago

News: Several members of the Hamilton County City Council came to their meeting in Noblesville this week knowing full well that any decision they made might make regarding the appropriation of money for the Courthouse would be a bad decision.

Sports: After five games of the 1966-67 basketball campaign Noblesville net boss Glen Harper is well pleased about two things. One, Harper’s Noblesville club has progressed better and faster than even the veteran coach had hoped.

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Don’t let a Grinch steal Christmas...

Remember home and travel safety during the holidays

Christmas vacations have started, or soon will be, and that means it is time to be extra mindful of home security and safety. Each year, the FBI reports a nationwide uptick in burglaries, especially home burglaries, with one recent year showing nearly 400,000 burglaries in November and December alone. Thieves look for clues of easy pickings so please don’t tip off a burglar of your plans or possessions.

*Make doubly sure doors and windows are locked, even if leaving home for just a short period. Deadbolt locks offer the best protection.

*Set your home alarm and keep the outside of your home well lit.

*When leaving home for an extended period, have neighbors gather mail and papers or have them held. Also ask someone to shovel the drive. Work with your neighbors to check homes.

*Put indoor and outdoor lights on automatic timers and leave a radio or

television on so your house appears occupied.

*Although you want to show off your decorations, gifts should not be visible from windows as they offer a ready temptation to thieves. Close curtains and drapes so your presents are not visible from outside.

*Record the make, model, and serial numbers of electronics, firearms, and other items so if they are stolen they can possibly be tracked. Taking photographs of important purchases is also advised.

*Be aware that criminals may pose as package deliverers or charity solicitors. If in doubt, contribute only to recognized charities.

*While you may be excited about your holiday and travel plans, it is not wise to advertise these on Facebook and other social media sites.

*Dispose of gift packaging discreetly and avoid large boxes in your curbside trash

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With warmer temperatures next week...

Now is the time to reinforce your mailbox for our next winter blast

The Indiana Department of Transportation is recommending that residents along state and U.S. highways make good use of the warmer temperatures to prepare their mailboxes for our next winter blast.

Snow and ice removal is INDOT’s number one priority in the winter months. INDOT’s yellow plow trucks often travel slower than the speed limit. INDOT snowfighters are careful to avoid mailboxes, but despite their best efforts, the weight of snow thrown from plows can cause damage to mailboxes with weak supports.

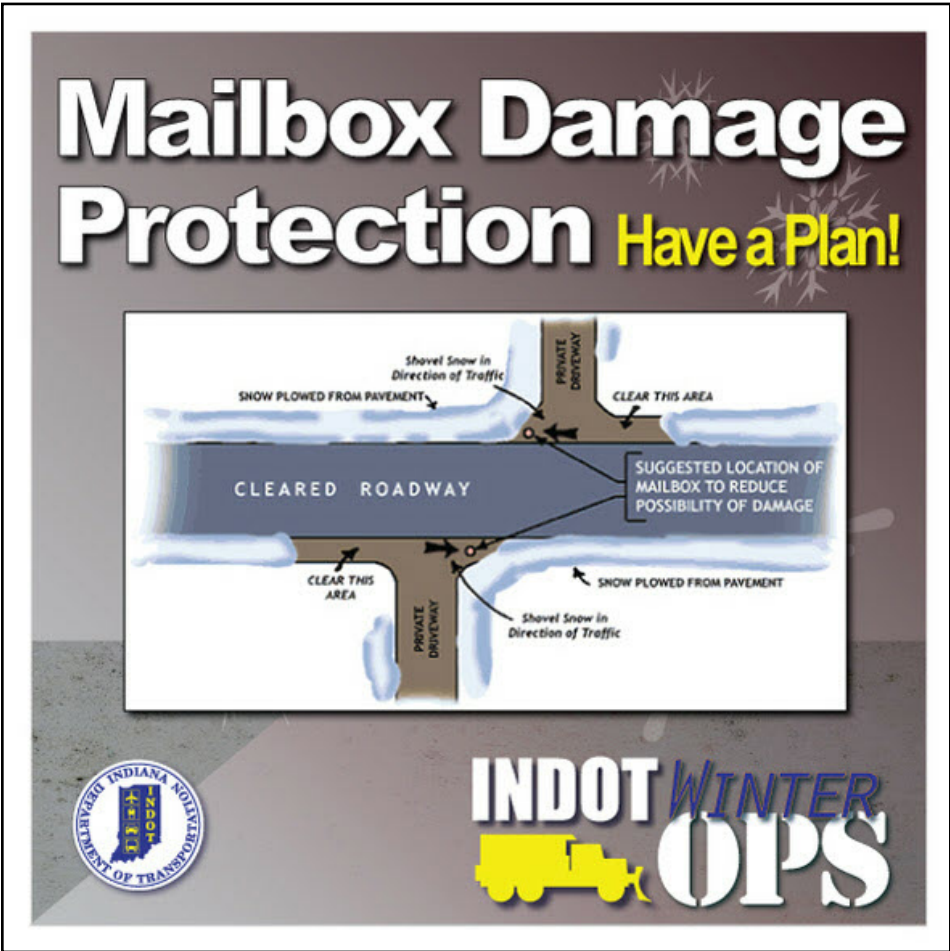
Property owners are responsible for installing and maintaining mailboxes on state highway right of way. If a mailbox is placed as far from the edge of the road as the carrier can reach from a vehicle and the mailbox is placed on a sturdy support, it should be able to withstand the force of snow thrown from a plow.

Keeping access areas near the mailbox clear of snow can help ensure safer delivery of mail and reduce the amount of snow coming off the plow.

INDOT offers these tips to help reduce the risk of mailbox damage:

- Place a 6- to 8-inch piece of reflective tape on the mailbox to help snowfighters see it at night.
- Remove snow from around your mailbox, but avoid throwing the snow back onto the roadway. This Missouri DOT video shows how to minimize snow being thrown onto your mailbox and driveway: <https://youtu.be/8Bm7mJxJOSU>
- Inspect your mailbox. Make sure it is firmly supported in the ground and check for deteriorated wooden posts and rusted metal posts. Also, make sure your mailbox is securely mounted to the post. Check the mounts for rust and wear as well.
- If possible, avoid plastic mailboxes. Some plastic mailboxes have a tendency to shatter in cold weather.
- If your mailbox continues to get knocked down, you may want to consider changing the location of the mailbox. Sometimes moving the mailbox a few feet in either direction can help.

INDOT is not able to repair damaged mailboxes. Homeowners who have followed these tips in the past and have still experienced mailbox damage should check local hardware stores for a snow shield or wooden protectors (as shown in the photo) for your mailbox or install a swinging mailbox support that will swing the mailbox out of harm’s way.



Graphic courtesy INDOT

SAFETY

From Page 3

pickup. Don't let your trash advertise what is inside your home.

*Be aware of fire hazards - candles, fireplaces, Christmas lights, and more.

*Holiday parties may be fun but make sure you don't let guests drive drunk. Provide non-alcoholic alternatives, designate sober drivers, or offer to let guests stay if needed.

If you see something unusual or suspicious, report it to Hamilton County Public Safety Communications at 317-773-1282 or 9-1-1 for an emergency so the appropriate first responders can be dispatched.

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INDOT to track Santa’s travels on its social media pages

The Indiana Department of Transportation will again promote safe travels this holiday season by tracking the movements of Santa Claus through Indiana on social media. Kris Kringle will pass Indiana landmarks, visit with INDOT staff and share travel tips he picks up on his long trip around the state.

Children who wish to participate should first ask their parents for permission or assistance, and look on the pages listed below for posts tagged #SantaStopsIN. Saint Nick is predicted to enter the state starting at 6 p.m. Eastern on Dec. 24 and spend a half hour in each of INDOT’s six regional districts in the order listed below.

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- 8:30 p.m. Vincennes District
[www.facebook.com/INDOTVincennesDistrict](#)
[www.twitter.com/INDOTSouthwest](#)

New Ohio River bridges near Louisville

New and improved Ohio River Bridges welcome holiday travelers and reduce travel times between Louisville and southern Indiana.

Earlier this week, Indiana Lt. Governor and Governor-elect Eric Holcomb ceremonially opened the State Road 265 Lewis and Clark Bridge, completing an interstate-quality loop around the Louisville Metro. The new Ohio River bridge and connecting roads just east of Jeffersonville, IN allow I-64 and I-65 traffic to bypass downtown Louisville when connecting to I-71 or Lexington, KY.

The \$2.3 billion Louisville-Southern Indiana Ohio River Bridges Project also includes new and improved I-65 bridges that opened to their final configuration in November.

Tolling begins on the I-65 and SR-265 Ohio River crossings on Friday, Dec. 30. All-electronic tolling will be used, which means no stopping for toll booths or change buckets. For the lowest toll rate, use your existing E-Z Pass transponder or create a prepaid account at [www.RiverLink.com](#). For drivers without prepaid accounts, bills will be mailed to the address registered to the vehicle.

Two new and improved Ohio River bridges were open to travelers. The bridges connect roads just east of Jeffersonville and allows I-64 and I-65 traffic to bypass downtown Louisville.

- Road work suspended**
- The holidays mark the unofficial end to this year’s road construction. Crews may continue earth moving, demolition, clearing and bridge work as weather permits this winter.
- INDOT contractors will pull back barrels and barricades to the safest extent possible for holiday travel and the winter. Some restrictions will remain in place for ongoing road construction, including:
- I-65 lanes are shifted for widening construction between State Road 26 (Exit 172) and State Road 25 (Exit 175) near Lafayette.
 - I-69 lanes are shifted toward the right shoulders for widening construction between State Road 37 (Exit 205) in Fishers and State Road 38 (Exit 219) near Pendleton. Large trucks are advised to use the left lane through the work zone.
 - Sections of State Road 37 from Bloomington to just south of Martinsville are reduced to one lane in each direction for Interstate 69 construction.

- Know before you go**
- INDOT reminds Hoosiers to drive defensively and plan extra travel time during the holidays. Hoosier Helpers sponsored by State Farm will patrol urban interstates in Indianapolis, Northwest Indiana and Southern Indiana near Louisville during heavy travel periods this holiday.
- Learn about traffic and road conditions, crashes and construction on state highways by visiting [http://indot.carsprogram.org](#), calling 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or dialing 511 from a mobile phone.
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Hasch to resign NHS athletic director position



Hasch

Noblesville High School athletic director Michael Hasch announced that he will resign that position for family and personal reasons. Hasch’s resignation will be effective Jan. 3, 2017. Hasch has been the athletic director at NHS since 2010. During Hasch's tenure as the Noblesville athletic director, he oversaw several big occasions for the Millers. That included the creation of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame, the changes in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, and Noblesville's 2014 baseball state championship. "I am proud of my efforts to lead Noblesville into the realigned Hoosier Crossroads Conference, and all of the accomplishments of our student-athletes in the classroom and on the field of play," said Hasch. "I am most

proud of the creation and legacy of the Unified & Champions Together program." Hasch came to Noblesville after spending two years as the Clinton Central High School athletic director. Prior to that, he was the boys basketball coach at Park Tudor for three seasons (2005-08), guiding the Panthers to a sectional championship in 2007. Tony Oilar, the Millers' assistant athletic director, will become the school's interim athletic director on Jan. 3. The school plans to begin its search for a new athletic director in February, and have a candidate ready to present to the school board by the spring. The goal is to have a new athletic director by July 1, if not sooner.

Noblesville girls win on the road...

Knight’s block, Herron’s FTs clinch the victory

Noblesville picked up a big win on the road Thursday, beating Class 3A No. 4 Northwestern 61-56.



Knight



Herron

The Millers led 25-21 at halftime and 39-32 after three quarters. The Tigers made a push in the fourth quarter, cutting Noblesville's lead to 59-56 with 29.6 seconds left. But Maddie Knight blocked a Northwestern drive to the basket, and Brooke Herron made foul shots to clinch the game. Knight was the leading scorer, with 15 points, and also had five rebounds and four steals. Herron added 13 points, pulled down six rebounds and handed out four assists. Sam Salmon drained three 3-pointers on her way to 11 points, she also five had rebounds. Mallory Johnson and Emily Kiser each scored 10 points, with Kiser reaching double-double territory with 17 rebounds.

Noblesville is now 8-6, and will play at the Greensburg Tournament on Tuesday. The Millers take on New Palestine at noon in the second first-round game of the day.

Noblesville 61, Northwestern 56

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mallory Johnson	3-9	3-5	10	1
Olivia Morales	0-3	0-0	0	1
Maddie Knight	3-7	8-11	15	3
Madison Whetro	0-2	0-0	0	0
Brooke Herron	2-3	9-12	13	4
Emily Kiser	5-9	0-1	10	2
Kaylin Mertens	1-1	0-0	2	1
Sam Salmon	3-9	2-2	11	1
Totals	17-43	22-31	61	13
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	13	12	14	22 - 61
Northwestern	11	10	11	24 - 56
Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-15) Salmon 3-7, Johnson 1-6, Knight 1-2.				
Noblesville rebounds (37) Kiser 17, Herron 6, Knight 5, Salmon 5, Johnson 1, Morales 1, team 2.				

Parrish scores 33 points...

Patient Royals get past Plainfield

Hamilton Southeastern slowly but steadily won the race with Plainfield on Thursday, as the Royals eventually crossed the finish line with a 58-49 victory. The Class 4A No. 5 Royals led the Quakers 19-15 after the first quarter and 32-27 at halftime. While Southeastern was able to push its lead to around 10 points a few times during the game, Plainfield came up with a few big shots to keep it close. "I thought our kids worked really well together," said HSE coach Chris Huppenthal. "Syd hitting shots helped." "Syd" is Sydney Parrish, the freshman star who poured in 33 points for Southeastern. That was in addition to five blocked shots. "They went to a triangle-and-two in the second half, for a good part of it," said Huppenthal of Plainfield's defense. "I thought our kids were patient through it. It's not something that we have really ever worked on, we haven't worked a lot through it. But our kids managed it." Malea Jackson added 10 points; she and Amaya Hamilton led the rebounding with five boards each. Molly Walton, who started in place of an injured Bre Lloyd, helped out with five steals and four assists. "Molly did a great job," said Huppenthal. "I don't know how many minutes she played, but I know she played a ton. She had an exceptional second half." Next up for the now 13-2 Royals is the North Central Tournament. Southeastern plays its first round game at 2 p.m. Wednesday, against Springboro (Ohio).

Southeastern 58, Plainfield 49

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Malea Jackson	4-8	1-2	10	0
Sydney Parrish	13-21	4-5	33	1
Molly Walton	2-5	1-2	5	1
Amaya Hamilton	2-3	0-2	4	3
Tayah Irvin	1-5	1-3	3	1
Olivia Kegley	0-0	0-0	0	2
Haydn Braun	1-2	0-0	3	0
Shelby Ford	0-1	0-0	0	0
Kiki Sundling	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	23-45	7-14	58	9
Score by Quarters				
Plainfield	15	12	11	11 - 49
Southeastern	19	13	12	14 - 58
Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-17) Parrish 3-8, Jackson 1-2, Braun 1-2, Walton 0-3, Irvin 0-2.				
Southeastern rebounds (21) Jackson 5, Hamilton 5, Walton 4, Parrish 4, Kegley 2, Irvin 1.				



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Hamilton Southeastern’s Malea Jackson (3) scored 10 points for the Royals in their 58-49 win over Plainfield Thursday. BELOW: Molly Walton started for Southeastern, and helped out with five steals and four assists.



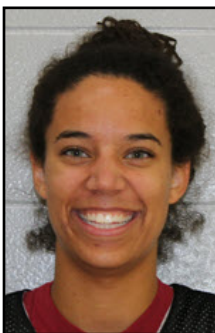
‘Hawks hold off Attica, 50-46

Sheridan held off a tough Attica team Thursday at Hobbs Gymnasium, by the score of 50-46. The Blackhawks trailed 10-9 after the first quarter, but came back to build a 25-17 halftime lead. The Red Ramblers made a run in the third period to cut Sheridan's lead to 33-30, but the 'Hawks held on in the fourth quarter to secure the win. Brittany Welch scored 28 points for Sheridan, and also grabbed eight rebounds, made six steals and blocked four shots. Audrey Reed added 12 points. Jillian O'Flaherty helped the defense with four steals, and Heather Barker had two blocks. The Blackhawks are now 9-1, and will

host Lapel on Wednesday.

Sheridan 50, Attica 46

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jillian O'Flaherty	1-6	1-2	4	2
Nixon Williams	1-4	0-4	2	1
Heather Barker	1-2	2-4	4	4
Audrey Reed	3-15	6-10	12	2
Brittany Welch	11-28	5-8	28	2
Holly Barker	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17-55	14-28	50	11
Score by Quarters				
Attica	10	7	13	16 - 46
Sheridan	9	16	8	17 - 50
Sheridan 3-point shooting (2-14) Welch 1-8, O'Flaherty 1-4, Reed 0-2.				



Welch



He. Barker

Sheridan rebounds (17) Welch 8, Reed 5, Williams 3, He. Barker 1.

HEIGHTS PLAYS AT FLOYD CENTRAL TOURNAMENT

Hamilton Heights’ boys basketball team played at the Floyd Central Tournament on Thursday. See results on Page 7.

Including OT loss to Roncalli...

Huskies drop two at Floyd Central

Hamilton Heights had a frustrating day at the Floyd Central Tournament Thursday, as the Huskies were dealt two close losses.

In its first-round game, Heights fell to Roncalli in overtime 75-73. The Huskies came back from a 51-42 deficit after the third quarter to force the extra period, but were edged by the Rebels 11-9 in OT.

Caymn Lutz had a fantastic game, going 10-of-13 for 23 points, and also making seven steals. Sterling Weatherford added 12 and Austin Sauerteig scored 10. Drayden Thomas and Tyler Wiltermood both grabbed five rebounds.

In the consolation game, Heights lost to Franklin County 53-46. The Huskies led 19-10 after the first quarter, but FC cut that lead to 21-20 at halftime, then took control in the third period.

Lutz scored 11 points, with Max Wahl adding 10. Wiltermood had seven rebounds.

Heights is now 4-5, and is off until Jan. 6 when it travels to Northwestern.

Roncalli 75, Heights 73

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Heights				
Caymn Lutz	10-13	3-4	23	0
Austin Sauerteig	3-9	2-2	10	3
Max Wahl	4-6	0-0	9	5
Sterling Weatherford	2-6	7-11	12	4
Tyler Wiltermood	2-4	0-0	4	2
Drayden Thomas	2-7	0-0	4	3
Noah Wallace	1-1	0-0	3	2
Dawson Phifer	2-6	0-0	6	1
Caleb Bean	1-1	0-0	2	1
Max Beale	0-1	0-0	0	2
Totals	27-54	12-17	73	23
Score by Quarters				



Lutz



Wiltermood

Roncalli 16 17 18 13 11 - 75
Heights 11 14 17 22 9 - 73
Heights 3-point shooting (7-23) Sauerteig 2-8, Phifer 2-5, Wahl 1-3, Weatherford 1-3, Wallace 101, Thomas 0-2, Wiltermood 0-1.
Heights rebounds (22) Thomas 5, Wiltermood 5, Lutz 4, Weatherford 4, Sauerteig 3, Bean 1.

Franklin County 53, Heights 46

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Heights				
Caymn Lutz	1-8	9-10	11	2
Max Wahl	4-7	1-3	10	3
Austin Sauerteig	2-6	1-2	6	0
Tyler Wiltermood	3-5	0-0	6	1
Caleb Bean	2-6	2-2	6	1
Dawson Phifer	0-3	0-0	0	1
Drayden Thomas	3-4	0-0	7	2
Noah Wallace	0-1	0-0	0	1
Max Beale	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-41	13-17	46	11
Score by Quarters				
FCHS	10	10	19	14 - 53
Heights	19	2	12	13 - 46
Heights 3-point shooting (3-11) Sauerteig 1-3, Wahl 1-2, Thomas 1-1, Phifer 0-3, Lutz 0-2.				
Heights rebounds (18) Wiltermood 7, Thomas 4, Phifer 2, Bean 2, Wahl 1, Lutz 1, Sauerteig 1.				

Middle school results

The Noblesville West Middle School eighth-grade "A" boys basketball team beat Noblesville East 34-23 on Wednesday.

The West Millers were led by Kriese with nine points, followed by Durham 8, Bowen 5, Conard 4, Tolliver 4, Moller 2 and Easters 2. Tolliver also grabbed nine rebounds, followed by Moller 4, Eastern 2, Kriese 2, Durham 1 and Conard 1.

Evan Wilson had 19 points for the East Millers, with Jared Crandall and Hunter Morrison each scoring two points.

Noblesville Holiday Tournament pairings

Here are pairings for next week's Noblesville boys basketball Holiday Tournament: **Tuesday, Dec. 27**

- 10:00 am Game 1: Columbus North vs. Fishers (home)
- 12:00 pm Game 2: Pike vs. Bloomington South (home)
- 2:00 pm Game 3: Chesterton vs. Noblesville (home)
- 4:00 pm Game 4: Columbus East vs. Crown Point (home)
- 6:00 pm Game 5: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2 (home)
- 8:00 pm Game 6: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4 (home)

Wednesday, Dec. 28

- 10:00 am Game 7: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (home)
- 12:00 pm Game 8: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (home)
- 2:00 pm Game 9 **7th Place:** Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 (home)
- 4:00 pm Game 10 **5th Place:** Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (home)
- 6:00 pm Game 11 **3rd Place:** Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8 (home)
- 8:00 pm Game 12 **Championship:** Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (home)

Dominating second quarter sends Celtics past Pacers

By GREG RAPPAPORT

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Even with a furious fourth-quarter rally, the Pacers were unable to overcome the sharp play of the Boston Celtics, who used a dominating second quarter to build an early lead against the Pacers as Boston went on to win 109-102 on Thursday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

On a number of occasions, Indiana got its deficit down to just five points, but each time, the comeback bid was stymied by Boston's offense, spearheaded by the play of Isaiah Thomas, who finished the night with 28 points and nine assists.

"We had to play with a sense of urgency," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said after the game. "We were down. But it's going to be tough to beat any team when you have 19 turnovers and only 20 assists. There was sloppy play, particularly in the first half."

The Pacers' comeback came to life when Thaddeus Young hit a 3-pointer to make it 98-93 with under two minutes remaining in the game, but a quick Avery Bradley bucket in the paint once again pushed Indiana out of striking distance, as the Pacers fell to 15-16 on the season.

Indiana was trailing by 10 late, until C.J. Miles scored seven straight for the Pacers, his last of which also brought the Pacers within five.

But just as Bradley did when Young had cut the lead down, Thomas scorched the Pacers inside, moving the comeback out of reach.

"Isaiah (Thomas) is a strong aggressive guard," Paul George said. "Coach's game plan was right on. We had the right game plan in place for this team and we did a good job for the most part, just not quite good enough."

In the waning moments of the game, needing to foul to stop the clock, Indiana used a 3-pointer from Jeff Teague and free throws from Miles to make it a one-possession game, but the Pacers were never on offense while down three, needing to send opposing shooters to the free throw line to stay alive. Despite giving the home crowd a late thrill, Boston was able to close out the game at the stipe.

The Celtics (17-12)—now winners of four straight—jumped out to an early lead to start the game, up until the Pacers' starting unit began clicking, outscoring the

Celtics 14-6 to force a Boston timeout. While the Celtics regained the lead with a 3-pointer to make it 22-20, the Pacers wrested it right back with the help of an 11-0 run triggered by a powerful one-handed Myles Turner slam in transition.

The run helped give the Pacers separation, as Indiana entered the second quarter with a nine-point edge on the visitors.

That lead, it turned out, wasn't built to last, as Boston's offense continued to find chances while Indiana's offense stayed grounded, with the Celtics reeling off a devastating 17-0 run to open the quarter. By the time the Pacers scored a point, 5:30 of game time had elapsed as the score was flipped on its head.

Thanks to their earlier cushion, the Pacers were able to tighten the game on a Thaddeus Young 3-pointer to make it 44-40, but Boston closed the half with force, extending its lead to 11 at the break.

Out of the halftime locker room, the Pacers were able to close the gap to 55-49 following a Teague layup, but Boston responded with a 10-0 punch, six of which came from the hot hand of Bradley.

Even after Thad Young quelled the string of scoring with a pair of buckets to bring Indiana's deficit to 12, Boston continued its torrid play, extending its advantage to 69-53. Thankfully for the Pacers, a transition opportunity gave Turner yet another chance for a rim-rocking slam, bringing life to the crowd and forcing a Boston timeout with 3:44 left in the third quarter.

Over the last four minutes of the third, it was the Jeff Teague show for Indiana, as the point guard scored or assisted on all five of Indiana's buckets to close the quarter, including a nifty dime to Al Jefferson, who slammed it home.

A Kelly Olynyk three temporarily stalled Indiana's comeback bid, but the electric Teague hit a baseline jumper to close the quarter, sending the Pacers into the fourth trailing 77-67.

After a converted and-1 from George, the Pacers got a scare when George's legs slipped out from under him while making a crossover dribble with 8:47 in the game. Luckily for the Blue & Gold, George stayed in the game, knocking down two more free throws to bring the lead down to single digits.



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Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	20	8	.714	-
Boston	17	12	.586	3.5
New York	16	13	.552	4.5
Brooklyn	7	21	.250	13.
Philadelphia	7	21	.250	13.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Charlotte	16	13	.552	-
Atlanta	14	15	.483	2.0
Washington	13	15	.464	2.5
Orlando	13	18	.419	4.0
Miami	10	20	.310	6.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	21	6	.778	-
Chicago	14	14	.500	7.5
Indiana	15	16	.484	8.0
Milwaukee	13	14	.481	8.0
Detroit	14	17	.452	9.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	18	12	.600	-
Oklahoma City	17	12	.586	0.5
Portland	13	18	.419	5.5
Denver	12	17	.414	5.5
Minnesota	9	19	.321	8.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	23	6	.793	-
Houston	22	8	.733	1.5
Memphis	19	12	.613	5.0
New Orleans	10	21	.323	14.0
Dallas	8	21	.276	15.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	26	4	.867	-
L.A. Clippers	22	8	.733	4.0
Sacramento	12	17	.414	13.5
L.A. Lakers	11	21	.344	16.0
Phoenix	8	21	.276	17.5

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6. Go low, as in jeans
9. "Oh, my!"
13. Underway
14. Tire measurement
15. Wear away
16. Luciano Pavarotti, e.g.
17. Roman goddess of plenty
18. Previously an Oiler
19. *"...I'm ready, yes, I'm ready for you. I'm standing on my own _____"
21. *"On a dark desert highway, cool wind in _____"
23. It's all the rage
24. Person, place or thing
25. PC brain
28. Bingo-like game
30. Moses' older sister
35. Be in pain
37. Sail support
39. *"Come on, shake your body, baby, do the _____"

40. "Heat of the Moment" band
41. Single-cell protozoan
43. *Then along comes _____"
44. Great white, e.g.
46. "Goodness gracious!"
47. Commoner
48. *"Raindrops are falling on _____"
50. Saharan-like
52. "Cause I'm a woman! W-O-M-A-N..." singer
53. Like Roman Empire
55. ENT's first concern
57. *"My daddy's sleeping and mama ain't _____"
60. *"So put another dime in the _____"
64. *"...I'll tell you all about it when I see you _____"
65. "_____ to Joy"
67. Abomination
68. Formal dishes
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70. *"Oh, I was only twenty four hours from _____"

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 10. "Laughing on the inside" in text
 11. Month of Purim
 12. D.C. bigwig
 15. Thai or Mexican food, e.g.
 20. a.k.a. dropsy
 22. Delish!
 24. Small bouquet
 25. Geological rift
 26. Aggressive
 27. "Umble" Heep

29. *"I've got a blank space, baby, and I'll write your _____"
31. Boisterous play
32. Collectively
33. Come to terms
34. *"...Here's my number, so call me _____"
36. Container weight
38. Kind of ski lift
42. "Farewell" in Paris
45. V.I.P. in Hawaii
49. Draper of "Mad Men"
51. Actress Fanning
54. Parkinson's drug
56. Updike's "Rabbit _____"
57. Turkish honorific
58. *"All you get is pain. When I wanted sunshine I got _____"
59. Sound on Old MacDonald's farm
60. Audience's rejection
61. Hillary's hubby
62. British river
63. December 25th, for short
64. Pre-college challenge
66. Party bowlful