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**TODAY'S WEATHER**



Today: Scattered showers in the morning and early afternoon.  
Tonight: Clearing and colder.  
HIGH: 53 LOW: 32



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## NHS students make stockings for soldiers



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NHS Fashion and Textile students made 50 Christmas stockings for soldiers at Indiana's Camp Atterbury who are leaving for, and returning from, active service. Stockings were filled with toiletry items, drink mixes and gum donated by Noblesville Ace Hardware, Meijer, Walmart and Kroger. (Front row, from left) Martha Smith, Alexa Leisure, Lauren Chatterton and Megan Howard. (Back row, from left) Faith Paris, Isabelle Lavengood, Gabrielle Pfledderer and Deja Williams.

## Baitz will not run in 2018

With the 2018 Primary Election rapidly approaching, the office of Hamilton County Clerk of Courts is one of several offices to appear on next year's ballot. It is my intention to *not* seek a fourth term as Clerk of Courts.

I began working in the Clerk's Office back in 1976 and through the years I have served under four Clerks in various capacities.

I ran for Clerk and served two terms from 2000 through 2007. My third term began Jan. 1, 2015, and will end Dec. 31, 2018.

I have seen many changes over my years working in the office the most recent of which is the implementation of e-filing.

I am very proud of my staff of 50 full- and part-time deputy clerks and the work they accomplish each day on behalf of the county.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as an elected official and want to thank the citizens of Hamilton County for the privilege.

Most respectfully,  
**Tammy Baitz**  
Clerk of Courts

## HSE board reverses decision on calendar

By **LARRY LANNAN**  
LarryInFishers.com



District will report for classes in the 2018-2019 school year on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, following a vote by the board at a special meeting held Wednesday evening. The board voted 6-1 to reverse a school calendar decision made at a regular meeting last week. Sylvia Shepler was the lone no vote. The board voted 4-3 last week to start school two days earlier in August and add two days to the Thanksgiving week break to provide a full week of vacation. After a social media deluge of comments from the public, and a Change.org online petition, board President Matt Burke called the special

meeting to reconsider the decision after consulting with Superintendent Allen Bourff and other members of the board.

To review the 2018-2019 school calendar approved by the board, [see this link](#).

To review the 2019-2020 calendar, [see this link](#).

The calendars for the coming two school years approved by the board Wednesday night are the calendar recommendations from Dr. Bourff, made in consultation with the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA). The calendars approved are similar to the calendar for the current school year.

There were 14 public comments made at the special board session about the calendar issue. One person said his company uses high school interns, and even two fewer days in the summer would limit what those

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## Arcadia diving coach arrested

### The REPORTER

A local diving coach has been arrested on multiple counts of child seduction and sexual misconduct.

On, Tuesday, Nov. 28, the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force arrested Johel E. Ramirez Suarez, 34, Noblesville on five counts of sexual misconduct with a minor, each a Level 5 felony; five counts of child seduction, each a Level 6 felony; and 27 counts of battery, each a Class B misdemeanor.

Ramirez was the assistant dive coach for North Central High School and a dive coach at Ripfest Diving in Arcadia. The investigation led to a juvenile female who was training Rip-Fest. The juvenile alleged that Ramirez Suarez, a coach for the organization, touched her inappropriately on more than one occasion.

Investigators believe the sexual misconduct began in September of 2015 and lasted right before his arrest



Photo provided

Following an interview with investigators Sunday, Ramirez Suarez was taken into custody Tuesday.

on Tuesday.

With his hands handcuffed behind his back, police escorted Ramirez into the Hamilton County Jail on Tuesday. Although Ramirez was a dive coach for North Central, that is not where the allegations stemmed from. Most come

from Ripfest Diving.

It's uncertain how long Ramirez was a coach there. But, police say they began investigating two weeks ago after a 16-year old confided in a

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## Referendum to seek Carmel, Clay merger

By **FRED SWIFT**  
ReadTheReporter.com

With Home Place now annexed by Carmel effective Jan. 1, Carmel will move to merge city and township government since the entire township will comprise city territory.

The merger will eliminate the township as a political entity. It will require approval by voters in a citywide referendum. That referendum could come as early as November of 2018, although Township Trustee Doug Callahan says it is more likely in 2020.

Placing a referendum on the ballot will require a joint resolution by the Carmel City Council and the Clay Township Board asking the county election board to make arrangements for the balloting.

If voters approve, the administration of Mayor Jim Brainard will achieve what has been sought for several years; a township-wide city comprised of just over 50 square miles with a population of around 95,000.

Whether Carmel will inherit all of the township's assets and liabilities

remains a question. The township has several million dollars in reserve plus various fire department properties and equipment. But, the township also sold bonds of more than \$50 million several years ago to finance the award-winning Central Park and Monon Center.

With a merger, the city will take complete control of the park system, now a joint operation, as well as the fire department, and become responsible for poor relief and cemetery maintenance.

Although allowed by

state law, there have been very few mergers of city and township governments. Marion County still retains township governments despite the fact that Unigov spreads through all nine townships.

Home Place, whose residents decided last week to not continue a 12-year legal fight against annexation, was the last portion of Clay Township not incorporated by Carmel. Home Place, centered at 106th Street and College Avenue, has just under 5,000 residents living in a two-square-mile area.

## Westfield in Lights Saturday

### The REPORTER

Downtown Westfield comes alive with holiday magic this Saturday as Westfield in Lights comes to town.

This year's event features live reindeer, food and retail vendors, wagon rides, carriage rides, train rides, live music, Girl Scout gingerbread house competition and the popular tree-lighting ceremony.

Kids attending the event will have a chance to get their picture taken with Santa Claus at no cost and to send a letter to the North Pole at the Santa Station. Kids can also get free pictures with Frosty the Snowman thanks to Nspire Church.

Attendees will be able

to participate in a silent auction for the one-of-a-kind Girl Scout gingerbread houses, with proceeds going to Open Doors. Bidding starts at \$25 and the auction ends at 6:30 p.m.

The Westfield Friends Church will once again be featuring a live nativity at Hadley Park, at the northwest corner of Main and Union streets.

The schedule for the main stage area is as follows:

- 4:30 to 4:50 p.m., Oak Trace Treble Choir
- 5 to 5:20 p.m., Holiday Stories with Carol Ann Woelfel
- 5:30 to 5:50 p.m., Reindeer Show

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## ARREST

former member of the school. The juvenile told police that Ramirez rubbed her vaginal area while stretching and massaging her. According to court documents, it began when she was just 15 years old and happened more times than she could count.

Further investigation led to two adult females who alleged similar behavior by the coach while they were at the facility used by RipFest.

Washington Township Schools released the following statement after learning of the arrest:

"Washington Township Schools received information from Hamilton County Law Enforcement that our assistant diving coach, Johel Ramirez, has allegations levied against him of improper conduct through

a swim club he is associated with in Arcadia, IN. Immediately upon receiving this information, Washington Township placed him on administrative leave from his assistant diving coaching position at North Central High School pending further investigation. We do not have any reports or information that any students in Washington Township are involved in this alleged misconduct."

Ripfest also released the following statement after the arrest:

"When we were made aware of allegations against one of our coaches, we immediately removed him from our program and instructed him not to return to our facility pending the outcome of the investigation. In light of recent developments, we

have terminated him immediately. We have cooperated fully with law enforcement and we will continue to do so. RipFest Diving is committed to providing the highest quality training for our diving students in an extremely professional and safe environment."

Ramirez Suarez was taken into custody following an interview at his Noblesville home Sunday. He is currently being held at the Hamilton County Jail.

The investigation was conducted in conjunction with Homeland Security Investigations. Additional investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information should contact the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force.

WISH-TV 24-Hour News 8 contributed to this story.

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## HSE

interns could learn in that experience.

Another parent said the extra days off for students would not necessarily mean more family time because parents are not always able to take time away from their jobs to spend time with their school-age children.

There were some comments about the number of snow make-up days set aside at the end of May, and whether they are needed

with the recent mild winters in the Fishers area.

Janet Chandler, President of the HSEA, told the board 95 percent of teachers want to start the school year in August on a Wednesday, not a Monday. Ninety-four percent of teachers favor a full two weeks off for winter break. She also expressed the need for each semester to be as equal in the number of days as possible. Teachers

also feel e-learning should be utilized when there are snow days.

Superintendent Bourff complimented board members, saying in his 27 years in school administration, he has never seen a local school board reconsider a major decision as this board was willing to do.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** A special thanks to my wife Jane Lannan for her help in putting this story together.

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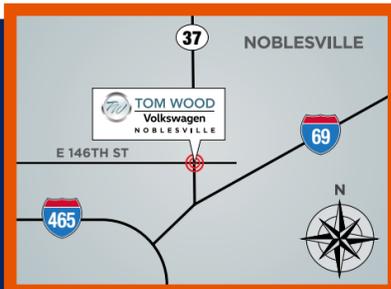
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# Start a tradition of giving with “Stuff-Your-Stocking”

The holiday season has officially kicked off in Noblesville with the many traditions that families have come to enjoy year after year – such as the arrival of Santa during the annual parade, the lighting of the Christmas tree and the display of ice sculptures lining the square. Yes, we have much to be grateful for given the many blessings we enjoy as a community thanks to the individuals and organizations that make all these activities possible.

As the holiday fun continues, this Friday night is



STEVE COOKE  
Deputy Mayor, Noblesville

your family’s chance to start a new tradition – by giving back to those who need it most with the Noblesville Youth Assistance second annual “Stuff-Your-Stocking” event.

By purchasing a ticket for \$15, your child will get a special stocking he or she can bring to participating businesses around the square and “stuff it” with fun treats, toys and ornaments provided by downtown merchants. Families also are encouraged to buy an extra stocking to “stuff it” and donate it for a child in need.

It all happens during

Noblesville Main Street’s “First Friday” event from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 1. Downtown merchants will welcome shoppers with special sales, Santa will greet children at his house on the square for hot chocolate and carolers’ voices will fill the air outside with the joyous sounds of the season.

And your family will have begun a new tradition of giving – one that helps local families with at-risk kids who depend on Noblesville Youth Assistance every year for its critical programs and services.

Tickets must be purchased in advance here: [eventbrite.com/e/2017-noblesville-stuff-your-stock-ing-tickets-39399219125](http://eventbrite.com/e/2017-noblesville-stuff-your-stock-ing-tickets-39399219125).

After registering, the pre-paid stockings and maps of participating businesses can be picked up at the law offices of Church Church Hittle + Antrim, located at 2 N. Ninth St. in Noblesville.

Anyone who wants to donate a stocking for a Noblesville Youth Assistance family can simply bring the stocking back to CCH+A.

If you are unable to support Noblesville Youth Assistance Program this Friday, visit the [NYAP website](http://NYAPwebsite) and click on the link to become a mentor or tutor – or consider making a financial donation to support NYAP programs and services.

See you on the square!

# Sheriff’s Office helps with blood shortage

## The REPORTER

The Sheriff’s Office is once again hosting a blood drive for the Indiana Blood Center, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11. Blood supplies often run low this time of year as end of the year surgeries are planned and there are fewer donations. Please consider giving the gift of blood this holiday season. Look for the mobile blood

center at the front entrance to the Sheriff’s Office on Monday, Dec. 11.

To schedule a donation time, please go to [donorpoint.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/114858](http://donorpoint.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/114858). More information about donating can be found at [indianablood.org](http://indianablood.org). If you can’t make it on Dec. 11, donation centers are open for your convenience.

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- 6 to 6:20 p.m., WHS Band
- 6:30 to 6:50 p.m., WHS Signature Sound Show Choir

The tree-lighting occurs promptly at 7 p.m. The tree-lighting countdown will be led by the winner of the Westfield Welcome Ugly Holiday Sweater

Competition. To enter for your chance to win, visit the [Westfield in Lights event page on Facebook](http://WestfieldinLights) and submit your photo.

For more information on this year’s Westfield in Lights event, including event map and parking, visit [westfieldwelcome.com/westfield-in-lights](http://westfieldwelcome.com/westfield-in-lights).

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# Help Secret Families this Christmas

## The REPORTER

Secret Families of Hamilton County announces the launch of its Christmas Charity event for 2017. First brought to Hamilton County in 2014, Secret Families of Hamilton County has served 62 families, totaling over 300 individuals who have received a complete Christmas.

In 2016, 240 volunteers helped Secret Families provide a very Merry Christmas to families from 15 elementary schools in Hamilton County. Families are selected based on

recommendations from elementary school principals and guidance counselors in the local school districts. Every attempt is made to serve all the families whose names Secret Families receives. In 2016, Secret Families served 40 families. Each year as many families as funding allows are served.

Secret Families provides a complete Christmas for each family, including wrapped presents for each member of the household, a live decorated Christmas tree, a \$50 Meijer gift card to pur-

chase food for the holiday and a Bible. A total of \$550 is spent per family. Gifts purchased are based on family interviews discussing specific needs, sizes, etc. Families also receive a food box containing about 50 pounds of non-perishable food, and an in-kind bag full of household and personal care items.

This year's event will be on Saturday, Dec. 9. More information is available on the Secret Families of Hamilton County website at [secretfamilieshc.org](http://secretfamilieshc.org). Donations may be made on the website and volunteers

may register to work on Dec. 9 as well.

How can you help? Volunteering your time, making cash donations and donations of wrapping materials are all needed and greatly appreciated. Please consider sponsoring a family for 2015. Perhaps your company would match your generosity as well. This is also a perfect initiative for churches, home groups, social or fraternal clubs, service organizations, or corporations to come together to sponsor one or more families. Donations of any size

are appreciated and vital to the program's success. Secret Families has no paid employees and the only other expenses incurred are bank and credit card fees and website domain name registrations.

Secret Families of Hamilton County is a one-day event. Where else can you donate funds, help purchase gifts with those funds, help wrap the presents purchased and be part of the delivery team getting to see the looks of amazement on the families' faces? Then you get to come back together to

share a meal provided by Chuy's Fresh Tex Mex as well as hear and share stories from the day's activities. Every volunteer will tell you their lives have been impacted by being a part of this event. Children are encouraged to participate as well.

The long-term goal for Secret Families is for no child in Hamilton County to be told there will not be any holiday celebration in his or her home this year.

For more information, please email [Tom.Flanagan@secretfamilieshc.org](mailto:Tom.Flanagan@secretfamilieshc.org) or call 317-363-8431.

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<b>Sunday, December 3, 2017</b>	<b>Grand Park Sports Campus, Lot C</b>
7:30AM - 8:45AM - Race Registration	19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield, IN
8:00AM - 20K Race Starts - \$35.00	<b>7:30AM - 11:30AM - Food Donation Drive Thru Lane Open</b>
8:15AM - 15K Race Starts - \$30.00	
8:30AM - 10K Race Starts - \$25.00	
8:45AM - 5K Race Starts - \$20.00	<b>*Food Drive Lane Open to Public*</b>

\$10.00 of each registration will be donated to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. Each \$10.00 donation will turn into a \$30.00 Meijer Gift Card as part of the Meijer Simply Gives program taking place on December 8 & 9, 2017.

**For registration and information, visit:**  
[www.grandpark.org/running-series](http://www.grandpark.org/running-series)

## Extra bus added for Noblesville Parks' Christmas Shop in Chicago trip

### The REPORTER

Seat reservations for the day-trip getaway to explore shops and holiday lights in Chicago went quickly, so the Noblesville Parks Department has added a third bus to accommodate more residents on its annual "Chicago Christmas Shop-

ping" bus trip on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Due to the demand, those interested in traveling are encouraged to reserve their seats now. The bus will leave Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., at 7 a.m. and will return at approximately 11 p.m. The

cost is \$50 per person and the deadline to register is 6 p.m. today, or when the bus is filled. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. To register or for more information, call the parks office at (317) 776-6350 or visit [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org).

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# Hamilton County Express announces fare changes

**The REPORTER**

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the fare to ride Hamilton County Express Public Transit will change.

Hamilton County Express is a reservation-based public transportation service for Hamilton County. In cooperation with INDOT and Hamilton County, Janus started the service in 2007 to meet the transportation needs of residents. The service is supported by a federal public transit matching grant. Matching funds are provided by Hamilton County and the State of Indiana.

Hamilton County Express provides origin-to-destination rides anywhere in Hamilton County. HCE also picks up and drops off at five IndyGo bus stops located along 82nd and 86th streets in order to enable transfers for passengers needing to

travel between Hamilton and Marion counties.

The fare to ride will be lowered from \$5 to \$3 per one-way trip effective Jan. 1. A 10-ride pass for \$30 will be available. HCE is discontinuing its one-month pass for unlimited rides, which was offered for \$55. The student discount will also be eliminated.

To request a ride on Hamilton County Express, call 317-773-2668 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Rides can be requested up to two weeks in advance, with a 24-hour advance notice requirement. Hours of transportation service are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with limited service on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vehicles are wheelchair-accessible. HCE is a shared-ride service, meaning that other riders may be picked up

or dropped off along the way to your destination.

Hamilton County Express provided more than 58,000 one-way passenger trips in 2016. Due to growing demand in the county for transportation, approximately nine percent of trip requests are declined due to full schedules. Because of increasingly crowded schedules and trip denials, customers are encouraged to call one to two weeks in advance to request a ride.

Janus Developmental Services, the operator of Hamilton County Express, is a nonprofit agency providing programs and services to adults with developmental disabilities. In addition to HCE, Janus operates Riverview Health Rides, which provides affordable transportation to individuals with medical appointments at Riverview Health facilities.

# OneZone calendar of events for December

**The REPORTER**

OneZone Chamber of Commerce presents the following events for the month of December:

- **Business After Hours**  
Wednesday, Dec. 6 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
E.F. Marburger Fine Flooring, 9999 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038  
[»» Details](#)
- **Young Professionals After Hours Network & Toy Drive for Good Samaritan Network**  
Thursday, Dec. 7 – 5 to 7 p.m.  
Flix Brewhouse, 2206 E. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032  
[»» Details](#)
- **Legislative Breakfast: 2018 Legislative Preview with Kevin Brinegar, Indiana Chamber President**  
Friday, Dec. 8 – 7:30 to 9 a.m.  
Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038  
[»» Details](#)
- **December Luncheon: Business Excellence Awards Presentation**  
Wednesday, Dec. 13 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel, IN 46032  
[»» Details](#)

**About OneZone**

OneZone, a Hamilton County chamber of commerce, serves the Central Indiana business community as a commerce connector, strong voice, significant presence and business advocate in an ever-changing marketplace. With OneZone, businesses get an organization that reaches across municipal boundaries – just the way business does – to deliver more impact and more opportunities more efficiently.

**Meeting Notices**

The Westfield-Washington Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield, IN.

The Cicero Town Council will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, at the Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero, IN, according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

There will be a joint legislative update town hall meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, at Carmel Clay Public Library, 55 Fourth Ave. SE, Carmel, IN. Legislators in attendance will include Sen. John Ruckelshaus (R-Indianapolis), Rep. Donna Schaitley (R-Carmel) and Sen. Victoria Spartz (R-Noblesville).

There will be a joint legislative update town hall meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, at Fishers City Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN. Legislators in attendance will include Rep. Todd Huston (R-Fishers), Sen. Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis), Sen. John Ruckelshaus (R-Indianapolis) and Sen. Victoria Spartz (R-Noblesville).

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Matthew 16:24-25 (KJV)

### Rev. Glenn A. McHatton

September 3, 1926 – November 23, 2017

Rev. Glenn A. McHatton, 91, Indianapolis, passed away on Thursday, November 23, 2017. He was born on September 3, 1926 to Bert and Hattie McHatton in Ashland, Kan. Glenn was a pastor for over 60 years, having served seven congregations during that time; and was also involved in the ministry via the radio.



He is survived by two children, Glenna McHatton and Tim McHatton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Jean, who passed away January 1, 2002; and a brother, Chuck McHatton.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2017 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Pastor Mark Hiehle and Pastor Donald Smith officiating. Visitation will be from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Harlan Cemetery in Wilkinson, Ind.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

#### Arrangements

Calling: 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3  
Service: 11 a.m. Dec. 4  
Location: Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary  
Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

### Kerri Ann Rombach

August 24, 1968 – November 24, 2017

Kerri Ann Rombach, 49, Fishers, passed away Friday, November 24, 2017, in her home, surrounded by family. Kerri was born August 24, 1968, to John and Jane (Smithson) Welch in Muncie. Her father preceded her in death two years ago. Kerri married John Rombach on April 25, 1987, and they have four children.



Kerri was a data specialist for Zionsville Community Schools, formerly working at Hamilton Southeastern Schools, but she always said her favorite job was being a mom. In addition to her career in educational technology, Kerri was very active in her community through church, school, Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators (HECC) and the Boy Scouts of America.

Kerri was an avid sports fan, especially when it came to supporting her favorite team, the Indianapolis Colts. Kerri was a season ticket holder and you could find her in the stands every Sunday cheering on her Colts. Kerri was the life of the party. She brought joy everywhere she went, from singing karaoke to shutting down the dance floor at every wedding to hosting family game night every Monday. Kerri was also a trivia master, answering Jeopardy! questions faster than anyone else and helping lead her family's trivia team to victory on many occasions.

Kerri was a daughter, mother, wife, friend and co-worker, but most of all she was a fighter. Kerri waged a five-year battle with cancer, but she never let it get the better of her. Even through treatments and surgeries, Kerri never slowed down – never missing a Colts game, never missing family game night and knitting hats and scarves for everyone she knew. Kerri always stayed upbeat; she had a smile on her face and a mischievous twinkle in her eye. The joy she carried with her was contagious.

In addition to her mother, Jane, Kerri is survived by her husband, John Rombach; favorite daughter, Jessica Swiontek; favorite son-in-law, Matthew Swiontek; favorite daughter, Katherine Rombach; favorite son, Jordan Rombach; favorite son, Kyle Rombach; brother, John Douglas Welch; and countless friends who she cared for like family.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 30 and 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, December 1 at Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers. Funeral Mass will be 5 p.m. Friday, December 1 at the church, with Father Coady Owens officiating, followed by a luncheon in the social hall. Burial will take place at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens at a later date. In honor of Kerri's fighting spirit, fun personality and her love of Colts football, the family would request that everyone refrain from mourning in black but instead wear Colts blue or fan attire to the celebration of her life.

In lieu of flowers, Kerri's family requests memorial contributions be made to Little Red Door Cancer Agency ([littlereddoor.org](http://littlereddoor.org)) which supports the physical, emotional and financial burdens of cancer for medically underserved residents of central Indiana by providing free client services, cancer screenings and education.

Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary has been entrusted with Kerri's care.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

#### Arrangements

Calling: 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 30; 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 1  
Service: 5 p.m. Dec. 1  
Location: Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church  
Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

### Patricia Jane Helm

January 17, 1928 – November 27, 2017

Patricia Jane Helm, 89, Carmel, passed away November 27, 2017. She was born in Muncie on January 17, 1928, daughter of Homer and Zetta Tooley Hulse.



In addition to her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Helm and two sisters, Lois Conwell and Joan Mann.

Survivors include daughters, Laura Helm and Rebecca (David) Byrum; granddaughters, Emily (John) Zvejnieks and Libby (Nick) Buck; and two great-grandchildren, Eleanor and Samuel Buck.

Family and friends will gather from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, December 4, 2017 in St. Mark's United Methodist Church, with the funeral service beginning

at noon.

Please visit [bussellfamilyfunerals.com](http://bussellfamilyfunerals.com) to share a memory and read Pat's complete obituary.

Arrangements: Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield.

#### Arrangements

Calling: 10 a.m. to Noon Dec. 4  
Service: Noon Dec. 4  
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Girls basketball

# Royals beat Millers, Kiser reaches 1000 points

Wednesday's girls basketball game between Hamilton Southeastern and Noblesville turned out to be a good occasion for both teams.

The host and Class 4A No. 8 Royals won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest 70-46, stopping a two-game losing streak and improving them to 7-2 for the season and 1-1 in the HCC. Meanwhile, one of the Miller players made history: Senior Emily Kiser scored her 1000th point.

Kiser reached the 1000-point mark with 4:34 remaining in the second quarter by making a layup. The Royals stopped the game so that Kiser could be recognized for her achievement. The Michigan-bound Kiser became the eighth Noblesville girls player to reach that mark; her older brother John Kiser reached 1000 points in 2016, making them the first siblings to reach that milestone in Millers history.

Southeastern was in control from the start, leading 21-11 after the first quarter and 41-21 at halftime. Sophomore Sydney Parrish had a sensational shooting night, draining five 3-pointers on her way to 27 points. Parrish also pulled five rebounds and handed out four assists.

Amaya Hamilton had a great all-around game, with 12 points, nine rebounds and seven steals. Molly Walton dished out eight assists, while Tayah Irvin grabbed five rebounds.

Kiser finished the game with 26 points and nine rebounds. Maddie Knight scored 12 points, including three 3-pointers. Abby Haley handed out five assists.

Southeastern will be back on its home court Saturday afternoon to host Greenfield-Central. The Millers (4-5, 0-3) will also be playing Saturday afternoon, returning to The Mill to play 4A No. 3 North Central. Both games have 1:30 p.m. varsity starts.



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

ABOVE: Noblesville's Emily Kiser reached the 1000-point milestone Wednesday during the Millers' game at Hamilton Southeastern. Kiser is the eighth girls player to reach the 1000-point mark, and joins her brother John Kiser as the only siblings in Noblesville history to achieve the milestone.

BELOW: Southeastern's Sydney Parrish (33) scored 27 points for the Royals in their victory.

Madison Whetro	0-2	0-0	0	0	Tayah Irvin	3-7	0-0	7	3	Southeastern rebounds (31) Hamilton 9, Irvin 5, Parrish 5, Jackson 3, Waton 3, Ford 3, Maulucci 2, team 1.
Abby Haley	0-2	0-1	0	1	Shelby Ford	1-1	0-2	2	0	Score by Quarters
Emily Kiser	9-20	7-8	26	3	Sydney Parrish	11-16	0-0	27	0	Noblesville 11 10 9 16 - 46
Kailyn Ely	0-0	0-0	0	0	Lauren Morris	1-1	0-0	3	0	Southeastern 21 20 14 15 - 70
Anna Kiser	0-0	0-0	0	0	Erikka Edeuwa	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Totals	15-38	10-13	46	8	Totals	29-54	3-6	70	11	
Noblesville 3-point shooting (6-18)	Knight 3-5, Johnson 2-6, E. Kiser 1-4, Whetro 0-2, Haley 0-1.				Southeastern 3-point shooting (9-23)	Parrish 5-9, Jackson 2-5, Irvin 1-4, Morris 1-1, Walton 0-3, Maulucci 0-1.				

## Southeastern 70, Noblesville 46

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mallory Johnson	2-6	2-2	8	2
Olivia Morales	0-1	0-0	0	1
Maddie Knight	4-7	1-2	12	1

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Malea Jackson	4-8	0-0	10	1
Lydia Self	0-0	0-0	0	0
Amaya Hamilton	5-9	2-3	12	3
Jackie Maulucci	1-3	0-0	2	1
Molly Walton	3-9	1-1	7	2



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## NWMS 7th-grade boys split with Lebanon

The Noblesville West Middle School seventh-grade boys basketball team lost a hard fought game against Lebanon on Tuesday night, 27-21.

Leading scorers were Preston Roberts with 14 points and Luke Almodovar with four.

The West Millers' seventh-grade "B" team won in a blowout, 40-17. Leading scorers were Nick Kozakiewicz with 10, Jake Johns with nine, and Maddox Bohland and Evan Castor with six each.

Noblesville West plays at Carmel tonight.

Wrestling

# Busy Millers take on Zionsville, host Fishers tonight

By RICHIE HALL  
Reporter Sports Editor

The Noblesville wrestling team is in the midst of a busy stretch of action.

The Millers won the Triton Invitational last Saturday, but have had no time to rest on their laurels since then. Noblesville hosted its first dual meet of the season on Wednesday, taking on Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent Zionsville.

The Eagles won the meet 47-19. But first-year Noblesville coach Michael Weimer said he was happy with his team's effort, especially since he knew what to expect from Zionsville's team, since he's known the Eagles coach for a long time.

"We coached together at Lawrence North and I know the team that he's going to bring," said Weimer. "It was fun. The kids fought. No one rolled over. They fought for every point and that was something I was very excited about."

The Millers won five of the 13 matches that took place on Wednesday. (The 195-pound match was declared a double forfeit.) Tim Alexander got Noblesville's first win on a 9-2 decision in the 106-pound bout, then Joey Kitko won at 113 pounds in a 12-6 decision.

Justin Johnson-Sparks got an extra point for the Millers by earning a major-decision victory at 132 pounds, with the score 15-5. Gary Kitko then took the 138-pound match, getting a pin for Noblesville right at the end of the first period - a pin is worth six team points.



Photo provided

The Noblesville High School wrestling team shared its Wednesday dual meet with the elementary school wrestlers. Both the high school and the elementary school Millers took on Zionsville at The Mill.

"I think one of the highlights is our guys wrestling to the bonus," said Weimer. "The kids are getting bonus points."

Sebastian Dillon then won at 145 pounds in overtime, getting a takedown in the extra period for a 3-1 victory and giving Noblesville a 19-17 lead. But Zionsville took over after that, ending the meet with five consecutive pins.

The Wednesday meet was unique in that the varsity wrestlers were competing at the same time with elementary school wrestlers from Noblesville and Zionsville. The young

wrestlers faced off on an adjacent mat, with everyone getting together for a photo afterwards.

The Millers will be back in The Mill this evening, hosting HCC and county rival Fishers at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, Noblesville will compete at the Valparaiso Viking Duals.

**Zionsville 47,  
Noblesville 19**

Meet started at 285 pounds

- 285: Ayden Rayl lost to Fuller by fall, 0:39
- 106: Tim Alexander def. Fairchild 9-2
- 113: Joey Kitko def. Harreld 12-6
- 120: Nathan Ritz lost to Cecil by fall, 4:34
- 126: Dalton Huffman lost to L. Wagner by tech fall, 25-8
- 132: Justin Johnson-Sparks def. Banks 15-5
- 138: Gary Kitko def. Poynter by fall, 2:00
- 145: Sebastian Dillon def. Mangus, 3-1 OT
- 152: Zack Perkins lost to J. Gobeyn by fall, 3:39
- 160: Michael Storey lost to Davis by fall, 1:20
- 170: Zack Knoll lost to K. Wagner by fall, 4:34
- 182: Anthony Giorgiou lost to S. Gobeyn by fall, 1:42
- 195: Double forfeit
- 220: Andrew Koontz lost to Penola by fall, 1:09

# Marauders end Shamrocks' winning streak



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Westfield's Karley Winger takes the ball down the court as the Shamrocks' bench cheers her on during the Westfield-Mount Vernon basketball game Wednesday night.

Westfield saw its winning streak come to an end on Wednesday, as the Shamrocks lost to Mount Vernon 49-44 in an away game.

The Marauders jumped out to a 17-5 lead after the first quarter. Westfield cut Mount Vernon's lead to 23-19 by halftime, then were ahead 34-31 after three quarters. But the Marauders outscored the 'Rocks 18-10 in the fourth quarter to get the win.

Jade Shipley led the Westfield scoring with 15 points. Sophia Kregag and Ashtin DeCraene both made three 3-pointers on their way to 11 points. Kregag pulled seven rebounds, while Shipley collected six boards. Shipley handed out five assists and Annabelle O'Hair made three blocks.

The Shamrocks are 7-2 for the season and host Rushville Saturday afternoon in a 1:30 p.m. varsity start.

**Mount Vernon 49,  
Westfield 44**

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jade Shipley	5-9	4-7	15	3
Megan Rops	0-2	0-0	0	0
Karley Winger	1-4	0-1	2	4
Sophia Kregag	3-11	2-2	11	4
Ava Henson	0-0	2-2	2	0
Ashtin DeCraene	4-8	0-0	11	2
Zoe Pentecost	1-2	0-0	2	2
Annabelle O'Hair	0-4	1-2	1	4
Ryann Bunting	0-4	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-44	9-14	44	19

Score by Quarters  
Westfield 5 14 15 10 - 44  
Mount Vernon 17 6 8 18 - 49  
Westfield 3-point shooting (7-21) Kregag 3-8, DeCraene 3-6, Shipley 1-3, Bunting 0-2, Rops 0-1, O'Hair 0-1.  
Westfield rebounds (27) Kregag 7, Shipley 6, Pentecost 4, O'Hair 4, Winger 2, DeCraene 2, Henson 1, Bunting 1.

## 'Hawks win second straight game

Sheridan won its second consecutive game on Wednesday, beating Frankfort 59-34 in an away game.



H. Barker

The Blackhawks took care of business early, going up 21-10 after the first quarter. Sheridan then led 38-15 at halftime. Audrey Reed led the way, scoring 25 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

Heather Barker added 11 points and pulled six rebounds, while Jillian O'Flaherty made three 3-pointers for nine points. Barker and Nixon Williams each had four steals.

Sheridan is now 4-3 for the season. The Blackhawks return home on Friday to play Taylor in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

**Sheridan 59,  
Frankfort 34**

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jillian O'Flaherty	3-7	0-0	9	2
Nixon Williams	2-4	0-0	4	1
Lillian Barker	2-4	0-2	5	0
Izzy Mangin	0-1	1-6	1	2
Heather Barker	5-15	1-2	11	2
Emma Tomaszewski	0-2	0-1	0	0
Audrey Reed	10-19	5-6	25	2
Emma Went	0-1	0-0	0	0
Olivia Raines	1-5	0-0	3	0
Allie Delph	0-1	1-2	1	1
Totals	23-59	8-19	59	10

Score by Quarters  
Sheridan 21 17 14 7 - 59  
Frankfort 10 5 10 9 - 34  
Sheridan 3-point shooting (5-20) O'Flaherty 3-7, L. Barker 1-2, Raines 1-1, H. Barker 0-3, Reed 0-3, Tomaszewski 0-2, Mangin 0-1, Delph 0-1.  
Sheridan rebounds (27) Reed 7, H. Barker 6, Williams 4, L. Barker 3, Mangin 3, Went 2, Raines 1, Delph 1.

## 'Rocks wrestling falls to Brownsburg

The Westfield wrestling team lost a tough dual meet to defending state champion Brownsburg 58-15 on Wednesday.

The Shamrocks finished out the dual meet in an impressive fashion. Dylan Driver won by pin at 106 pounds. In the 113-pound bout, Carson Eldred closed out the dual by pinning No. 5 ranked Kyson Montgomery.

**Brownsburg 58,  
Westfield 15**

106: Dylan Driver won by fall

- 113: Carson Eldred won by fall
- 120: Brady Driik lost by fall
- 126: Luke Brogan won 7-5
- 132: Milo Merkel lost by tech fall 18-3
- 138: Jake Rokop lost by fall
- 145: Noah Robinson lost by fall
- 152: Mason Harpe lost by fall
- 160: Kyle Saez lost 1-0
- 170: Dylan O'Donnell lost by fall
- 182: Ryan Mahoney lost by fall
- 195: Dakota Arvin lost by fall
- 220: Sam Medlen lost 10-3
- 285: Dayton Webster lost by fall

## Westfield freshman boys get big win

The Westfield freshman boys basketball team beat Clinton Central Wednesday night, 60-12.

Luke Naas, Kyle Pape, and Isaac Minder led the Rocks in scoring with 10 points each.

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## Huskies roll to third straight win

Hamilton Heights continued its roll on Wednesday, storming back in the second half to beat Pendleton Heights 54-41 at the Husky Dome.

Heights trailed 16-9 after the first quarter and was still down 29-23 at halftime. The Huskies coaches challenged the team in the locker room, and the players responded by outscoring the Arabians 31-12 in the second half. Heights coach Keegan Cherry said his team guarded at a high level during the second half.

Kayla Kirtley scored 16 points, one of three Huskies in double figures. Bayleigh Runner added 13 points and Lexi Branham scored 11. Ana Collar pulled 13 rebounds, with Kirtley grabbing eight and Lauryn

Wiley corraling seven boards. Kirtley also blocked two shots.

This was Heights' third win in a row; the Huskies are now 4-4 for the season. Heights will travel to Northwestern on Tuesday for a Hoosier Conference game with the Class 3A No. 1-ranked Tigers.

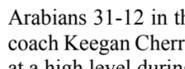
### Heights 54, Pendleton Heights 41

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ana Collar	3-10	3-4	9	1
Bayleigh Runner	3-8	6-6	13	4
Kayla Kirtley	6-11	2-3	16	3
Lexi Branham	2-9	6-8	11	1
Lauryn Wiley	2-9	1-2	5	2
Jillian Osswald	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-47	18-23	54	11

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Pendleton	16	13	8	4	41
Heights	9	14	14	17	54

Heights 3-point shooting (4-12) Kirtley 2-4, Runner 1-4, Branham 1-4.  
Heights rebounds (36) Collar 13, Kirtley 8, Wiley 7, Osswald 4, Runner 3, Branham 1.

Wiley



## Tigers stunned by Mooresville

Fishers found itself on the wrong end of a fourth-quarter comeback Wednesday, as Mooresville beat the Tigers 61-48 in the Tiger Den.

Fishers led 31-26 at halftime and 45-35 after three quarters. But the Pioneers stunned the Tigers in the fourth period, outscoring them 26-3.

Perryman

Tamia Perryman reached double-double status for Fishers, scoring 14 points and grabbing 18 rebounds. Toni Grace added 12 points. Casey Walker had seven rebounds while Lydia Stullken blocked two shots.

The Tigers are now 7-3 and off until next Friday, Dec. 8 when they travel to

Noblesville for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

### Mooresville 61, Fishers 48

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Briana McGee	0-4	1-2	1	3
Lauren Emmerson	0-3	3-5	3	0
Toni Grace	3-17	6-8	12	3
Ali Gerka	2-8	2-2	7	4
Tamia Perryman	3-9	8-10	14	3
Kenedi London	3-6	0-0	6	4
Lydia Stullken	0-4	3-4	3	3
Casey Walker	0-5	2-2	2	2
Cierra Tolbert	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	11-56	25-33	48	23

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Mooresville	16	10	9	26	61
Fishers	17	14	14	3	48

Fishers 3-point shooting (1-15) Gerka 1-5, Grace 0-4, McGee 0-2, Emmerson 0-2, Perryman 0-1, Stullken 0-1.  
Fishers rebounds (37) Perryman 18, Walker 7, Emmerson 4, Gerka 4, Grace 2, London 1, Stullken 1.

## Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame announces 57th men's induction class

Encompassing success on the Indiana basketball landscape including high school state championship players and coaches, college national championship players, All-Americans, international professional careers and outstanding contributions to the sport and our state, the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame proudly announces its 57th men's induction class.

**Steve Brett** recorded success as a long-time Indiana high school basketball coach following his playing days at one of the most storied programs in the state. Accumulating 467 career victories in a 37-season head coaching career, his teams won 11 sectionals, two regionals and made one state finals appearance. He was the head coach of Bloomfield High School from 1978-1993, where his teams won 223 games, eight sectionals and led their 1985-86 team to a 23-2 record and appearance in Indiana's one-class "Sweet 16." He coached Seymour from 1994-2001, then led his alma mater Loogootee to the 2005 1A runner-up finish and ended his career at Shakamak. He served as an Indiana All-Stars assistant coach in 2006. As a player, he was a two-year starter and captain under HOF coach Jack Butcher at Loogootee, a part of teams that were 38-7, including a 20-2 senior season. He was also a three-year regular at Indiana State University in their inaugural years in NCAA Division I competition from 1968-71. He resides in Linton and remains involved in the game as varsity assistant at Vincennes Lincoln High School.

**Harold Cox** was a record-setter at Kokomo High School before earning All-American and national championship credentials in college. The leading scorer in the esteemed North Central Conference his senior year at Kokomo despite playing with a broken wrist, he graduated as the Wildcats' career scoring leader on teams that went 60-19 and won three regionals under HOF coach Joe Platt. Also setting the school single-game scoring record, he was named an alternate to the 1954 Indiana All-Star team. Playing for HOF coach Arad McCutcheon at Evansville College, he started 68 consecutive games and helped them to their first NCAA College Division National Championship as a senior co-captain in 1959 and third place national finish as a junior. He was a varsity head coach for 17 seasons at Portage, Kokomo Haworth and Castle high schools, notably leading Haworth to a 58-15 record between 1969-72, winning two sectionals and a regional championship, as part of his 185 career wins. Retired, he lives in Fishers.

After playing under Hall of Fame coaches in high school and college, **Marty Echelbarger** became a HOF coach to the tune of 452 career wins at Indiana high schools. Playing under HOF inductees John Longfellow and Dwight Tallman at Muncie Central H.S., Echelbarger was a senior letter winner on the Bearcats' 1963 29-1 state championship squad. He then played four years for HOF coach John Collier at Hanover College before launching into his own 35-year coaching career. In stints at Southwestern (Shelby), Owen Valley, Brebeuf Jesuit, Princeton, Frankfort and Heritage Hills, his teams won nine sectional championships, 14 conference titles, two Marion County titles, seven county and holiday tournament titles and recorded 20+ win seasons at four different schools. Earning Marion County Coach of the Year and IBCA District Coach of the Year honors, he coached four Indiana All-Stars

in his career and was a 2004 Indiana Junior All-Star coach. Retired, he resides in Santa Claus, Indiana.

**Rod Freeman** propelled all-state honors in two sports at Anderson High School into being drafted in the NBA, ABA and NFL. A three-year starter for HOF coach Ray Estes at Anderson, he set single-game scoring (38) and rebounding (28) records en route to 1,260 career points and a school-best 886 rebounds for the Indians. Averaging 23.3 points per game as a senior, he garnered 1969 Indiana All-Star basketball honors and was named first team all-state in football and played in the football North-South Indiana All-Star game. A three-year starter at Vanderbilt University, he was selected all-SEC as a sophomore after averaging 15.7 points per game. He averaged over 20 points per game as a senior for the 11th ranked team in the nation, before a broken foot derailed the final season of his college career. Drafted by the Philadelphia 76ers in the 1973 NBA Draft and the Memphis Tams in the 1973 ABA Draft, he was also selected by the New York Giants in the 1973 NFL Draft. He played one season with the 76ers before a career in business and government, serving as Brentwood (TN) City Commissioner, Vice Mayor and Planning Commissioner since 2011. He resides in Brentwood, Tennessee.

The induction of **Bill Greve** continues the recognition of small school success in Indiana high school basketball. He graduated not only as the career scoring leader at Waveland High School and in Montgomery County history, but his 1,777 career points placed him fifth in IHSAA history upon his graduation in 1955. He totaled 712 points his senior season, an average of 31 points per game, scored 608 as a junior for an average of 27 per game and had a single-game record of 46 points. He helped Waveland to sectional championships in 1952 and 1953, and coveted Montgomery County Tournament titles in 1953 and 1955. At Purdue University under HOF coach Ray Eddy, he led the Boilers in scoring as a sophomore with averages of 13.8 points and 8.8 rebounds per game and holds career averages of 11.1 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. Per the program media guide, he is credited with the first documented double-double in Purdue history (12 points and 14 rebounds Dec. 8, 1956 vs. Missouri), his first of 13 career double-double games. His professional career included 35 years with pharmaceutical firm Upjohn Company. Retired, he resides in Indianapolis. He becomes the second Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame inductee to graduate from Waveland High School, joining his brother, Keith, a 2001 inductee.

**John Heaton** coached Indiana high school teams to 418 wins in 33 seasons as a head coach, including a trip to the state finals. A 1958 graduate of Bloomfield High School, where he played under HOF coach Guy Glover, he attended Indiana University before a career in education. Leading Eastern Greene to a 1968 Wabash Valley Tournament runner-up finish in his first head coaching stint, he won an undefeated conference championship among two seasons at Southwestern (Shelby). In 11 seasons at Silver Creek, his teams won 154 games, four sectionals and five conference titles, before leading Shelbyville to 211 wins, 11 sectionals, five regional titles and a trip to the 1986 state finals as their coach from 1983-2000. A Past President of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, he

was an assistant coach for the 1995 Indiana All-Star team. Employed in education for 42 years, he is retired and lives in Shelbyville.

**Jimmie Howell** has many notable accomplishments to attain Hall of Fame status. Entering the 2017-18 season with 582 career boys wins, he is the fourth winningest active Indiana boys high school coach and is 15th all-time in state history. After playing at Lapel High School, he was a three-year starter at Charleston Southern, graduating as the program's leader in career assists (372). The varsity boys head coach at Mount Vernon from 1981-1995, he led the Marauders to seven sectional titles and two regional championships, and from 1991-1995 concurrently served as Mount Vernon's varsity girls head coach, winning an additional 43 games. He led Muncie South to a sectional championship, then led Brownsburg from 1998-2004 before being hired at Lapel. His return to his alma mater has produced 220 wins in 13 seasons, including a 2005 1A championship and 2016 2A championship victory. He was an assistant coach for the 1991 Indiana All-Stars and since 2012 has held a seat on the IHSAA Board of Directors. He remains the athletic director and head boys basketball coach at Lapel High School and resides in Lapel. He joins four other men who are active Indiana high school boys coaches and HOF inductees - J.R. Holmes, Jack Keefer, Gene Miiller and Al Rhodes.

The late **Larry Parks** led rural Arlington High School to notable success and graduated as the all-time leading scorer in Rush County history. The leading scorer for three seasons at Arlington, he led them to three County Tournament championships, three sectional finals appearances and a 70-23 record in four seasons. Averaging over 19 points per game and double-figure rebounds in his junior and senior seasons, he totaled a Rush County record of 1,497 career points. Included in those performances, Arlington scored 47 points in one quarter versus Laurel H.S. his senior year, which remains a state record. A three-year letter winner at Eastern Kentucky University, he set the school single-season field goal percentage record (.502) and led them to an Ohio Valley Conference championship as a junior, averaged 13.5 points and 9.8 rebounds as a senior co-captain and earned 1962 first team OVC all-conference honors. He was a teacher and coach at Knightstown High School from 1964-69, including serving as varsity boys head coach in 1968-69. He moved to Clearwater, Florida, where he was a volunteer coach for numerous years before his death in 2000.

**Carl Short** put up significant numbers in high school and college before a career as teacher and coach. A three-year starter at Manual High School under HOF coach Dick Cummins, he led them to a 15-7 record his senior year as the third leading scorer in Indianapolis, averaging 20.6 points and 13.2 rebounds per game, earning all-city and all-state honors. His resume at Newberry College (SC) speaks for itself - a school-record 1,949 career points included a national-best 888 points his senior season; senior year averages of 28.7 points and 12.3 rebounds per game and averages of 20 or more points per game each of his three seasons; a 23-7 record his senior year led Newberry to their first NAIA National Tournament appearance, earning him multiple All-American honors and the retirement of his jersey at Newberry. A 1961 Draft pick of the Cincinnati Royals, he served in the U.S. Army and was named to the All-Army Team that won the 1963 All-Services Championship. His career as a coach and biology teacher included assistant's roles at Cascade and Northwest, head coach at Thorntown from 1966-69 and Whiteland from 1970-72 and 26 years as an employee of Indianapolis Public Schools. He resides in Indianapolis.

It would be hard to fathom an individual more inextricably linked to Gary schools and Gary athletics success and for a longer duration than **Earl Smith, Jr.** A 1952 graduate of Gary Roosevelt and 1957 graduate of the University of Iowa, his 56-year-career with Gary Schools included coaching duties at Lew Wallace, Froebel, Emerson,

West Side and Tolleston high schools, finishing his career as the citywide athletic director. The first African-American head coach at Froebel, Emerson and Lew Wallace, over 26 seasons his teams won 323 games, five conference championships, three sectionals, and three regional championships, reaching the state tournament's "Elite Eight" twice. His 1977 Gary Emerson team won the inaugural Hall of Fame Classic tournament and reached No. 1 in the state polls, his 1975 Emerson team broke the school's 40-year drought to reach a semi-state and his 1983 Lew Wallace team broke that school's 35-year drought to reach a semi-state. A five-time conference coach of the year, he coached five players to earn All-American honors - Charles Hicks, Wallace Bryant, Frank Smith, Tellis Frank and Jerome Harmon. Also an accomplished athlete, he was a member of Roosevelt's 1951 and 1952 track state champions, himself a two-time long jump state champ, setting the state record. At the University of Iowa, he was the 1954 Big 10 Conference indoor/outdoor long jump champion and earned all-Big 10 honors in football as the leading scorer in the conference as a running back. He resides in Gary.

**John Wellemeyer** earned success in southern Indiana with outstanding high school and college careers. A 1967 Indiana All-Star after leading Huntingburg High School in scoring and rebounding all four years, he scored a school-record 1,623 career points, set the school and Dubois County records for single-season points (526) and school and county single-game scoring records with 52 points. As a senior, he averaged 25.4 points and 11.3 rebounds per game and earned all-sectional honors four times in his career, along with SIAC all-conference honors. Under HOF coach Arad McCutcheon at Evansville College, he was a three-year starter, including on their 1971 NCAA College Division National Championship squad. He graduated among program leaders in career points (1,200) and career scoring average (14.6 points per game), single-season scoring and average (593 points, 20 points per game), field goals (263) and field goal percentage (.481). As a senior, he was named 1971 NCAA all-regional, first team Indiana Collegiate Conference all-conference and an Indiana College All-Star. Professionally, he rose through the ranks with Bristol Myers Squibb in a 33-year career. He resides in Evansville.

**David "Poncho" Wright** earned two-time all-state honors before winning an NCAA National Championship in his hometown. A 1978 Indiana All-Star, he totaled 1,487 career points and 953 rebounds at Indianapolis John Marshall High School under HOF inductee Roger Schroder, averaging 21.4 points as a junior and 24.3 points per game his senior year. In addition to being named to all-city honors three times, he was third team all-state as a junior and first team all-state as a senior, also being named to the Derby Classic. At the University of Louisville, he was described by HOF coach Denny Crum as "instant offense" off the bench as the sixth man for the Cardinals' 1980 NCAA National Championship team that won the title in Indianapolis' Market Square Arena. The Cardinals again reached the 1982 NCAA Final Four with Wright as a key contributor. In all, he appeared in 99 games in his college career before being selected by the Kansas City Kings in the 1982 NBA Draft. He played professionally in Sweden and France for three seasons and also coached the Sweden Junior Women's Development team. Now employed in security and personal protection, he resides in Pasadena, California.

The recipient of this year's Indiana Pacers Silver Medal award, which includes Hall of Fame induction, is noted Indiana basketball coach and media personality, **Bob Lovell**. The Silver Medal - given to someone for outstanding contribution to Indiana high school basketball other than as an Indiana high school basketball player or coach - is presented to Lovell, the host of Network Indiana's syndicated radio show "Indiana Sports Talk" since its inception in 1994. Affiliated on nearly 40 radio stations

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# NBA standings

Wednesday's scores	
Detroit 131, Phoenix 107	Houston 118, Indiana 97
Orlando 121, Oklahoma City 108	Minnesota 120, New Orleans 102
Philadelphia 118, Washington 113	Brooklyn 109, Dallas 104
New York 115, Miami 86	San Antonio 104, Memphis 95
Toronto 126, Charlotte 113	Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 123, OT

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	18	4	.818	-
Toronto	13	7	.650	4.0
Philadelphia	12	8	.600	5.0
New York	11	10	.524	6.5
Brooklyn	8	13	.381	9.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	14	6	.700	-
Cleveland	14	7	.667	0.5
Indiana	12	10	.545	3.0
Milwaukee	10	9	.526	3.5
Chicago	3	16	.158	10.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	11	10	.524	-
Miami	10	11	.476	1.0
Orlando	9	13	.409	2.5
Charlotte	8	12	.400	2.5
Atlanta	4	16	.200	6.5

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	13	8	.619	-
Minnesota	13	9	.591	0.5
Denver	11	9	.550	1.5
Utah	10	11	.476	3.0
Oklahoma City	8	12	.400	4.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	16	6	.727	-
L.A. Clippers	8	11	.421	6.5
L.A. Lakers	8	13	.381	7.5
Phoenix	8	15	.348	8.5
Sacramento	6	15	.286	9.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	17	4	.810	-
San Antonio	14	7	.667	3.0
New Orleans	11	10	.524	6.0
Memphis	7	13	.350	9.5
Dallas	5	17	.227	12.5

# Rockets pull away from Pacers, 118-97

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers tipped off a difficult two-game road trip on Wednesday evening in Houston. Indiana (12-10) hung tough for two quarters with the Western Conference leaders, but the Rockets (17-4) pulled away in the third quarter to cruise to a 118-97 win.

Houston made 14 of their 18 3-pointers after halftime to sweep the season series with Indiana. The Rockets already picked up a 118-95 win on Nov. 12 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

"They put a lot of pressure on your defense to have to contain the paint, keep them in front of you, and get out to the 3-point line," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said after the loss. "They hit some shots in the second half — a lot of them, I thought we were right there. Sometimes you just have to give teams credit."

Indiana moved in front early, jumping out to an 11-6 lead, but the two teams remained close for much of a back-and-forth first half. Neither team led by more than seven points in the half, which featured three ties and seven lead changes.

The Rockets used a 10-2 run late in the second quarter to take a 46-39 lead, only to have the Pacers respond with an 8-2 run of their own to trim the deficit to one point. Houston then ended the frame with a 6-2 spurt to push the margin back to five.

The Rockets pulled away in the third quarter, taking the lead for good with an 11-2 run early in the frame, then closing the period with a 17-5 surge to open up an 89-71 lead.

Houston, the NBA's most prolific 3-point shooting team by a wide margin, went 8-for-15 from beyond the arc in the third quarter. The Rockets made five straight 3-pointers to close the quarter, three by James Harden and two from P.J. Tucker.

"They got some threes in transition," Pacers point guard Darren Collison said. "We kind of lost sight of their shooters...I thought we played hard for the most part, but it didn't stick for all four quarters."

Pacers co-captain Thaddeus Young did his best to help Indiana climb back into the game in the fourth quarter. Young scored Indiana's first nine points and 11 of their first 13 in the period as the visitors trimmed the deficit to 10 with 7:54 remaining.

But the Rockets put the game away shortly thereafter, burying three more triples during a decisive 16-4 run that pushed the lead to 22 points.

Young led Indiana with 23 points on 11-of-15 shooting in the loss, while Victor Oladipo added 19 points, five rebounds, and five steals.

Pacers center Myles Turner recorded his third double-double of the season, tallying 15 points, 10 rebounds, and four blocks. Bojan Bogdanovic (15 points) and Lance Stephenson (11 points and four assists) also reached double figures.

Harden — the NBA's leading scorer — flirted with a triple-double, finishing with 29 points, eight rebounds, and 10 assists. Clint Capela added 22 points on 10-of-15 shooting and 13 rebounds for Houston.

The Rockets also got solid performances from Ryan Anderson (19 points and nine rebounds, 5-for-9 from 3-point range), Trevor Ariza (14 points, 4-for-5 from beyond the arc), and Chris Paul (13 points, six rebounds, and seven assists).

Indiana will return to action on Friday night in Toronto, when the Pacers and Raptors will meet at 7:30 p.m.

# Plans announced for second annual Basketball Day Indiana

FOX Sports Indiana, the Indiana Pacers, Indiana Fever and IHSAA today announced plans for the second annual Basketball Day Indiana, a celebration of the state's unmatched connection to the sport. Basketball Day Indiana will tip off Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, and showcase the sport at all levels — from youth to the NBA.

FOX Sports Indiana will televise nine games from around the state and include more than 13 hours of live programming as part of Basketball Day Indiana. The network also announced that its coverage will feature a "whip-around" style product enhancement for its multi-game college basketball lineup during Basketball Day Indiana.

"Our goal with Basketball Day Indiana is to celebrate the state's passion for the sport. We're proud to team up with the Pacers, Fever and IHSAA, and to join with FOX Sports' collegiate partners from the Big Ten and Missouri Valley Conference, to produce an event that showcases basketball at all levels," said FOX Sports Indiana general manager and senior vice president Jack Donovan.

"Basketball Day Indiana fits perfectly with our new brand of 'We Grow Basketball Here,'" said Rick Fuson, president and COO of Pacers Sports & Entertainment. "We embrace the opportunity to begin the day with the best of

high school basketball in Bankers Life Fieldhouse and conclude the festivities that evening when our Pacers host Chicago. We thank our partners at FOX Sports Indiana for their leading role in making this a must-see day of hoops, whether on FSI or in person."

Basketball Day Indiana will start with three high school games from Bankers Life Fieldhouse, including two marquee matchups: Girls Class 4A preseason No. 2 Pike takes on No. 3 North Central; and boys preseason 4A No. 1 New Albany faces 3A No. 16 Silver Creek. Later in the day, Class 3A No. 1 Crispus Attucks faces No. 8 Broad Ripple from Grand Park Fieldhouse.

"The IHSAA is enthusiastic about the second annual Basketball Day Indiana," said Bobby Cox, Commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association. "We are proud that four high school contests will be featured in the day-long programming which will spotlight our beloved game in the Hoosier State. Our sincerest thanks are extended to our valued partners at FOX Sports Indiana and Pacers Sports & Entertainment for their tremendous support of education-based athletics in Indiana."

In mid-afternoon the focus shifts to the college ranks. From 2 to 4:30 p.m., FOX Sports Indiana will present three games simultaneously in a "whip-around" format. FOX

Sports Indiana's longtime Pacers broadcast team, Chris Denari and Quinn Buckner, will guide viewers through the Purdue-Indiana women's game, Nebraska-Purdue men's game and Seton Hall-Butler men's game. A fourth college game, Valparaiso hosting Southern Illinois, will air at 4:30 p.m. on FOX Sports Indiana Plus as part of FOX Sports' Missouri Valley Conference package.

Basketball Day Indiana culminates with the Pacers hosting the Chicago Bulls.

FOX Sports Indiana also plans to shine the spotlight on youth basketball, with instructional segments and features from Grand Park Fieldhouse, and on the IHSAA-Special Olympics Indiana unified sports program. FOX Sports Indiana will anchor between-game coverage from a set in the entry pavilion of Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Basketball Day Indiana is presented by St. Vincent.

For more information on Basketball Day Indiana, visit FOXSportsIndiana.com, Pacers.com and check the hashtag #BasketballDayIndiana. Coverage of Basketball Day Indiana starts this week on FOX Sports Indiana with Countdown to Basketball Day, a series of reports from significant basketball events and sites throughout the state that will air during Pacers telecasts.

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statewide each Friday and Saturday night, it has become the place to hear from coaches and media covering the Indiana high school basketball scene. Lovell has also been a focal part of television and radio coverage of IHSAA state finals, IHSAA state pairings broadcasts, the emcee of the annual Downtown Indianapolis Kiwanis State Finals Luncheon and numerous other functions, earning recognition as the Indiana Sportscaster of the Year, an inductee of the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Hall of Fame, and recognitions from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, Indiana Football Coaches Association and Indiana High School Athletic Association. An all-conference player at Plainfield High School and four-year letterman at Franklin College, he was the head men's basketball coach at Franklin College from 1977-1981 and held athletic director and head coach duties at IUPUI between 1982-1994, earning notable postseason success at both stops. A senior associate commissioner for Basketball Operations at the NCAA

Division I Horizon League for seven years, since 2003 he has also been an instructor at IUPUI in History of Sport, Sports Ethics and Recreational Sports Programming courses. He resides in Franklin.

**Gene Thomas** receives the Centennial Award, created to recognize those who contributed to Indiana high school basketball long ago, which includes induction. A 1918 graduate of Fortville High School and 1923 graduate of Indiana University, he is the only four-sport letter winner in the history of IU and graduated with an unprecedented 10 varsity letters in basketball, football, baseball and track. Recognized for his career as a coach, he was head coach of Marion High School's 1926 Indiana high school basketball state champion, leading Hall of Famers Charles "Stretch" Murphy, Robert Chapman and teammates to a title victory over Martinsville and young John Wooden. He then coached Kalamazoo Central High School to two Michigan basketball state championships in 1932 and 1939, becoming

the only coach to win high school basketball state titles in Michigan and Indiana. He served as Principal of Kalamazoo Central from 1945-1965 and served terms as President of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and President of the National Association of Secondary School Principals before his death in 1970.

The Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 57th Annual Men's Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. The day's events will include a reception at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame museum in New Castle that afternoon with a banquet that evening at the Primo Banquet Hall in Indianapolis.

Reservations are available online now or through mail order in early 2018. Call the Hall at 765-529-1891, visit [www.hoopshall.com](http://www.hoopshall.com) or email [info@hoopshall.com](mailto:info@hoopshall.com) for more information.

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