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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**Today:** Partly to mostly cloudy.  
Wind gusts to 35 mph.  
**Tonight:** Clouding up, with a chance of rain and snow showers late.  
**HIGH:** 47 **LOW:** 34



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## Westfield student speaks at Statehouse



Photo provided by Sheryl Clifford

House Bill 1380 was heard on Monday in the Indiana House Committee on Public Health. The bill was amended to change the age from 18 to 21 years old to buy tobacco products (E-cigarettes and Juuls included). Rep. Charlie Brown (D-Gary) was the author of the bill. Westfield High School sophomore Sydney Clifford was asked to speak by the American Cancer Society. The committee voted unanimously to pass the bill. Sydney Clifford (left) and Program Coordinator of Smoke Free Hamilton County Stacy London (right) at the Statehouse.



## Pancakes serve a good cause in Noblesville

### The REPORTER

The Boys & Girls Club, in partnership with the Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis Club, will host its annual Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 10 at the Community Center, located at 1700 Conner St., Door 4.

Tickets to the pancake and sausage breakfast are \$5 and can be purchased in advance at the Community Center, at the Boys & Girls Club, or at the door the day of the event. The Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis Club members will be onsite that morning to assist in preparing breakfast for those in attendance. Each year, over

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## Fishers police warn drivers about lost license plate scheme

WISH-TV  
wistv.com

Fishers Police are working to warn the community after a "suspicious incident" near a busy intersection. Two men are accused of trying to get a woman who was driving alone to pull over. They told her she had lost her license plate.

It happened around 6 p.m. Sunday near 116th Street and Allisonville Road. Police described this as a dangerous situation. They want to talk to the two men involved to find out their intent.

The woman told police that as she turned onto Allisonville Road, two men pulled up next to her and started honking their horn, trying to get her to roll the window down.

"The men indicated to her that she had lost her license plate and asked for her to pull over. She immediately questioned them and when she did so, the male passenger held up a license plate indicating that it belonged to her. Fortunately for her, she knew her license plate number, and she knew this was not her license plate," said Sgt. Tom Weger with the Fishers Police Department.



Weger

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## Noblesville's Scouting Breakfast returns

### The REPORTER

The 23rd Annual Noblesville Mayor's Breakfast for Scouting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The breakfast is a fundraiser that Mayor John Ditslear hosts for local Boy Scout programs.

Attendees will be asked to make a donation during the breakfast to help fund local Scout programs. Attorney Aaron P. Culp is serving as chairman of the event and will be one of the morning's featured speakers. In addition, Scouts of different ages will speak about their experiences and the values and skills that Scouting has taught them.

The breakfast will be held at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall, located at 2003 E. Pleasant St. The morning will start with social time at 7 a.m. and the breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. Those who would like to attend the breakfast must RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 8. Registration may be made online at [tinyurl.com/Noblesville2018](http://tinyurl.com/Noblesville2018) or by contacting Crystal Gilliat at [cgilliat@crossroadsbsa.org](mailto:cgilliat@crossroadsbsa.org) or (317) 813-7098.



Photo provided

Mayor John Ditslear talks with Cub Scout Hudson Holt from Pack 103 about his experiences in Scouting at last year's breakfast.

## Deaf pianist plays Beethoven at Westfield Playhouse next month

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

Main Street Productions (Westfield Playhouse) is partnering with the ALS Association Indiana Chapter for a production of 33 Variations, a play by Moises Kaufman, a play in part about Ludwig van Beethoven, a composer who went deaf beginning in his late 20s. In an interesting twist, the local pianist who will perform selections from Beethoven's music, Kyle Thomas, has been deaf since birth.

"Our pianist is legally deaf," said Jan Jamison, director of this production of 33 Variations. "He's been deaf since birth. You ought

to hear him play. Ever since I've known this young man I've thought, 'How does he do this?' He's taught himself piano and had lessons and it is just amazing. He knows his cues because he reads lips so well, so he knows when to start to play. It's just phenomenal to me. Kyle is amazing!"

Jamison told The Reporter she thinks this production has a great deal to offer. There is a partnership with the ALS Association, a wonderful story and a great musician who cannot hear how good he really is.

"People need to come just to hear him play something," Jamison said about

Thomas. "It's just incredible. I can't say enough about him. It just made me tear up the first time I heard him play."

Moises Kaufman is the author of 33 Variations and his main character is suffering from ALS.

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### Cast, Tickets & Dates

**Cast:**  
Dr. Katherine Brandt - Monica Reinking  
Clara Brandt - Katelyn Reeves  
Mike Clark - Kelly Keller  
Ludwig van Beethoven - Doug Stanton  
Anton Diabelli - Steve Jerk  
Dr. Gertrude Ladenburger - Susan Hill  
Anton Schindler - Dave Hoffman

**Tickets:**  
• \$14 Adult (18+)  
• \$12 Senior (62+)  
• \$12 Student with ID  
• FREE for active military and veterans with military ID  
For reservations, please call (317) 402-3341 or visit [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org).

**Dates:**  
Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17, and at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 and 18.



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Kyle Thomas is the pianist who will play selections from Beethoven in Westfield Playhouse's production of 33 Variations Feb. 2 through Feb. 18.

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## PANCAKES

1,000 people attend this fundraising event to benefit BGCN's sports programming.

"The Pancake Breakfast marks the midway point in our basketball season, and pairing it with Picture Day always makes for a packed house and exciting day for the kids," said Tony Eslamirad, Sports Director at the Boys & Girls Club. "Each year, the kids seem to get more and more excited about selling the most tickets and the potential to win the team prize of getting a limo ride to a Pacers game!"

In addition to the Pancake Breakfast, BGCN will also be hosting an

open house from 9 to 11 a.m. for the public to get a look inside the new Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Guided tours will be available, or guests are welcome to explore the many new rooms the Club has to offer such as the strength and training room, the music room and the cafetorium. Open house guests are asked to enter the Club at Door 1 on the southwest corner of the new Club.

For more information about the breakfast and to purchase tickets, please contact Tony Eslamirad at 317-773-4372 or by email at [teslamirad@bgcni.org](mailto:teslamirad@bgcni.org).

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org. For more information on the open house, please contact Abby Rinehart at [arinehart@bgcni.org](mailto:arinehart@bgcni.org).

*The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, we provide opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. We are dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health and physical development.*

## LICENSE PLATE

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Police say the woman did the right thing by driving away, and they say when something like this happens, officers need to be made aware right away.

"So that we can locate these individuals and determine what their intent was," said Sgt. Weger. "This is definitely a 911 situation."

Officers only have a vague description of the car the men were driving. They tell us it was a light blue pickup truck.

"There is a good possibility that someone may have seen this interaction. Maybe they could provide us with a better description

of the pickup truck or of the men. Or maybe they too were approached and just didn't think to call us," said Sgt. Weger.

Investigators are asking anyone with additional information on this case to give them a call at 317-595-3300. If this happens to you, call 911.

## PLAY

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Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a specific disease which causes the death of neurons controlling voluntary muscles.

"It is a story about a present-day musicologist," Jamison said. "The play is set in 2009. She is writing a monograph on her theories, thoughts and research on why Beethoven wrote 33 variations on a very mediocre waltz that was written by Anton Diabelli. She has been diagnosed with ALS, so she is fighting a losing battle against time. She needs to get this done and satisfy her curiosity on why such a great musician would ever have done this."

The play moves back and forth between 2009 and 1823-1824 when Beethoven was writing these 33 variations while he was becoming deaf.

According to Westfield Playhouse's promotional material, the play is about a mother coming to terms with her daughter and a composer coming to terms with his genius. And, even though they're separated by 200 years, these two people share an obsession that might, even just for a moment, make time stand still. It is an American play about passion, parenthood and the moments of beauty that can transform a life.

Westfield Playhouse Board President John C. Sampson said he finds the ALS



Photo provided

partnership to be an important part of this production. According to Sampson, \$2 of every ticket sold will be donated to the ALS Association.

Westfield Playhouse is located at 1836 W. State Road 32. Call (317) 402-3341 or visit [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org) for more information.

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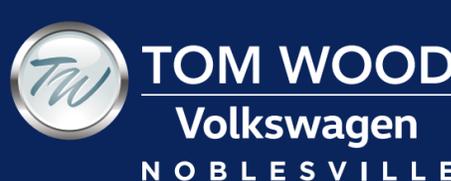
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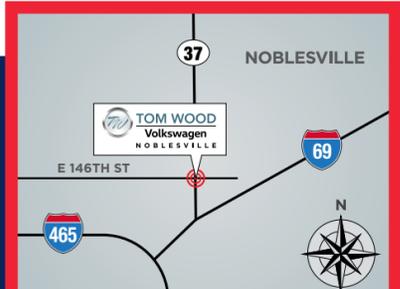
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# Judge Gail Bardach seeks re-election

**The REPORTER**

Judge Gail Bardach, Hamilton Superior Court 6, is seeking re-election in the May 8 Republican primary. Bardach has served as Judge of Superior Court 6 for 11 years. Prior to 2007, she served as Judge of the Carmel City Court for almost 14 years.

In her current position, Bardach has presided over thousands of criminal, civil and traffic cases each year. In 2010, Bardach developed the Hamilton County Drug Court. She continues to preside over that specialized docket of Superior Court 6, which seeks to reduce the recidivism of non-violent, but seriously drug addicted, criminal offenders. As Drug Court Judge, Bardach leads a team of 16 professionals in the justice and treatment communities, to help recovering addicts remain drug free and otherwise out of the criminal justice system and to become productive

and contributing members of our communities.

Bardach has additionally chaired the statewide Indiana Judicial Conference Community Relations Committee and currently chairs the statewide Indiana Judicial Conference Court Alcohol and Drug Programs Committee. She is also a member of the statewide Indiana Judicial Conference Problem-Solving Courts Committee, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board, the Indiana Judges Association and the Hamilton County Bar Association.

Bardach said, "I am looking forward to continuing to serve the people of Hamilton County, as I have for the past 25



**Bardach**

years. I've dedicated my career to serving our community and I'm excited for the opportunity to preside over Superior Court 6 for the next six years."

Bardach graduated summa cum laude from the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and earned her undergraduate degree at Indiana University (Bloomington). Prior to becoming a judge, she served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana and as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Marion County.

Bardach has been married to her husband Lee for 44 years, and they together have raised three grown children: Jeff, Carey and Evan, who are all pursuing and fulfilling their professional careers in journalism, education and the law.

# Roberts running for House District 29

**The REPORTER**

Tracy Roberts, a Hoosier native and graphic designer, has announced her candidacy for Indiana House Representative in the 29th District.

The 29th District has been held by the same Representative for more than 20 years. Roberts will bring a new perspective and balance to the State House.

"I want to show my children that civic involvement is essential in developing strong communities," Roberts says. "For them, and for all our children, a good quality of life shouldn't be a partisan issue. I will work hard to make sure everyone's voice is heard - not just those of the lucky few."

She is running on a plat-

form that emphasizes quality early education, effective healthcare and increased economic incentives for emerging industries like clean energy.

"It's an exciting time for local politics. I believe we can become a stronger Indiana and I want to be a part of the change." Tracy is the Club Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party.

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# Spark!Fishers to debut as new summer festival

By **LARRY LANNAN**  
[LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)

Since 1989, The Fishers Freedom Festival has been the local community summer celebration. With the Freedom Festival organization pulling out, the new Spark!Fishers festival is set to launch in 2018.

The new event will be held Friday, June 29 and

Saturday, June 30. All the details are not yet available, but a group of over 80 people have formed seven committees to begin work on Spark!Fishers.

The Honorary Chairpersons for the new festival reads like a Who's Who of Fishers. They include Mayor Scott Fadden, Hamilton Southeastern School Superintendent

Allan Bourff, Conner Prairie CEO Norman Burns and recently-retired HSE Sports Executive Director Lynda Carlino.

The new festival will have a 5K run, parade and fireworks display. Spark!Fishers will also include a June 29 concert featuring a yet-to-be-named act with a national profile.

# Melt the Trail returns to Grand Park this Saturday

**The REPORTER**

A popular winter fun run returns to Westfield on Saturday, Feb. 3, when participants race their way through the fourth annual Melt the Trail 5K/10K at Grand Park.

"We had a great turnout last year and expect the 2018 Melt the Trail to be an even bigger event than ever before," Community Events Manager Alexa Lingg said.

This year's event will feature the return of two

popular Melt the Trail elements: a costume contest and Valentine's Day card-making station. Participants can compete in the costume contest by using #MeltTheTrail2018 on Instagram for goodies provided by sponsors.

The Valentine's Day card-making station gives participants a chance to make Valentine's Day cards that will be delivered to residents of Wellbrooke of

Westfield.

Online registration is still open at [westfieldwelcome.com/melt-the-trail](http://westfieldwelcome.com/melt-the-trail). Registration is \$35 for the 5K and \$40 for the 10K.

Participants are highly encouraged to stop by for early packet pickup from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 at the Grand Park Event Center. Day-of packet pickup will occur from 7 to 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Grand Park Event Center.

# Hamilton County Soil and Water receives \$38K Clean Water Indiana grant

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce it has received funding to continue their urban agriculture program via a \$38,000 Clean Water Indiana Grant through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

The Urban Agriculture program



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Multiple Lump Sum bids will be considered for the Work:  
BC 1-Resilient Base and Carpet Flooring  
BC 2-Painting

**The sealed bids will be received until, February 14th, at 3:00 p.m. (EST). Bids must be delivered to:**  
**Ms. Peggy Jackson, Associate Superintendent**  
**Hamilton Heights School Corporation**  
**410 W. Main Street**  
**Arcadia, Indiana 46030**

All Bids received at such place, date, and time will be opened and read aloud in public at the address listed above immediately after the posted time. All bids received after such time will not be considered and returned to the respective bidder unopened.

All work for the complete construction of the Project shall be performed under one or more prime contracts with the Owner. The form of the contract is set forth in the Bidding Documents. Two copies of bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the Bidding Documents and project manual, and shall be properly executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana State Board of Accounts Form 96 - "Contractor's Bid for Public Works." Bidders must complete the entire bid forms including a statement of experience, proposed plan or plans for performing the work, the equipment the Bidder has available for performance of the work, non-collusion affidavit, and financial statement complying with Form 96. Bidders must include a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to Ind. Code 36-1-12-4.5, payable to the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 10% of the Bidder's total contract price. Should a successful Bidder within ten (10) days after written notice of acceptance of bid withdraw its bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute a satisfactory contract, the Owner may then declare that Bid Security forfeited as liquidated damages, not as a penalty.

Wage rates shall not apply to this Project. All Contractors and Sub-Contractors shall comply with all applicable laws including but not limited to the requirements of Ind. Code 5-16-13 et seq. and as detailed in the Bidding Documents. Contractor must also be able to meet all requirements found in applicable public works and contract statutes.

The Bidding Documents for the Project, including the Plans and Specification are on file with the Owner and may also be examined at the following locations:  
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Builders Exchange - Indiana: 1028 Shelby St., Indianapolis, IN 46203. (317) 423-7080. [www.bxindiana.com](http://www.bxindiana.com).  
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Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Eastern Engineering Supply, Inc, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN, (317) 598-0661, [www.easternengineering.com](http://www.easternengineering.com). Costs associated with digital and printed plans and specifications obtained from Eastern Engineering Supply Inc. are and will be incurred by and at the expense of the contractor and are non-refundable.

Prior to approval and execution of the Owner's contract, the Contractor(s) who is the successful Bidder shall furnish an approved Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, which shall cover the faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising hereunder. Performance and payment bonds shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year after the Owner's acceptance of the work and Owner's final settlement with the successful Bidder.

The Owner expects to award the contract(s) for the work to the lowest, responsible and responsive Bidder(s). The Owner reserves the right to hold bids, including any alternates, for up to 60 days from the date of the bid opening. The Owner reserves in its sole discretion the right to reject any and all bids, is not obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid, and may waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances or informalities in the bidding procedure.

A pre-bid meeting for discussion of the Project, reviewing the scope of work, project specifications and drawings, bid documents, the bidding qualifying requirements and other important matters will be held at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 SR 19, Arcadia, Indiana 46030 on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. (EST). Please enter at the main entrance and check in at the Main Office. Immediately following the pre-bid meeting, an opportunity to tour the project site will be offered. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend this meeting. Bidders will be responsible for complying with items discussed at the meeting.

Questions regarding the project, or requests for equal status, can be directed in writing to:  
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# TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.*

Matthew 20:8-9 (KJV)

## Kenneth Dean Sparks

July 8, 1945 – January 27, 2018



Kenneth Dean Sparks, 72, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at home. He was born on July 8, 1945 to Kenneth and Hazel (Todd) Sparks in Noblesville.

Dean had worked at Noblesville Casting and was a member of the Noblesville VFW. His love for music was very evident in his life, as he was a gifted guitar and bass player.

He is survived by three children, Sonsee (Jerry) Cloud, Marty McClure and Lateaha (Joe) Lamb; brother, Clifton Sparks; sisters, Joyce Harper and Teresa Boltinghouse; grandchildren, Brady McClure, Blake McClure, Jacob Clark, Brandi (Nate) Hoskins, Jerilyn (Patrick) Thompson, Kale Lamb and Kyzer Lamb; and four great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Sparks; his mother, Hazel (Todd) Hurley; his wife, Vicki Sparks; a daughter, Teonia Clark; and two brothers, Bob and Marvin Sparks.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made, in memory of Kenneth, to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46062, to help with expenses.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Arrangements

Calling: 1 to 3 p.m. Jan. 31  
 Service: 3 p.m. Jan. 31  
 Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home  
 Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Rachel Lewis

July 13, 1942 – January 27, 2018



Rachel Lewis, 75, Cicero, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at Franciscan St. Francis Health in Indianapolis. She was born on July 13, 1942 to Dennis and Alma (Engle) Wooten in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Rachel attended the New Life Assembly of God Church and enjoyed volunteering for the food pantry. She also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

She is survived by her brothers, Eugene Wooten, Bill (Jo) Wooten, Bobby Wooten and Jerry (Gladys) Wooten; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Lewis; brothers, Manuel Wooten and Allen Wooten; sisters, Della Mae Baker and Ora Estep.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Arrangements

Service: 11 a.m. Jan. 31  
 Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home  
 Condolences: randallroberts.com

## Anthony J. Rossano

January 25, 2018

Anthony J. Rossano, 69, Carmel, died Thursday, January 25 at his home. A native of New Jersey, he was a 25-year resident of Carmel.

A graduate of Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky., he is survived by wife, Vicki, and four children: Nicholas Rossano, Stephanie Leeds, Jessica Moore and Jacquelyn Myles, and seven grandchildren.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the St. Simon the Apostle Church, Indianapolis, with a mass to follow.

## GRANT

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was started in 2016 and supported through 2017 with grants from the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Legacy Fund – a Central Indiana Community Foundation affiliate. The program builds on the success of the urban conservation program and supports backyard and community gardens across Hamilton County. Technical assistance is provided to help county residents start new vegetable and fruit gardens and improve their existing gardens. Comprehensive education and outreach programs are focused on alleviating food insecurity in the county and connecting residents

with local food. Donations of fresh vegetables to local food pantries are supported by pairing businesses, community gardens and service organizations with food pantries. The Hamilton County Garden Network was created to support and connect the growing number of community gardens across the county.

“The urban agriculture program has really developed and gained steam over the last year and a half and this grant will help us keep moving forward and continue providing valuable assistance to Hamilton County residents,” said Claire Lane, Urban Conservationist.

More information about the services provided by the Soil and Water Conservation District, including info on the Urban Agriculture program and Hamilton County Garden Network can be found online at [hamiltonswcd.org](http://hamiltonswcd.org). Request a free on-site urban agriculture or urban conservation site visit by calling 317-773-2181.

The Clean Water Indiana program is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and provides grants for conservation projects and capacity building through Indiana’s Soil and Water Conservation Districts. More information is available at [in.gov/isda/2379](http://in.gov/isda/2379).

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### Girls basketball sectionals

# Tigers beat Shamrocks, will play HSE on Friday

By RICHIE HALL  
Reporter Sports Editor

The Fishers girls basketball sectional began with a reversal of fortune for the host. The Tigers dropped a close overtime game to Westfield early in the regular season. On Tuesday, Fishers came out on top, overcoming the Shamrocks 41-36 in the first game of Class 4A Sectional 8. The Tigers advanced to the semi-finals to play Mudsock rival Hamilton Southeastern on Friday.

The two teams were tied at 12-12 after the first quarter, then Fishers edged out to a 24-22 lead by halftime. Skylar Fulton hit two 3-pointers in the second period, while Kenedi London helped out with five in the first quarter. Ashtin DeCraene also scored five points in the first for Westfield.

Meanwhile, free throws were also key: The Shamrocks' Sophia Kreg was 4-for-4 in the first period, then the Tigers' Toni Grace made all four of her foul shots in the second. Grace added four straight points for Fishers to close out the third quarter, with a layin and two more free throws.

That run helped the Tigers achieve some separation, as Westfield had gotten to within 27-26 midway through the period. Cierra Tolbert made a free throw, then Grace's run pushed Fishers ahead 32-26 at the end of the third.

Ryann Bunting opened the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer, and Kreg drained another pair of free throws to get the 'Rocks within 34-31. But Grace stepped up again, with two more foul shots (sensing a theme here?), and Fishers' lead never dropped below four points after that.

Tigers coach Lauren Vail believes that experience helped her team get through the fourth quarter. She noted that earlier in the year, Fishers would've folded in that situation.

"And quite honestly, against Westfield the first time, we did," said Vail. "It was a very similar game. We were up late in the fourth and we had some breakaways the first time, and we turned the basketball over. And tonight we found ways to hold on to it."



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Fishers' Toni Grace (11) keeps control of the ball while surrounded by Westfield's Sophia Kreg (24), Annabelle O'Hair (32) and Ryann Bunting (33) during the Tigers-Shamrocks girls basketball sectional game Tuesday at the Tiger Den. Fishers won 41-36 and will play Hamilton Southeastern in the Friday semi-finals.

The free-throw shooting also was key: The Tigers went 9-of-12 from the line in the fourth period.

"That's going to win you some ball games if you're going to hit free throws like

that down the stretch," said Vail.

Grace scored 14 points, including an incredible 12-of-13 performance from the line. Fulton finished with seven points, and London's six points were accompanied by seven rebounds. Lydia Stullken corralled six rebounds, with Grace and Tamia Perryman both grabbing five.

DeCraene finished with nine points for Westfield, while Kreg scored eight. Bunting made two 3-pointers for six points. Kreg and Annabelle O'Hair both pulled seven rebounds.

"I felt like defensively, we did everything that we had prepared and prepped for," said Westfield coach Ginny Smith. "Actually, we did an amazing job defensively." The coach was proud of the fact that her team had just held Fishers - "a really good basketball team - to just 41 points.

"It's been the same problem we've had all year long, just being able to score," said Smith. "We hit those long spells where we just can't put it in the hole. In big games against good teams, you've got to find a way to consistently score, and we didn't do that."

Westfield finished its season with a 14-9 record, while the Tigers are now 13-11. Fishers will now get ready for Mudsock Part 2, with a spot in the sectional championship on the line this time. Southeastern coach Chris Huppenthal and members of the Royals team were indeed at the game.

"I don't know that it could get more exciting than this," said Vail. "The first time you play them, it's always a huge game. And Coach Hupp and I talk about that all the

time, how anything can happen in a game like that because it's a rivalry game. It doesn't matter how good they are, how good we are. Anytime you play each other, that happens."

### Fishers 41, Westfield 36

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jade Shipley	1-3	0-0	2	3
Sophia Kreg	1-8	6-6	8	3
Ashtin DeCraene	3-10	2-4	9	2
Annabelle O'Hair	1-4	1-2	4	2
Ryann Bunting	2-8	0-0	6	4
Megan Rops	1-2	1-2	3	0
Karley Winger	0-2	0-0	0	2
Ava Henson	0-0	0-0	0	2
Zoe Pentecost	0-0	0-0	0	0
Gigi Eldredge	1-2	2-2	4	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10-39</b>	<b>12-16</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>18</b>

Westfield 3-point shooting (4-15) Bunting 2-5, DeCraene 1-4, O'Hair 1-2, Kreg 0-3, Shipley 0-1.

Westfield rebounds (27) Kreg 7, O'Hair 7, Bunting 3, Shipley 2, DeCraene 2, Eldredge 2, Winger 1, Henson 1, team 2.

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Toni Grace	1-11	12-13	14	1
Ali Gerka	2-5	0-1	5	2
Tamia Perryman	1-3	0-0	2	4
Kenedi London	2-5	2-3	6	0
Lydia Stullken	1-2	0-0	2	3
Briana McGee	0-0	0-0	0	1
Skylar Fulton	2-7	1-2	7	0
Casey Walker	1-1	2-2	4	1
Cierra Tolbert	0-1	1-2	1	1
Katie Burton	0-1	0-0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10-36</b>	<b>18-23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14</b>

Fishers 3-point shooting (3-11) Fulton 2-5, Gerka 1-3, Grace 0-2, Burton 0-1.

Fishers rebounds (33) London 7, Stullken 6, Grace 5, Perryman 5, Tolbert 4, Fulton 3, Walker 2, Gerka 1.

Score by Quarters

Westfield	12	10	4	10-36
Fishers	12	12	8	9-41

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# Millers pull away from Anderson, play Carmel next

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

After Anderson got a little too close for comfort with Noblesville during the regular season, the Millers wanted to take care of business against the Indians in the sectional.

Noblesville did that in Tuesday's first round at the Class 4A Sectional 8 at Fishers. The Millers pulled away in the second half to beat Anderson 72-44, and advance to Friday's semi-finals where they will play second-ranked Carmel.

Noblesville set the tone early, scoring the game's first seven points. Emily Kiser scored the first basket with a layin, then drained a pair of free throws. Kiser's points sandwiched a 3-pointer by Maddie Knight.

Knight wound up with 10 points in the first quarter, a majority of the 19-10 lead that the Millers held at the period's end. Noblesville kept its lead between six and nine points in the second quarter, with Kiser adding eight points, while Mallory Johnson and Madison Whetro both hit 3s.

Still, Anderson was within 33-26 at halftime, then made two foul shots to open the third quarter. But the Millers took off on a 12-0 run after that to jump ahead 45-28, and held a comfortable lead for the remainder of the game.

"We couldn't put them away, and the start of the second half, we were able to come out and really just put them away and not let them hang around very much," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "So that was huge for us."

"This time we wanted to take care of business and I thought we did that," said Buckley.

Kiser wound up with 30 points and 11 rebounds for another double-double; she was 10-of-11 from the free-throw line and all over the stat line with eight assists, four steals and two blocked shots. Knight scored 20 points and Johnson added 12; both hit two 3-pointers.

The Millers are now 15-7 and winners of eight straight games. They will play Carmel at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the second semi-final.

"We got to rebound and do things a little bit better than what we did tonight," said Buckley.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Abby Haley (22) and Maddie Knight (11) guard an Anderson player during the Millers-Indians sectional first-round game Tuesday at Fishers. Noblesville won 72-44 and will play Carmel in Friday's semi-finals.

## Noblesville 72, Anderson 44

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mallory Johnson	5-9	0-0	12	1
Maddie Knight	9-19	0-1	20	2
Madison Whetro	1-3	0-0	3	4
Abby Haley	0-1	0-0	0	3
Emily Kiser	10-19	10-11	30	1
Olivia Morales	0-0	0-0	0	1
Sarah Etchison	1-1	0-0	3	0
Anna Kiser	1-1	0-0	2	0
Kailyn Ely	0-1	0-0	0	1

Madi Randolph	0-0	0-0	0	0
Devon Ray	0-0	0-0	0	0
Emily Wood	1-2	0-0	2	0
Totals	28-56	10-12	72	13

Score by Quarters  
 Noblesville 19 14 20 19 - 72  
 Anderson 10 16 11 7 - 44  
 Noblesville 3-point shooting (6-18) Knight 2-8, Johnson 2-5, Whetro 1-2, Etchison 1-1, E. Kiser 0-2.  
 Noblesville rebounds (39) E. Kiser 11, Knight 4, Whetro 4, Haley 4, Johnson 3, A. Kiser 3, Morales 2, Etchison 2, Ely 2, Randolph 1, Ray 1, team 2.



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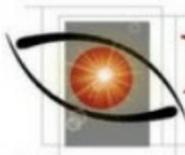
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## University breezes past Metropolitan, plays ISD next



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Lindsey Syrek scored the next eight points for University — six of them on put-backs — as the Trailblazers opened a 10-2 lead that would swell to 25-9 after the end of the first quarter.

The onslaught continued in the second frame, as the Trailblazers allowed just three points, stretching their advantage to 48-12 at halftime. Syrek led the way in the first half, scoring 14 of her 26, while Nickless scored all eight of her points before the break. University continued to keep its foot down in the third, outscoring the Pumas (7-15) by a 30-9 margin in the quarter to lead 77-21 after three.

Syrek stuffed the stat sheet, adding 15 rebounds (eight offensive) and six blocks to her game-high 26-point night, but it was a

total team effort from University — junior Lily Snyder broke out for a season-high 18 points, while Lilly Fair chipped in 11, a career high for the sophomore forward. Junior Jhordan McGuire was the fourth Trailblazer in double figures, scoring 12. A trio of McGuire's classmates rounded out the scoring: Brooke Andrus had eight, Haley Tomlinson scored six, and Hallie Harrison hit a free throw.

University returns to action for the Sectional 58 semi-final at 7:30 p.m. Friday night against the Indiana School of the Deaf. The Trailblazers defeated the Orioles 62-37 on Dec. 14.

### University 90, Metropolitan 23

University	FG	FT	TP
Lindsey Syrek	12	2-6	26
Brooke Andrus	4	0-0	8
Lily Snyder	9	0-0	18
Lilly Fair	5	1-2	11
Jhordan McGuire	5	2-2	12
Lucy Snyder	0	0-0	0
Haley Tomlinson	3	0-0	6
Hallie Harrison	0	1-2	1
Natalie Nickless	4	0-0	8
Elise Nachlis	0	0-0	0
Ana Turner	0	0-0	0
Brooke Toombs	0	0-0	0
Totals	42	6-12	90
Score by Quarters			
Metropolitan	9	3	9
University	24	23	30

## Gymnastics



Photo by Andy Duvall

Noblesville's Olivia Francis performs her floor exercise routine during the Millers' gymnastics meet Tuesday.

## Millers place second to New Pal, Kauzlick wins all-around

The Noblesville gymnastics team hosted a four-team meet on Tuesday.

The Millers finished second by scoring 95.00, with New Palestine the winner with a score of 96.675. Noblesville did have the all-around champion on Tuesday, as Makayla Kauzlick scored 33.975 to take that honor.

Kauzlick also won the floor exercise with an 8.75, the highest Miller score of the night. Kauzlick also placed second in the uneven bars and balance beam events.

"Makayla just has such grace and elegance as she performs on floor," said Noblesville coach Jody Ramey. "After sitting out of the floor competition on Saturday due to her ankle injury she was able to jump right back in and perform an excellent routine."

Devyn Palmer also had a solid floor routine, placing fifth with an 8.20. "Devyn's

show choir background shines through as she performs on floor," said Ramey.

Olivia Mangin placed third on the vault with an 8.50, while Palmer and Kauzlick tied for fifth with 8.40 each.

Ramey said it was a "decent" day for the Millers, but they were disappointed to not get the win.

"We were so close, but I also felt that we did well especially despite our team injuries," said Ramey.

Noblesville will host Lafayette Jeff next Wednesday, Feb. 7 for their next meet.

**Team scores:** New Palestine 96.675, Noblesville 95.00, Brebeuf Jesuit inc., Anderson Prep inc.

**All-around:** 1. Makayla Kauzlick 33.975, 4. Devyn Palmer 30.950, 6. Olivia Mangin 30.075.

**Vault:** 3. Mangin 8.50, T5. Palmer 8.40, Kauzlick 8.40, Kayleigh Sahr 7.80, Ella Deno 7.50, Olivia Francis 7.45.

**Uneven bars:** 2. Kauzlick 8.625, 5. Palmer 7.125, 6. Mangin 6.90, Sahr 4.70, Racheal Glasener 3.775.

**Balance beam:** 2. Kauzlick 8.20, 5. Palmer 7.225, 6. Mangin 6.95, Deno 6.15.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Kauzlick 8.75, 5. Palmer 8.20, Mangin 7.725, Sahr 6.90, Francis 6.725.

## Swimming

## Carmel boys win final regular-season dual meet

The Carmel boys swimming team won its final regular-season meet of the year on Tuesday, beating Ben Davis 135-35.

Evan Kopp was a double winner for the Greyhounds, taking first in the 50 freestyle and tying for first place with Carmel teammate Carter Highum in the individual medley. Other Greyhound winners were Ethan Johns in the 200 free, Andrew Jones in the butterfly, William Plumb in the 500 free, Sam Kight in the backstroke and Ethan Busha in the breaststroke. Carmel also won all three relays.

**Team score:** Carmel 135, Ben Davis 35  
**200 medley relay:** 1. Carmel "A" (Andrew Jones, Austin Bullard, Jonathan Bledsoe, Nolan Kopp) 1:48.82, 2. Carmel "B" (Sam Kight, Daniel Hall, Charles Seed, Jacob Pitz) 1:52.13, 3. Carmel "C" (Peter Kryjanovski, David Gabrick, Winston Fultz, William Plumb) 1:56.44.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Ethan Johns 1:53.08, 2. Brandon Edwards 1:53.15, 3. Griffin Seaver 1:54.26, 4. Jacob Beach 1:57.58.

**200 individual medley:** T1. Carter Highum 2:15.55; Evan Kopp 2:15.55, 3.

Fultz 2:17.58, 5. Pitz 2:24.80.

**50 freestyle:** 1. E. Kopp 23.60, T2. Hall 24.84; Kryjanovski 24.84.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Jones 1:00.11, 2. Nicholas Edwards 1:01.18, 3. Kellen Reese 1:01.34.

**100 freestyle:** 2. Isaiah Thompson 52.87, 3. E. Kopp 53.69, 4. William Kok 55.79.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Plumb 5:18.92, 2. Noah Lichtenberg 5:28.21.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Carmel "B" (Bullard, Bledsoe, Nicholas Edwards, Lichtenberg) 1:36.93, 2. Carmel "A" (Seed, Edwards, Thompson, Kyle Sarsfield) 1:37.16, 3. Carmel "D" (Gavin Daniels, Ethan Busha, Felipe Guimaraes, Nicholas Sitzman) 1:47.13.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Kight 57.77, 2. Gabrick 59.42, 3. K. Sarsfield 1:06.78, 4. Logan Sarsfield 1:10.87.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. Busha 1:11.45, 3. Jones 1:15.67, 4. Sitzman 1:16.18, 5. John Underhill 1:18.78.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Carmel "B" (Beach, Reese, Kok, Daniels) 3:43.15, 2. Carmel "A" (Seaver, Lichtenberg, L. Sarsfield, Martin Spink) 3:51.02.

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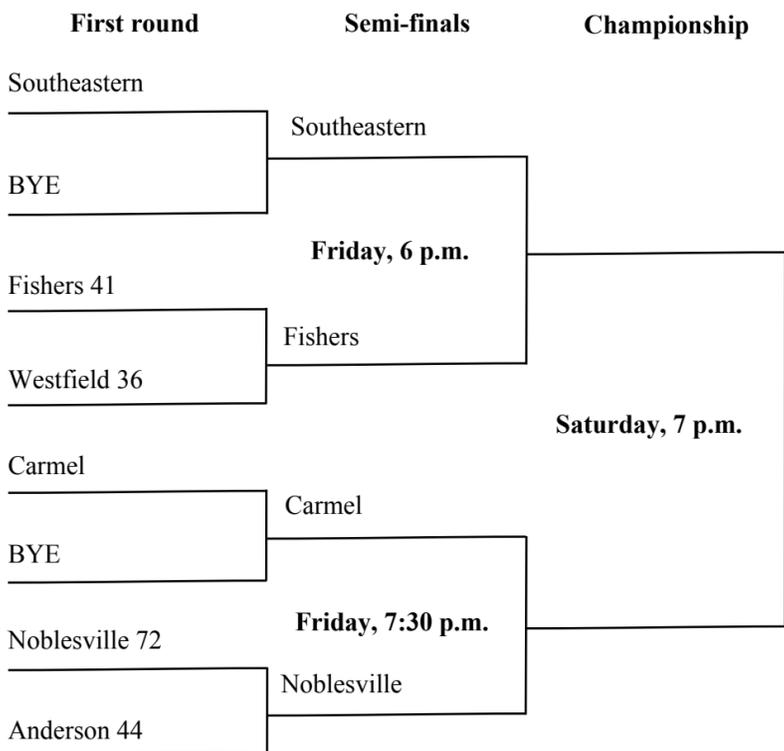
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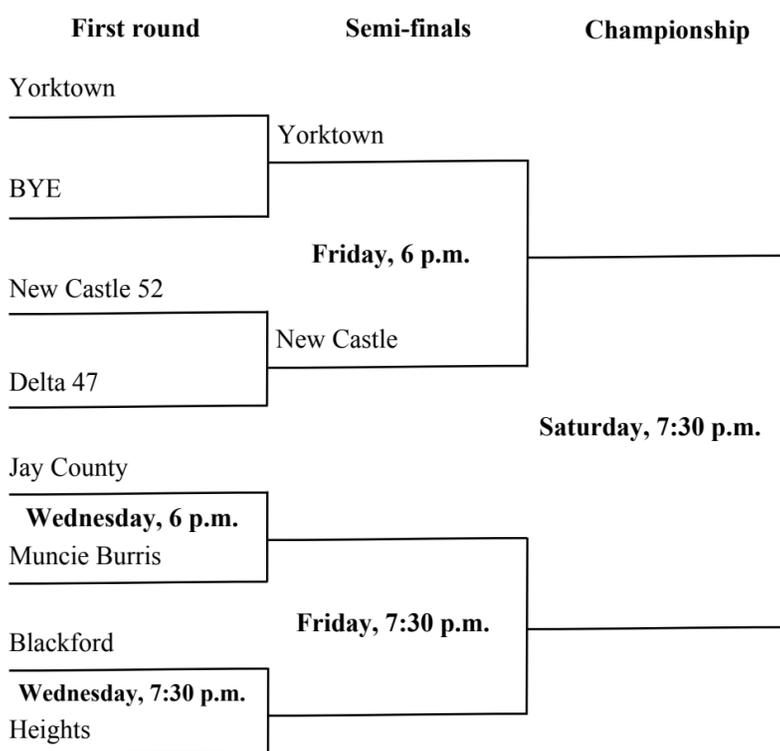
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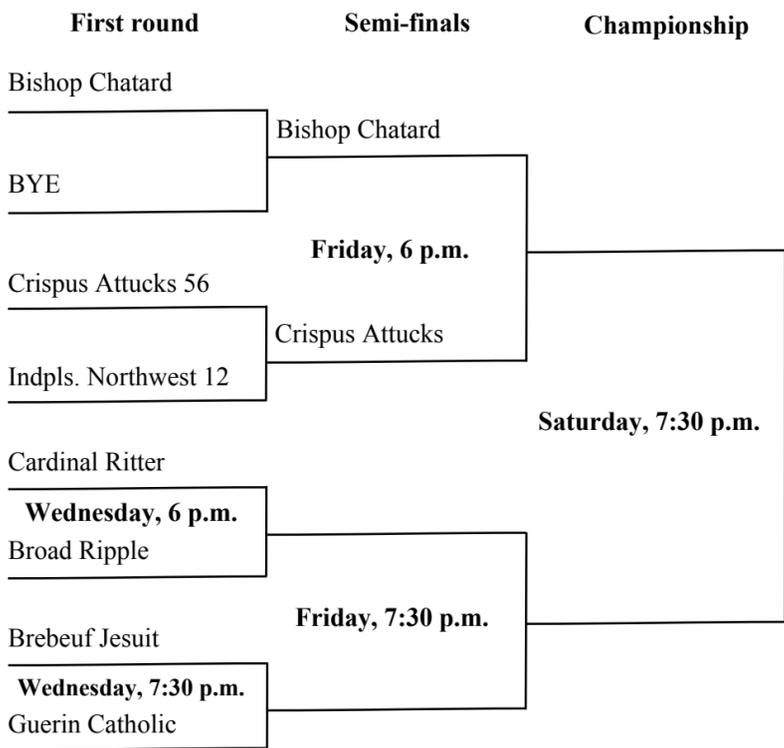
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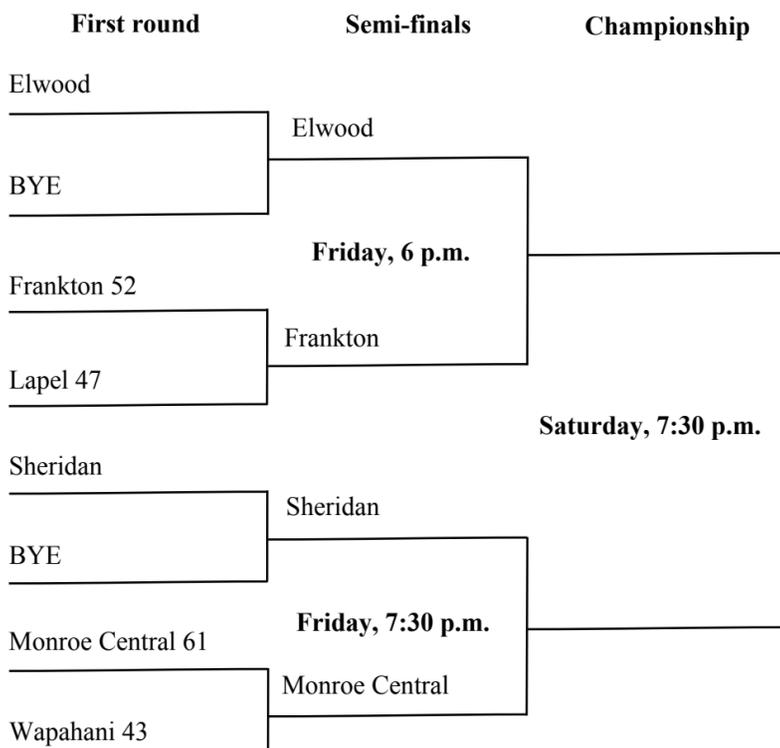
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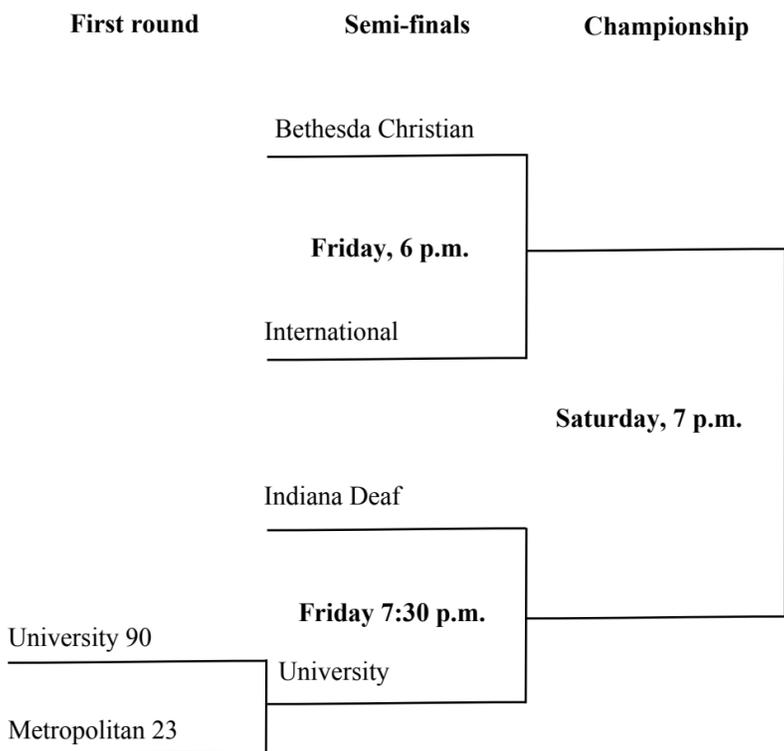
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# NBA standings

Tuesday's scores	
Washington 102, Oklahoma City 96	Houston 114, Orlando 107
New York 111, Brooklyn 95	Sacramento 114, New Orleans 103
Toronto 109, Minnesota 104	San Antonio 106, Denver 104
Detroit 125, Cleveland 114	Utah 129, Golden State 99
	Portland 104, L.A. Clippers 96

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	36	15	.706	-
Toronto	34	15	.694	1.0
Philadelphia	24	23	.511	10.0
New York	23	28	.451	13.0
Brooklyn	18	33	.353	18.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	29	20	.592	-
Milwaukee	27	22	.551	2.0
Indiana	28	23	.549	2.0
Detroit	23	26	.469	6.0
Chicago	18	32	.360	11.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	29	21	.580	-
Washington	28	22	.560	1.0
Charlotte	20	29	.408	8.5
Atlanta	15	35	.300	14.0
Orlando	14	35	.286	14.5

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	32	22	.593	-
Oklahoma City	30	21	.588	0.5
Portland	28	22	.560	2.0
Denver	26	25	.510	4.5
Utah	22	28	.440	8.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	40	11	.784	-
L.A. Clippers	25	25	.500	14.5
L.A. Lakers	19	30	.388	20.0
Phoenix	17	34	.333	23.0
Sacramento	16	34	.320	23.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	36	13	.735	-
San Antonio	34	19	.642	4.0
New Orleans	27	23	.540	9.5
Memphis	18	31	.367	18.0
Dallas	16	35	.314	21.0



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ABOVE: Westfield's Sophia Kreag (24) is guarded by Fishers' Casey Walker during the Tigers-Shamrocks sectional game.  
BELOW: Noblesville's Mallory Johnson scored 12 points for the Millers in their sectional win.



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