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# Grand Park fieldhouse now Pacers Athletic Center

**The REPORTER**  
NBA.com is reporting Pacers Sports & Entertainment has acquired the naming rights to the fieldhouse located at Grand Park. NBA.com indicated the facility will now be named the Pacers Athletic Center. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. According to NBA.com,

the former Johnathan Byrd's Fieldhouse, now named Pacers Athletic Center, will be home to the Jr. NBA Pacers as part of the Jr. NBA Flagship Network. On June 15 to 17, the facility will host one of eight U.S. Jr. NBA Regional Championships that leads to the first Jr. NBA World Championship in August in Orlando. The Jr. NBA World

Championship is a first-of-its kind global youth basketball tournament for the top boys and girls teams ages 14 and under from around the world. The Jr. NBA World Championship will be centered on four core values – teamwork, respect, determination and community – that will set a new standard in youth basketball development.

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook was quoted on the website stating, "When Grand Park was envisioned, the idea was to build the best youth sports park in the country, however it has evolved in to so much more. Having the Pacers name on a state-of-the-art basketball facility at Grand Park in Westfield is a natural fit."

# Santa, reindeer come to Sheridan

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
ReadTheReporter.com

CrossRoads Student Center, located at 414 S. Main St., Sheridan, is holding a Christmas party starting at 6 p.m. this Saturday at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th St. The event features free roasted pork loin dinner and a baked potato bar. There will be games, an appearance by Santa and live reindeer courtesy of Jingle John from Silly Safaris, Inc.

According to Pastor Chris Brooks, the Crossroads Student Center is a Christian outreach geared toward teenagers and will start an elementary program in January.

"In July we got a commercial building," Brooks said. "It was important for us to get a commercial building because so many young people won't go to a church. We have a storefront right on Main Street open five days a week. Each day has a different theme and there is a message given every day that we are open."

Brooks said the mission of his center is to help local kids, especially those with a higher risk for drug use.

"A lot of the kids that come to us are from severely broken homes, which

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# Indiana State University awards Kenley Doctor of Humane Letters

**The REPORTER**  
Indiana State University conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Sen. Luke Kenley during winter commencement Saturday in the Hulman Center.

Kenley retired from the Indiana General Assembly in September, ending a quarter-century of distinguished service as a state senator. The Noblesville Republican was first elected to the state Senate in 1992 and has directly influenced major public policy issues relating to transportation and infrastructure, economic development and K-12 education.

"Sen. Kenley has been a great friend to higher education in the state of Indiana," said Greg Goode, executive director of government relations at Indiana State. "His forward-thinking approach has resulted in tremendous investments in people and campuses across the state. This is one of the important areas where Indiana stands out as leader among other states in the country and positions our state to compete globally. We are deeply grateful to Senator Kenley for believing in Indiana State University."

Kenley has been instrumental to higher education in the state of Indiana with his



Photo provided

Indiana State University President Dan Bradley (left) confers an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree to Sen. Luke Kenley during winter commencement Saturday in the Hulman Center.

leadership of the Senate Appropriations Committee and his authoring budget bills that support universities across the state, as well as key statewide initiatives such as the 21st Century Scholars Program.

At Indiana State, Ken-

ley's support for high priority capital projects such as the College of Health and Human Services and the Hulman Center are two of several projects that are transforming the campus. His support for funding the Indiana Principal

Leadership Institute, housed at State, enables public school principals across the state engage in leadership development programs, and his support of Indiana State's student

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# Duke Energy Foundation donates \$8K to Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance program

**The REPORTER**  
The Duke Energy Foundation has awarded an \$8,000 grant to the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program. The program works in collaboration with Hamilton Heights Schools, the towns of Cicero, Atlanta and Arcadia, as well as with the Hamilton County Superior Court.

The program strives to develop and implement programs and services that promote positive growth experiences and enhance home and community relationships for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

A large portion of the grant will help pay for mental health awareness and suicide prevention, along with a drug and alcohol prevention program.

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(From left) Mary Ann Haymaker, child advocate coordinator at Hamilton Heights Schools; Mark LaBarr, Duke Energy community relations manager for Hamilton County; and Sydney Loomis, board member, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program.

# Save the Nickel Plate responds to Noblesville's decision

**Save the Nickel Plate, Inc.**

In an announcement Wednesday, the Noblesville Parks Department revealed that they voted not to renew their lease of property within Forest Park to the Indiana Transportation Museum (ITM). Our group is very disappointed, albeit not surprised, to learn of Wednesday's display of continued political maneuvering aimed at further eroding and degrading the continuity of the Nickel Plate railroad throughout Hamilton County and Central Indiana. It's especially disappointing after considering the Rail to Trail Conservancy's [report on Rails with Trails](#), which clearly depicts the combination as one of the best solutions for developing trails along active rail corridors.

The Nickel Plate Trail controversy is a conflict fraught with questionable ethical practices and multiple betrayals of public trust by those officials who were elected and appointed to positions within our local governments. Today's announcement is just one link in a long chain of official misconduct directed at the forcible demise of the Nickel Plate railroad. The motives of such actions have, to date, continued to elude our complete understanding. Is it selfish personal interests of a few peoples' vision of a Hamilton County without rails? Or is it perhaps an even more troubling theme of collusion, bribes and campaign contributions all leading to the planned conversion of the Nickel Plate rail corridor to a trail? We may never know, but there are certainly hints of each element contained within government emails recovered through Indiana Access to Public Records (IAPR) requests.

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reaffirmed that this is exactly what God wanted to do," Brooks told The Reporter. "I have at least four kids where one or both parents are in prison right now. About three months ago I said, 'raise your hand if you know somebody who does drugs,' and every hand in the building went up. The drug thing here is a really big deal."

Brooks said his center, which is staffed by himself, his wife and one assistant, does everything they can to both get Sheridan youth to know Jesus and to give them better life skills to make better decisions.

And though they offer a Sunday service at 1 p.m., it is not a formal church service.

"It is what most people would call a small group. We watch a video series and talk about it. I am trying to build up the memory of 'church didn't kill me when I did it.' It's in a storefront building because we are mindful of how many people just can't get past the church doors because

**CrossRoads Hours**

- Wednesday Bible studies. Guys only, 6 to 7:30 p.m. and girls only, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- Thursday is high school only night, 6 to 9 p.m.
- Friday movie and entertainment, 7 to 10 p.m.
- Saturday, 7 to 10 p.m.
- Sunday service, 1 p.m.

they are church doors."

The event on Saturday is a push to build awareness in the community.

"We want the entire town to come out to hear what we are about," Brooks said. "We rented the Community Center. We will have a nice dinner and a presentation of what we do. We will present some drug facts with the actual numbers of overdoses and statistics. There is a very serious point to being in this building five days a week trying to do something with these kids."

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success initiatives has led to increase improvement in student retention and graduation rates.

Prior to the Senate, he served as a Noblesville city court judge for 15 years. He also worked as a lawyer and led a family business, expanding it from 20 to more than 200 employees.

An officer in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War era, Kenley is a graduate of Noblesville High School. He earned a bachelor's degree from the Miami University and a juris doctorate degree from Harvard Law School.

"Our ultimate goal is for each child to perform at their highest level in school and in life," said Mary Ann Haymaker, child advocate coordinator at Hamilton Heights Schools.

"Community involvement is a core value at Duke Energy," said Mark LaBarr, community relations manager in Hamilton County. "We have an obligation to meet the community's needs in ways that foster responsible citizenship."

**About Duke Energy Foundation**

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic

support to address the needs of the communities where its customers live and work. In Indiana, the foundation provides approximately \$2.2 million annually in charitable gifts. The foundation's education focus spans kindergarten to career, particularly science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), early childhood literacy and workforce development. It also supports the environment and community impact initiatives, including arts and culture.

For more information, visit [duke-energy.com/foundation](http://duke-energy.com/foundation).

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Today's continued affront of the existing railroad museum and rail corridor as a whole, seems to be the fulfilled "prophecy" of Noblesville Deputy Mayor, Steve Cooke. In three emails originating from Cooke's government email account, he is quoted as having said:

*"Work with community leaders to bring an end to the rail line," "we'll certainly be excited to pull up the tracks from 8th Street and over SR32/38," and "this is an opportunity [railbanking] we couldn't delay given the potential investment that would go into fixing the train tracks."*

Though these quotes are merely a glimpse at the nearly 5,000 emails we've received so far via multiple IAPR requests, they best represent the nefarious nature of our government officials' intent to secretly plan the removal of the tracks and the museum for their own interest and without genuine, collaborative public input. Cooke's last quote indicates that there may have existed an opportunity to repair the rails; but that railbanking was hastily pursued to stifle that possibility.

It is imperative to revisit the start of this issue which was initiated by whistleblowers from within the ITM publicly sharing their allegations of rail and equipment safety, among other concerns.

The Hoosier Heritage Port Authority (HHPA) immediately suspended ITM operations pending safety inspections of the rails. Five separate Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) reports found there to be "No Violations" recommended. Additionally, and even more compelling, the private report paid for by the HHPA, made the following statement in the executive summary on the very first page:

*"The Consultant has never encountered a 37-mile length of track where there has been so little drainage issues for the majority of the trackage . . . The light rail, joints, and turnouts are in surprisingly good to fair condition . . . overall the steel components of the track are in relatively good condition."*

Even more surprising, the President of the HHPA, Michael Obergfell, attended an FRA inspection of the railroad line and said that the FRA inspectors indicated that the line was in overall good condition for a tourist railroad, with only a few isolated spots that needed attention. Obergfell is also a VP at USI Consultants, which has more than \$2 million worth of roadway and other transportation contracts within Hamilton County. Is this conflict of interest responsible for the persistent message that the rails are too unsafe to use?

With all evidence indicating that the

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Email Noblesville officials to let them know that you disagree with this assault on the railroad and that the tracks should remain intact and operational from Indianapolis to Tipton.

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Information courtesy  
Save the Nickel Plate, Inc.

rails were in safe condition with only some maintenance needed for the types of trains being operated, how did the suspension of operations remain in effect? Ultimately the suspension led to the proposed Nickel Plate Trail and the new Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad combining to become the "compromise" solution for a problem that never existed.

Is it possible that the Nickel Plate Trail was predestined and already being developed before the rail safety allegations? All one must do is simply look back to 2013, when the Fishers Train Station was torn down, to realize that the railroad was officially on the political chopping block as far back as then. While it's easy to look back and

say, "How didn't we see this coming and why didn't we stop it?" it is important to focus on the present situation and demand that the plan be halted immediately and that our elected officials be held accountable. It is without question that the public trust has been betrayed multiple times throughout this ordeal. To date, supporters have indicated that the City of Fishers has continued to deflect and delay multiple IAPR requests while Noblesville and Hamilton County have been fully compliant and cooperative. Is there something that Fishers doesn't want us to see which may implicate their highest-ranking officials in this ongoing act of conspiracy and collusion? We may never know if they aren't made to comply with the IAPR requests.

A supporter of our efforts spoke some very sobering words in light of these recent events: "Truth should be the authority, not authority the truth." This phrase has never rang more true than amid the misconceptions and frequent distortions of facts which have consumed the spirit of the Nickel Plate Trail. Train supporters do not necessarily oppose a trail, but rather acknowledge and desire the alternative of a trail being developed along the current rails while preserving the history and expanding the operations of the railroad. But at a minimum, they seek transparency and accountability within their government, which would come in the form of a large public forum to openly discuss and consider all of the facts and details of the proposed Nickel Plate Trail.

Central Indiana residents are urged to "Like" and follow our group on Facebook in order to stay connected with future updates and receive notification of an upcoming rally being planned for early January 2018.

[Click here](#) to read the emails and other supporting documents referred to in this story.



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## Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad looks toward future of rail tourism

Dear Editor:

It has been a difficult year for our communities with discussions concerning preservation of the historic Nickel Plate Railroad and additional discussions of the Indiana Transportation Museum and its position in Forest Park. They are separate discussions but have nonetheless divided the community in many ways. Our board is comprised of long-time residents of this community, and this saddens us.

While we acknowledge the situation is difficult, the new non-profit Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Board of Directors has been working diligently to provide a new, safe and entertaining railroad experience to Hamilton County. We hope to launch in mid-2018 with weekend excursions, holiday-themed trains and a dining car experience.

The 12.6-mile track between Noblesville and Atlanta, and the cities in between of Cicero and Arcadia, will be alive with quality programming using new trains for families and adults in our partnership with the Atlanta Pacific Railroad and managed by an experienced operator.

Our programs also will bring visitors to the downtown areas, and we hope to work with parks departments, local community downtown development programs and arts organizations, in addition to other public and private stakeholder groups, to enhance the region as a destination. In fact, community economic development support by the railroad will be a primary focus of our organization as will telling the story of this important historical treasure.

By focusing on the project in this way, local shops and restaurants also will receive the resident and tourism spending dollars that so many believe has disappeared due to the ITM's departure.

We look forward to serving you and hopefully inspiring you to a new vision for this rail line.

Sincerely,

**Toni Dickover, President**  
Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, Inc.  
107 S. West St., Arcadia

# How to prepay property taxes

### The REPORTER

Revisions to the federal income tax code will significantly impact the deductibility of state and local income taxes as well as property taxes in 2018. Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman said that the last version of the legislation places a cap of \$10,000 on aggregate of these taxes after 2017.

"We anticipate that many county taxpayers, on advice of their financial advisors, may wish to prepay an estimate of their 2018 property taxes prior to the end of 2017," said Altman. "Accordingly we have asked Jennifer Templeton, Hamilton County Treasurer, to compile procedures for tax-



Altman

payers to follow in making property tax prepayments."

Altman said that the prepayment information will also be posted on Hamilton County's website.

### Advance property tax payments

Advance payments for property taxes are accepted in Hamilton County. Payments can be made in any amount that the taxpayer wishes to the Hamilton County Treasurer.

### Payment options

- Pay in the office with cash, cashier's check, money order or personal check
- Mail payment to Hamilton County Treasurer, 33 N. 9th St., Suite 112, Noblesville, IN 46060

• Pay taxes online by credit card or e-checks through the county website, [HamiltonCounty.in.gov](http://HamiltonCounty.in.gov).

### Information needed for payment to be applied

• 16-digit county parcel number, location address and the owner's name or a copy of the past year's bill

If a taxpayer pays more than the 2017 pay 2018 calculated amount, the amount will be applied to the full year tax and will then create a treasurer's surplus to be issued back to the homeowner on record at the time of settlement.

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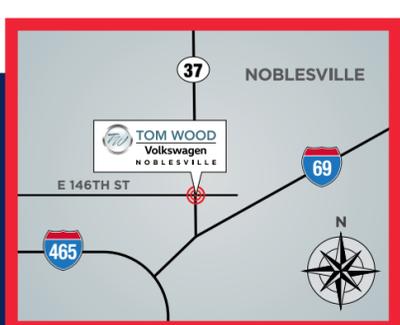
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# Forum: Dealing with the opioid epidemic

**The REPORTER**

Heroin and opioid overdoses claim 93 lives every day in our country. This has become a national epidemic that hits families across all races and economic streams. You are invited to this free event where we will have speakers discussing:

- Signs of drug use

- Securing your medicine cabinet and drug take-back opportunities
  - Resources for detox, treatment, recovery for addicts and support for their loved ones
  - What does treatment look like/involve?
- The forum will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018,

at the Carmel Christian Church, 463 E. Main St. If you would like more information you please contact Rev. Jerry Zehr, President of Carmel Interfaith Alliance, at 317-846-5033 or email [carmel-christian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carmel-christian@sbcglobal.net). Sponsored by Carmel Interfaith Alliance and State Senator Jim Merritt.

# Noblesville firefighter Hash promoted to rank of Captain

**The REPORTER**

Trevor Hash has been promoted in rank to Captain of Logistics and Public Relations. Hash is a 13-year veteran of the department, and a member of the Hamilton County Combat Challenge Team. For the past 13 years, Hash has served as a Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for the department. Hash will be taking

over the role of Logistics and Public Relations previously held by Captain Todd Estes, who was recently promoted to Division Chief of Planning and Investigations. Hash will also become the new Public Information Officer (PIO) for the department. "I want to con-



Hash

gratulate Trevor on his promotion within the department," said Division Chief Todd Estes. Division Chief Estes also stated, "I look forward to sitting down with Trevor as he transitions into his new role, and am confident he will take Public Relations to the next level."

# INDOT Santa Tracker returning to social media this Christmas

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces, for the third consecutive year, that it will be tracking the movements of Jolly 'Ol Saint Nick while he makes his rounds in the Hoosier State. Beginning at 6 p.m. EST on Christmas Eve, INDOT Social media pages will track the movements of Santa Claus as he enters the state in our Seymour District. Kris Kringle will visit Indiana landmarks, visit with INDOT staff and help spread the word about travel tips and safe driving. Children and parents who would like to follow Santa can do so at the times listed below using #SantaStopsIN:



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# Noblesville Noon Kiwanis, Lions help Salvation Army



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The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis and the Noblesville Lions Club recently collected donations for the Salvation Army. Various members gave their time to collect for this worthy cause. (Top) Joe and Joellen Arrowood of Noblesville Noon Kiwanis enjoyed braving the cold while collecting money for the Salvation Army at the Noblesville Walmart. (Above; from left) Chuck Wheeler, Duke Miller and Ed Shea of the Noblesville Lions Club gave time to help the Salvation Army.

**Meeting Notices**

The Atlanta Town Council holds regular council meetings at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Arcadia.

The Clay Township Board will meet at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Indianapolis.

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# Recognizing outstanding service



Photo provided by Byron Settles

Four county government employees were presented with service pins Tuesday at the annual Wellness Luncheon at the County Fairgrounds. Longest serving of those honored are (from left) Vicky Dunbar, Rex Foutz, Jenny Sundling and Mervin Hair. County Commissioner Steve Dillinger (right) presented the pins. The luncheon featured remarks by Riverview Health staff members, lunch catered by Matteo's, music by Phyllis Davis and vendor displays promoting health.

## Man wanted for credit card theft

### The REPORTER

On Nov. 17, a credit card was stolen from a residence located in the 1700 block of Beaufain Street in Carmel. The black male pictured was observed on surveillance video attempting to use the stolen credit card at a retail store in Indianapolis. He appears to be wearing a Seattle Mariners baseball cap.

If anyone has information on the suspect, please contact the Carmel Police Department Investigations Division at 317-571-2500 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at 317-262-8477 (TIPS).



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## TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

Matthew 18:4-5 (KJV)

### Mary Ann Gallagher

December 19, 2017

Mary Ann Gallagher, 84, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. She was born to Norbert and Helena (Swanwick) Sack in Indianapolis.

Mary Ann graduated from Sacred Heart High School and Indiana University at Indianapolis where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree late in life. She remained a life-long learner. Mary Ann enjoyed her life as an Army wife. Her frequent moves to places around the world started her love of travel and adventure. Mary Ann and her husband, Mike, enjoyed traveling throughout their life together.

Mary Ann is survived, loved and missed by her children, Kathleen Liddy, Thomas Michael "Mike" Gallagher Jr., Marlene G. Schleifman, Mary G. Wood, Ann E. Gallagher and Joseph E. Gallagher (Heather); 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Michael "Mike" Gallagher Sr.; and brother, Norbert Sack.

Visitation was held on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 22, 2017 at the church, with an additional visitation one hour prior. Rev. Patrick Click will officiate. Burial will be at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Mary Ann's care.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 E. 56th St., 8th Floor, New York, NY 10022; or American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

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*Girls basketball*

# Millers fall to 3A No. 1 Tigers

By **RICHIE HALL**  
Reporter Sports Editor

The Noblesville girls basketball team met the No. 1-ranked team in Class 3A on Thursday, when Northwestern came to The Mill.

The Tigers left Noblesville with a 51-38 victory. Northwestern got out to a fast start and led by 22 points at one time during the third quarter, before the Millers made a big comeback to get back in contention. The Tigers are 13-1 for the season, with their only loss to Louisville Mercy, a top Kentucky team.

"They're very talented," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "We did a great job on their two studs. They combined for 11 points and they came in averaging 35. So we did a great job on those kids. We just needed to make shots in the second quarter. That was the difference in the game."

Northwestern led 12-2 after the first quarter, with Emily Kiser getting the only Millers points in the period. The Tigers then led by as much as 27-7 in the second quarter, then 29-11 at halftime.

"We just missed a lot of shots," said Buckley. "My gosh, we missed so many layups."

The Panthers led 37-15 midway through the third period, but then Noblesville went on a 15-2 run to finish the quarter. Maddie Knight and Mallory Johnson both scored five points in that run, with Knight making a layin and a three-point play, followed by Johnson hitting a 3-pointer and her own layin.

Kiser also had a three-point play, and Madison Whetro made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left in the period.

"We didn't make shots in the first half and I thought we poked a little bit because of that and got ourselves down," said Buckley. After a halftime talk - "You're getting the shots you want, it's not as if we're turning the ball over 20 times," the coach told her team - Noblesville turned things around.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Mallory Johnson scored five points as part of a 15-2 Millers run in the third quarter of Noblesville's game with Class 3A No. 1 Northwestern Thursday night at The Mill.

"Our kids came out, made shots and played defense and gave ourselves a chance," said Buckley.

The Millers' run got them to within 39-30 going into the fourth quarter, and they were still within 45-36 with 4:36 left in the game. But Northwestern was able to hold Noblesville off in the final few minutes.

Kiser finished the game with 18 points and eight rebounds. Knight scored nine points and also made four steals.

The Millers are off until next Friday, when they host their own tournament.

Noblesville will play New Palestine in the first semi-final game, which tips off at 10 a.m. The second semi-final features 3A No. 2 Greensburg taking on Southport, and starts at noon. The consolation game starts at 6 p.m., with the championship at 8 p.m.

### Northwestern 51, Noblesville 38

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Noblesville	3-12	0-0	7	3
Mallory Johnson	4-9	1-1	9	1

Madison Whetro	0-4	2-2	2	1
Abby Haley	0-0	0-0	0	5
Emily Kiser	6-10	6-8	18	1
Olivia Morales	1-4	0-0	2	0
Anna Kiser	0-0	0-0	0	1
Kailyn Ely	0-1	0-0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-40</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>

Score by Quarters  
 Northwestern 10 19 10 12 - 51  
 Noblesville 2 9 19 8 - 38  
 Noblesville 3-point shooting (1-10) Johnson 1-5, Knight 0-2, Whetro 0-1, E. Kiser 0-1, Ely 0-1.  
 Noblesville rebounds (22) E. Kiser 8, Haley 4, Johnson 3, Knight 1, Whetro 1, Ely 1, team 4.

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## Hamilton Heights hires J.R. Moffatt as head baseball coach

J.R. Moffatt has been hired as the new head baseball coach at Hamilton Heights.

Moffatt replaces Matt Wallace, who has taken a new position at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich. within the school of Teacher Education. Matt guided the Hamilton Heights baseball program to an overall record of 35-16 the past two years as the leader of the program.

J.R. graduated from Columbus East HS in 1983 and Cincinnati Christian University in 1989 where he played both basketball and baseball at both institutions. Currently, J.R. is pastor of Arcadia Christian Church, where he has served since 1987 (16 years as youth minister and 14 years as the lead preaching minister).

"J.R. has been involved in the Hamilton Heights schools and community for the past 30 years. He is a respected 30-year pastor of the Arcadia Christian Church and has coached the Hamilton Heights freshman basketball team for the past 29 years, as well.

Nobody knows the culture of the schools and community better," said Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden. "Furthermore, having served as Matt Wallace's assistant coach the past two years, J.R. has been directly involved with the positive direction the baseball program has taken lately (finished 2016-17 as Hoosier Conference Champions and 21-4 overall). We're certain, as the Hamilton Heights head baseball coach, J.R. will continue to push the program to a heightened level not only within the conference but within the 3A level of IHSAA baseball."

Moffatt said, "There has been a nice foundation laid for Husky baseball and we look forward to adding to that. We have a great group of seniors returning. There's still work to do and that starts this winter in the weight room. I'm honored to walk alongside these young men...baseball is a great game!"

J.R. has been married to his wife, Leigh Ann, for 28 years and they reside in Cicero. They have two children: Zac (21) and Shanna (15).

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# Top-ranked North Central beats Fishers girls

Fishers took on the No. 1-ranked team in Class 4A Thursday, welcoming North Central to the Tiger Den.



Grace

The Panthers beat the Tigers 62-50. North Central led Fishers 12-10 after the first quarter and 34-15 at halftime.

The Tigers had a great third period, cutting NC's lead to 43-34, but the Panthers held on in the fourth quarter to get the win.

Skylar Fulton made four 3-pointers on her way to 17 points, followed by Toni Grace scoring 12 points. Tamia Perryman collected nine rebounds, with Grace getting eight boards. Lydia Stullken had another solid defensive game, blocking five shots.

Fishers is now 8-7 for the season. The Tigers are off until next Friday, Dec. 29, when they travel to Hanover to play in

Southwestern High School's annual Rumble on the River. Fishers will play the winner of a first-round game between McCutcheon and Salem at 6:45 p.m. Friday evening, then play two more games on Saturday, Dec. 30.

## North Central 62, Fishers 50

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Briana McGee	0-2	4-4	4	1
Toni Grace	4-12	4-5	12	3
Skylar Fulton	6-11	1-1	17	4
Ali Gerka	0-3	0-0	0	0
Tamia Perryman	1-4	0-0	2	5
Katie Burton	1-2	0-0	2	1
Kenedi London	1-6	5-6	7	2
Lydia Stullken	1-4	2-2	4	1
Casey Walker	0-0	0-0	0	2
Cierra Tolbert	1-1	0-0	2	2
Totals	15-45	16-18	50	21

Score by Quarters

North Central	12	22	9	19	62
Fishers	10	5	19	16	50

Fishers 3-point shooting (4-12) Fulton 4-6, Grace 0-5, Gerka 0-1.

Fishers rebounds (26) Perryman 9, Grace 8, Tolbert 4, Fulton 2, McGee 1, Burton 1, Stullken 1.

# UHS boys break away from Seton, clinch PAAC championship game

The fourth ranked Class 1A University Trailblazers clinched a berth in February's Pioneer Championship game with a 47-25 win over Seton Catholic at Bankers Life Fieldhouse Thursday night.

University extends the best start in school history to 8-0 and is 3-0 in PAAC North play. The 'Blazers have one PAAC game remaining with Anderson Prep, who has already dropped two PAAC North games.

The 'Blazers held the Cardinals scoreless for over eight minutes spanning the first and second quarters and scored 13 straight points to break away from a 4-4 tie to take a double-digit lead that was never relinquished.

Both teams struggled to find the mark in the first quarter. A pair of Zack Hodgkin free throws staked University to a 6-4 lead after one. Ethan Sickels sparked the 'Blazers in the second quarter, making a couple of three point baskets and scoring a field goal after David Howard grabbed a rebound and threw a long pass to the streaking Sickels for a lay-in. Sickels added another three pointer before the half for an 11 point quarter. Sickels was the only Trailblazer in double figures on the night.

Hodgin stuffed the stat sheet with eight points, seven steals, seven assists and six rebounds. Howard scored eight points and grabbed six caroms. University had 15 steals on the night.

"Our defense tonight was fantastic," said

University coach Brandon Lafferan. "I was very happy with Zack's play tonight. Ethan made some big shots in the second quarter to give us a big boost. I'm excited about the start to the season and looking forward to the tournament in Vincennes next week.

University entered the game allowing just 37 points per game, the second-best mark in Class 1A. The 25 points scored by Seton Catholic were a season low for the Cardinals, marking the fifth time in eight games University has held an opponent to a season low.

University plays the opening game in the Vincennes Holiday Classic Friday, Dec. 29. The Trailblazers will take on the Eastern Greene Thunderbirds at 3 p.m. Guerin Catholic and North Knox are also in the Trailblazers' half of the bracket.

## University 47, Seton Catholic 25

University	FG	FT	TP	PF
David Howard	3-10	1-3	8	1
Quinn Steiner	1-2	0-0	3	1
Ethan Sickels	6-11	0-0	15	1
Camden Brown	0-0	0-0	0	0
Foster Flamion	2-3	0-0	4	2
Eyal Friedman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sam Mervis	0-1	0-0	0	1
Max Greenamoyer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Josh Watson	3-9	0-0	7	1
Zack Hodgkin	3-6	2-4	8	3
Eric Major	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	19-43	3-7	47	10

Score by Quarters

University	6	14	10	17	47
Seton Catholic	4	2	9	10	25

University 3-point shooting (6-19) Sickels 3-7, Howard 1-6, Watson 1-5, Steiner 1-1.

University rebounds (19) Howard 6, Hodgkin 6, Flamion 4, Mervis 2, Watson 1.

# Strong second half sends HSE girls past Plainfield

Hamilton Southeastern used a strong second half to take care of Plainfield 39-23 in a Thursday night road game.

The Class 4A No. 6 Royals trailed the Quakers 9-7 after the first quarter, then came back to tie the game at 14-14 by halftime. Southeastern then sailed through the second half, outscoring Plainfield 25-9.

Tayah Irvin scored 12 points for HSE and pulled seven rebounds. Amaya Hamilton also corralled seven rebounds, with Molly Walton and Shelby Ford both grabbing five. Walton also made four steal.

Southeastern is now 13-2 for the season. The Royals will play two games at the North Central Classic next week: HSE takes on Springboro (Ohio) at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, then will play the 4A No. 1 Panthers at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29.

## Southeastern 39, Plainfield 23

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Malea Jackson	2-4	4-4	8	2
Lydia Self	0-0	0-0	0	0
Amaya Hamilton	4-7	0-0	8	3
Ella Zingraf	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jackie Maulucci	0-1	0-0	0	2
Molly Walton	1-2	6-8	9	3
Tayah Irvin	5-10	0-1	12	1
Shelby Ford	0-6	2-2	2	2
Bri Baker	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lauren Morris	0-0	0-0	0	0
Erikka Edeuwa	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	12-30	12-15	39	14

Score by Quarters

Southeastern	7	7	12	13	39
Plainfield	9	5	5	4	23

Southeastern 3-point shooting (3-11) Irvin 2-7, Walton 1-1, Jackson 0-2, Ford 0-1.

Southeastern rebounds (26) Hamilton 7, Irvin 7, Walton 5, Ford 5, Jackson 2.

# Fishers boys hold off Bearcat comeback

Fishers held off a comeback by Muncie Central Thursday night to beat the Bearcats 62-56 at the Muncie Fieldhouse.

The Tigers played a strong defensive first quarter to lead 18-6, then kept that momentum going to move ahead 37-19 at halftime. Muncie Central began to make a run in the third quarter, cutting Fishers' lead 46-34.

The Bearcats continued to roll, tying the game at 54-54 with two minutes left. But the Tigers outscored Muncie Central 8-2 in those final two minutes. Willie Jackson helped out with eight points in the fourth period.

Jackson led Fishers with 19 points, including an 8-of-9 effort from the free-throw line. Luke Hernandez came off the bench to score 10 points, with Jordan Jones and Jeremy Szilagyi both adding nine points.

The Tigers are now 3-4 for the season and are off until Saturday, Dec. 30 when

they play two games at the Grace College Classic. Fishers takes on Valparaiso at 11 a.m., then plays Warsaw at 7:45 p.m.

## Fishers 62, Muncie Central 56

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Willie Jackson	5	8-9	19	2
Jordan Jones	2	4-6	9	3
Jeremy Szilagyi	4	0-0	9	2
Brendhan Russom	0	0-0	0	1
Terry Hicks	3	0-0	6	5
Emmanuel Davis	0	2-2	2	1
Alex Szilagyi	2	0-0	4	0
Luke Hernandez	4	2-4	10	1
Craig Yohe	0	0-0	0	3
Bryce Gee	0	3-4	3	0
Totals	20	19-25	62	18

Score by Quarters

Fishers	18	19	9	16	62
Muncie	6	13	15	22	56

Fishers 3-pointers (3) Jackson, Jones, J. Szilagyi.

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Boston	26	9	.743	-
Toronto	22	8	.733	1.5
New York	17	14	.548	7.0
Philadelphia	14	17	.452	10.0
Brooklyn	11	19	.367	12.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	24	9	.727	-
Indiana	18	14	.563	5.5
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	6.0
Detroit	17	14	.548	6.0
Chicago	10	21	.323	13.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	17	14	.548	-
Miami	16	15	.516	1.0
Charlotte	11	20	.355	6.0
Orlando	11	21	.344	6.5
Atlanta	7	24	.226	10.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	19	13	.594	-
Portland	16	15	.516	2.5
Oklahoma City	16	15	.516	2.5
Denver	16	15	.516	2.5
Utah	15	18	.455	4.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	25	6	.806	-
L.A. Clippers	12	18	.400	12.5
L.A. Lakers	11	18	.379	13.0
Sacramento	11	20	.355	14.0
Phoenix	12	22	.353	14.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	25	5	.833	-
San Antonio	22	11	.667	4.5
New Orleans	15	16	.484	10.5
Dallas	9	23	.281	17.0
Memphis	9	23	.281	17.0

## Hamilton County football honors

Here's a list of all the Associated Press and Indiana Coaches Football Association honorees from Hamilton County.

### ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-STATE TEAMS

**Class 6A**

**OFFENSE**

Luke Martin	Fishers	Senior	Offensive lineman
Ben Norton	Fishers	Senior	Kicker

**DEFENSE**

Beau Robbins	Carmel	Junior	Defensive lineman
Johnny May	Southeastern	Senior	Linebacker
Joey Schmidt	Carmel	Junior	Linebacker

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
 Camari Hunt, Camrel, running back; Atticus Clouse, Carmel, wide receiver; Isaiah Dunnuck, Fishers, tight end; Matthew Robinson, Westfield; offensive lineman; Jack Knight, Noblesville, kicker; Cole Brevard, Carmel, defensive lineman; Dalton Davis, Noblesville, defensive lineman; Madison Norris, Southeastern; defensive lineman; Collin Caldwell, Westfield, linebacker; Emmanuel Davis, Fishers, linebacker; Eddie Dziennik, Noblesville, linebacker; Ben Leary, Carmel, linebacker; Seth Sontich, Fishers, linebacker.

### CLASS 3A HONORABLE MENTION

Thomas Kaser, Guerin Catholic, running back; Sam Ashton, Guerin Catholic, defensive lineman; Dylan Crossen, Guerin Catholic; defensive back.

### CLASS 1A HONORABLE MENTION

Tanner Swinle, Sheridan, offensive lineman; Gunnar Williams, Sheridan, kicker.

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**OFFENSE**

Luke Martin	Fishers	Senior	Offensive lineman
Ben Norton	Fishers	Senior	Kicker

**DEFENSE**

Johnny May	Southeastern	Senior	Defensive lineman
Beau Robbins	Carmel	Junior	Defensive lineman
Joey Schmidt	Carmel	Senior	Linebacker
Seth Sontich	Fishers	Senior	Linebacker

### IFCA CLASS 1A SENIOR ALL-STATE

**OFFENSE**

Tanner Swindle	Sheridan	Senior	Offensive lineman
Joe Callahan	Sheridan	Senior	Offensive lineman

### IFCA CLASS 3A SENIOR ALL-STATE

**OFFENSE**

Thomas Kaser	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Running back
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**DEFENSE**

Sam Ashton	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Defensive lineman
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### IFCA CLASS 6A SENIOR ALL-STATE

**OFFENSE**

Seth Pope	Noblesville	Senior	Offensive lineman
Isaiah Dunnuck	Fishers	Senior	Tight end
Bryce Gee	Fishers	Senior	Tight end
Atticus Clouse	Carmel	Senior	Athlete

**DEFENSE**

Madison Norris	Southeastern	Senior	Defensive lineman
Ben Leary	Carmel	Senior	Linebacker
Koby Hauser	Westfield	Senior	Defensive back
Nate Frey	Carmel	Senior	Defensive back

### IFCA CLASS 1A JUNIOR ALL-STATE

**OFFENSE**

Chris Starks	Sheridan	Sophomore	Offensive lineman
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### IFCA CLASS 3A JUNIOR ALL-STATE

**DEFENSE**

Dylan Crossen	Guerin Catholic	Junior	Defensive back
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### IFCA CLASS 6A JUNIOR ALL-STATE

**OFFENSE**

Camari Hunt	Carmel	Junior	Athlete
Jack Knight	Noblesville	Junior	Kicker

**DEFENSE**

Cole Brevard	Carmel	Sophomore	Defensive lineman
Dalton Davis	Noblesville	Junior	Defensive lineman
Eddie Dziennik	Noblesville	Junior	Linebacker
Colin Caldwell	Westfield	Junior	Linebacker
Emmanuel Davis	Fishers	Junior	Linebacker
Roman Molden	Fishers	Junior	Defensive back

# UHS girls overwhelm Seton with 32-0 run

University used a 32-0 run to turn a tight game into a blowout Thursday night, defeating Seton Catholic 66-22 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The Trailblazers (11-2, 4-0 Pioneer Conference North) struggled out of the gate and only led 7-4 after the first quarter.



Nickless

But University came on strong in the second quarter, forcing a slew of turnovers to turn a 10-6 lead into a 33-6 halftime advantage. Natalie Nickless' 3-point shooting got the Trailblazers going (12 of her 14 points came on first-half 3s) in the first half, while Lilly Fair was active, pitching in six.

University continued that run at the start of the third quarter, opening with the first nine points of the second half to extend its lead to 42-6 before the Cardinals (2-11, 0-3) got back on the board again. Lindsey Syrek scored 11 of her game-high 16 points in the second half, while Brooke Andrus got into double figures, scoring all 10 of her points

in the third quarter. Haley Tomlinson also hit the double-digit mark, scoring 11.

The Trailblazers completed a perfect 4-0 march through the PAAC North division and will host the conference championship game against Bethesda Christian on January 13. University is next in action at the Monrovia tournament Wednesday, Dec. 27 — the Trailblazers play South Putnam in the first round of the four-team tournament, which also includes host Monrovia and Bethesda Christian.

## University 66, Seton Catholic 22

Player	FG	FT	TP	PF
University	5	6-10	16	2
Lindsey Syrek	4	1-2	10	2
Brooke Andrus	1	1-2	3	0
Lily Snyder	1	0-0	2	0
Lucy Snyder	0	1-2	1	0
Hallie Harrison	0	1-2	1	0
Jaigh Sanders	2	2-6	6	2
Lilly Fair	5	0-0	11	0
Haley Tomlinson	5	0-0	14	1
Natalie Nickless	23	12-24	64	7
Totals				

NOTE: Two points are missing.  
 Score by Quarters  
 University 7 26 25 8 - 66  
 Seton Catholic 4 2 6 10 - 22  
 University 3-pointers (6) Nickless 4, Andrus, Tomlinson.

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