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## Ball State certifies 7 county public managers

### The REPORTER

On Tuesday, seven Hamilton County public employees graduated from Ball State University's Certified Public Manager Program.

#### Certified Public Manager Program

The Bowen Center for Public Affairs offers a unique training opportunity for Indiana public managers and their supervisory personnel. The Indiana Certified Public Manager® Program is offered exclusively by the Bowen Center for Public Affairs as a key initiative of its Institute for Public Service. The Indiana CPM Program provides government and non-profit employees with a comprehensive course of study that has recognized public management theories and best practices at its foundation. The program trains public managers to apply these theories and practices to the challenges they face in public service.



**(From left)** Adam Essex, Judi Johnson, Angie Smitherman, Trini Beaver, Kevin Todd, Jeremy Lollar and Dan Stevens graduated Tuesday from Ball State University's Certified Public Manager Course.

Photo provided

#### National Accreditation

The Indiana CPM Program is fully accredited by the National Certified Public

Manager® Consortium, which establishes and enforces accreditation standards for the CPM programs

offered in approximately 40 states. The Consortium has authorized the Bowen Center for Public Affairs as the

exclusive provider of Certified Public Manager® training in Indiana.

The accreditation guide-

lines demand that the program curriculum require

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## Carmel earns 'Excellence in Financial Reporting' certificate

### The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the City's comprehensive annual financial report, known as a CAFR.

In a news release issued Feb. 7, the Chicago-based GFOA said the Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplish-



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**Pauley**

ment by a government and its management.

"We work hard as a City to responsibly manage finances and carefully account for multiple budgets

and many complicated funding and revenue streams, all with a goal to diligently care for taxpayers' money, to invest wisely and to be transparent about what we do with our tax revenues," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "While we constantly focus on long-range planning to build the best City in America to live, work and play, this report shows that we are also doing an excellent job in keeping track of the daily financial condition of the City."

Mayor Brainard expressed his gratitude for many who played a part

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## Our roads in better condition than theirs

Congratulations are in order for our local street and road departments. This winter has been hard on roads, but Hamilton County streets and roads are in good shape compared to neighboring Marion County.

Chuckholes (or potholes if you prefer) have made a shambles of many streets in Indianapolis. We have some broken pavement, no doubt about it, but nothing like our neighbors where a near state of emergency exists. Damage to a car is a distinct possibility when driving south of 96th Street.

What has made the dif-

ference? It could be that a better job of rebuilding and resurfacing was done in this county, or it could be that more heavy trucks in Marion County have ruined the roads, or it could be that our better maintenance and quicker repairs have kept ahead of widespread problems.

We could still have a lot of extreme winter weather in the next several weeks, and anything could happen, but so far it looks like our streets are holding up well and street crews are on top of the situation.

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**FRED SWIFT**

## New parking rules approved for Fishers Nickel Plate District

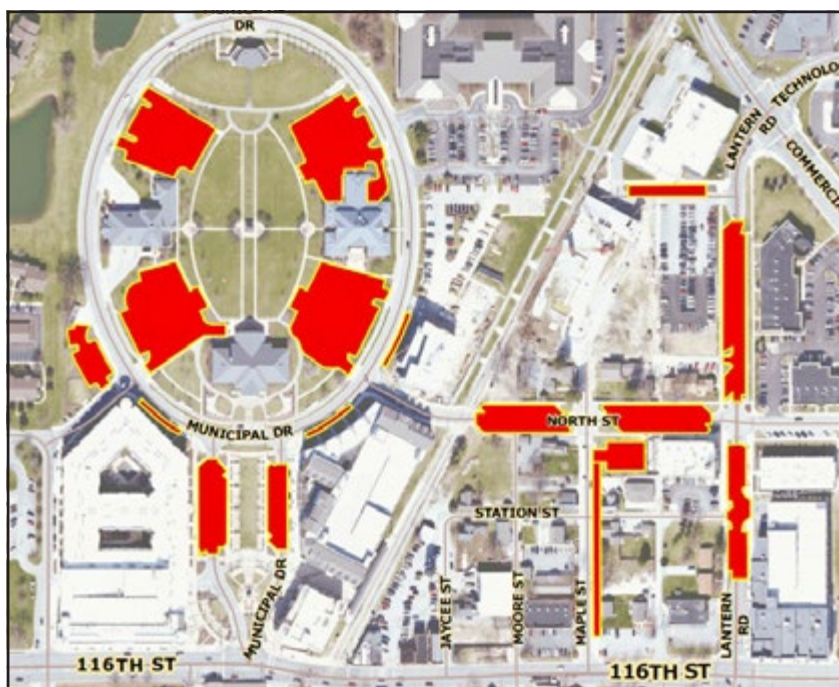
By **LARRY LANNAN**  
[LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)



Apartment dwellers in the downtown Fishers area will soon face a \$20 fine for parking their vehicles overnight in certain areas of downtown. The Board of Public Works and Safety approved the amendment to the parking schedule at their Monday meeting.

Apartment residents have parking set aside in adjacent garages, but many find it more convenient to park in nearby surface areas.

There was a great deal of discussion about whether this rule could encourage some people to drive under the influence rather than risk a \$20 fine for parking overnight. Fishers Police Chief Mitch Thompson told board members he believes there are ways to handle that situation by working with the establishments in the area serving alcoholic beverages and that special event committees could deal



Graphic provided

The areas shaded in red will prohibit parking from 3 to 6 a.m., seven days a week.

with parking issues for big events.

City officials say it will take at least 30 days to make and place the signs warning of the fines if a vehicle is parked between 3 and 6 a.m. in the

Nickel Plate District areas designated. Also, those living in downtown apartments will be notified of the change in parking regulations before police begin enforcing the new rules.

## Ice carving, chili cook-off at Carmel Center Green

### The REPORTER

Chainsaws and artistic ice chipping will take center stage alongside hot and spicy chili this weekend as Carmel's "Festival of Ice" presents the inaugural Carmel Ice Carving Competition and Chili Cook-Off, featuring professional ice carvers from around the Midwest going head-to-head at the city's new outdoor ice rink.

Visitors will be able to watch beautiful ice sculptures take shape before their eyes Saturday afternoon while sampling the best Carmel Fire Department chili recipes from all six fire stations at the Chili Cook-Off. The ice carving action continues on Sunday with the highly competitive Ice

Carve-Off speed-carving competition on the Drees Home Stage.

The beautiful sculptures will be on display all weekend and will be illuminated at night for your viewing pleasure during evening skate sessions. Those attending will also have the opportunity to cast votes for their favorite sculptures and chili recipes.

One of the nation's top professional ice carvers, Greg Butauski of Columbus, Ohio, will be among the ice carving competitors. Butauski is one of only six Carmel Fire Department Master Carvers in the country and is the reigning 2017 National Ice Carving Association champion.

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**PUBLIC**

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intensive study, application of important concepts in the work environment, and completion of a significant capstone project. Participants are required to demonstrate their proficiencies in seven fundamental public management competencies:

- Personal and Organizational Integrity
- Leading People
- Developing Self
- Change Leadership
- Managing Work
- Systemic Integration
- Public Service Focus

**State Leadership**  
The national consortium expects each program to take the base course of study and tailor the program to fit local needs. In order to capture Indiana's challenges and develop a curriculum to address those challenges, the Bowen Center for Public Affairs relies on its Public Service Advisory Board made up of leaders from around the state.

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Adam Essex – Senior Project Manager, Engineering  
Kevin Todd – Senior Planner, Economic & Community Development  
Angie Smitherman – Director of Community Events and Engagement

required 300 hours of learning activities, each public manager will receive the nationally recognized designation as a Certified Public Manager®.

**Curriculum**

The Indiana CPM program is divided into two segments. The first phase features 12 monthly, full-day sessions which teach managers to adopt an outcome-based perspective on managerial behavior, create measures of individual and organizational performance, and develop and enhance their interpersonal skills. Participants who complete

the first phase are awarded a designation as a Certified Public Supervisor. They are then eligible to continue their development in the second phase, in which they acquire skills for thinking and acting strategically in leading their department or organization, for leading change efforts for organizational improvement, and for enhancing their negotiation and conflict resolution abilities.

Participants who complete both segments receive a nationally recognized designation as a Certified Public Manager.

**ROADS**

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But, probably the most important thing about all this is the fact that areas like Indianapolis with big road problems will be spending much of their time and money this year simply filling chuckholes to get by for another year.

Whereas, in Hamilton County our street and highway departments can put their efforts into actual resurfacing and building new roads after repairing the relatively small amount of damage done by winter weather.

Good management and effective work crews have helped bring about this situation. That's why we say congratulations and thank goodness we are not in the situation that some neighboring areas find themselves.

**REPORTING**

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in achieving this honor, including his Department heads, the Carmel City Council, the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and long-time financial consultant Curt Coonrod – all of who worked hard to keep Carmel excellent.

According to the GFOA news release, the City's CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to

“meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive ‘spirit of full disclosure’ to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.”

Carmel Clerk-Treasurer Christine Pauley said the honor should give residents of Carmel assurance that

the City has a strong system in place to monitor our finances and manage our debt on a daily basis. “This is a good housekeeping stamp that the city all along has had its financial books together. I believe the rating agencies will look at this when they do our credit ratings. This is great news. Our house is in order,” said Pauley.

**ICE**

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In 2002, he was the captain of the USA team that competed at the Winter Olympics Ice Carving Competition in Salt Lake City.

Also competing are Harvey Russell of Kirkwood, Mo.; Jeff Peterczak of Columbus, Ohio; Michael Stoddart of Lexington, Ky.; Matt Stoddart of Lexington, Ky.; Stephan A. Koch of Yorktown, and Shannon Gerasimchuk of Columbus, Ohio.

The two-day event is free and open to the public. Make a day of it by enjoying a variety of food and beverages from Ice at Center Green vendors. Ice skating and ice rentals will be available at the regular times and sessions. See the Ice at Center Green website for information.

**About the Ice Festival**

The City of Carmel has launched its first “Festival of Ice” at Center Green in January as a celebration of winter and ice surrounding the City's new Ice at Center Green outdoor ice skating



Photo provided

Greg Butauski, one of only six Certified Master Carvers in the country, will be among the ice carving competitors this weekend.

**Event Schedule**

- Saturday**
- Ice Carving – Noon to 5 p.m.
  - Chili Cook-Off – 1 to 3 p.m.
  - Ice skating/skate rental – Noon to 10 p.m.
- Sunday**
- Ice Carve-Off – Noon to 2 p.m.
  - Ice skating/skate rental – Noon to 9 p.m.

rink. The festival features special events, special offers, food vendors and skating sessions each Wednesday through Sunday, until March 11. Vendors include: Matt the Miller's Tavern (serving beer, wine, wassail and their famous pretzel bites), Baked Cheese Haus (raclettes, soups, hot beverages), Pastries Chefs

(croissants, muffins, panini, waffles, sandwiches, cakes, hot beverages) and the daily concessions hut (brats, hot dogs, coffee, hot chocolate).

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# Fishers company develops app to track school buses

WISH-TV  
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Mount Vernon Community Schools (MVCS) recently announced how parents can download a free app and use it anytime to locate their child's school bus within their fleet of more than 60 buses, thanks to a new app developed by a Fishers-based company, Mobil Tracker, an Internet of Things wireless provider.

Derek Shelton, Director of Operations at Mount Vernon Community Schools said, "The app tracks the bus, whether it's parked or driving, and the parent or child can pull the app up and see where their bus is. In after-school activities, when our buses have to travel significant distances, parents can still track the bus and know that the kids are on their way home."

Parents can adjust the settings in the "Don't Miss the Bus!" app to send them a push notification when

the bus nears their child's stop. The app also alerts parents when a bus number changes or if the schools have a delay or cancellation. Shelton, a father of two children attending Mount Vernon schools, says he feels incorporating the app into their system shows parents the schools prioritize student safety.

"You just have the peace of mind as a parent that the kids are safe, and where they're at, and if they're there when they're supposed to be there," Shelton said.

Other school districts in central Indiana have similar programs, but Mount Vernon's system includes WiFi on all buses and several layers of security to ensure only those authorized to enter the app can see the bus locations.

"I think tech that is going to help you keep kids safe is completely need-



Logan

ed," said Bob Logan, vice president of sales for Mobil Tracker.

"When you can protect them when they go on the internet, and looking at them when they go places, as a parent, you feel very secure," Logan said.

Logan says he's a graduate of Indianapolis Public Schools and has been in the wireless industry for almost three decades. He hopes to share this technology with other school corporations around the state and help more parents and guardians make informed decisions about their children.

"That's why Mount Vernon is so cutting edge — because they're wanting to deliver something to their parents to show they care enough to put these systems in place to do things for their young people," said Logan. "We're excited to be a part of it."

# I-69 crash results in injury, snarled traffic

By LARRY LANNAN  
LarryInFishers.com

Traffic tie-ups along Interstate 69 in Fishers are not unusual during the evening rush hour, but a serious crash a little after 6 p.m. Monday at the 208 mile marker, just south of Hamilton Town Center, blocked the southbound lanes of the interstate for hours. One person was injured and taken to a local

hospital by helicopter.

Fishers Police said in a news release that based on evidence at the scene and witness statements, authorities determined that the crash occurred after a semi-truck, driven by Maximino Cardenas, 56, from Mexico, slowed and then stopped due to heavy traffic.

Although the semi-truck came to a stop in congested traffic, the driver of a vehicle, described as an

SUV, did not slow down and struck the back end of the semi-truck's trailer, according to police. The SUV driver, Brent Olson, 49, Indianapolis, was the injured party. Police say the extent of Olson's injuries are not known.

Fishers Police continue to investigate the accident.

Police say no alcohol or drugs appear to have been a contributing factor in this crash.

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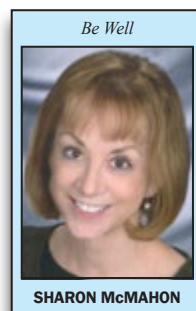
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# Striving for the gold standard in heart health

*"I want to live, I want to give. I've been a miner for a heart of gold."*  
— Neil Young, 1972



Most of you are very aware that February is "National Heart Health Month" as well as the "Go Red for Women" month. Fortunately there is much information available now about heart health, particularly as it relates to women. Few people are not surprised, thankfully, that heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women, surpassing all types of cancer and other diseases. In 2012, nearly 787,000 people in the U.S. succumbed to heart disease, with coronary heart disease being the most prevalent. Direct and indirect costs of heart disease total more than \$320.1 billion. That includes health expenditures and lost productivity.

While heart disease statistics have been available and research conducted for many years regarding heart disease and men, both research and information-gathering for women's heart issues are relatively

recent. While only 1 in 5 American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat, heart disease causes 1 in 3 women's deaths each year, killing approximately one woman every minute. Ninety percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease. The symptoms of heart disease can be different in women and men, and are often misunderstood.

Thankfully, the information noted above, and much more, is readily available. I encourage everyone to talk frankly with their health provider about their risk factors, review their dietary habits and make this a priority. My own viewpoint on the subject also incorporates getting adequate sleep, removing stress, "getting up from sofas and chairs" and making the necessary life changes which can alter those statistics.

Additionally, the effects of isolation and loneliness have been widely studied as it relates to heart disease. To learn more about the "Roseto" effect in which a close-knit community experiences a reduced rate of heart disease, a recent PBS special documentary revealed attributes of positive relationships which

reflect on our heart health. Information is also available online for those who wish to search for more information. The effect is named for Roseto, Pa., and describes family and community interaction there and the healthy effect on the inhabitants.

My quote this week may seem a little odd, but I hope that as we close up the month of February you do take responsibility and become a "miner for a (healthy) heart of gold." Let's strive for the "gold standard" in heart health by consuming fewer trans fats, packaged foods high in sodium, refined carbs, fried foods and whole milk products. Working on establishing better family and working relationships, getting in those 10,000 steps each day and adequate rest will do your heart good!

Sources:  
CDC.gov – Heart Disease Facts

American Heart Association – 2015 Heart Disease and Stroke Update, compiled by AHA, CDC, NIH and other governmental sources


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Acclaimed a cappella group returns to home state for special performance . . .

# Straight No Chaser to play Palladium in Carmel

**The REPORTER**

The human voice will take center stage June 1 when the Center for the Performing Arts presents Straight No Chaser at the Palladium.

Founded at Indiana University and discovered on YouTube by Atlantic Records executives, Straight No Chaser has become one of the world's top all-male a cappella groups, with a massive fan base,

numerous national TV appearances and a series of successful CD releases. The performance begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 1. Tickets starting at \$39.50 go on sale at 10 a.m. this Friday at the Palladium Box Office, online

at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or by phone at (317) 843-3800.

The current nine-member lineup of Straight No Chaser includes six of the original members who formed the group in 1996 as students at IU. Their latest release, Six Pack: Volume 3, showcases their signature approach to rock classics as well as contemporary pop hits, including the show-stopping "Be-yonce Medley" and "Sweet Dreams/HandClap," a mashup of the Eurythmics with Fitz and the Tantrums.

The concert is part of the Center's Drewry Simmons Vornehm Series and the 2017-18 Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

**An Evening with Straight No Chaser**

- **When:** 8 p.m. Friday, June 1
- **Where:** The Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts, 1 Center Green, Carmel
- **Cost:** Tickets from \$39.50; on sale 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16
- **Purchase and info:** [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or (317) 843-3800



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Originally formed at Indiana University in 1996, Straight No Chaser will appear at the Palladium June 1.



**Wanda Lyons**

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**Meeting Notices**

The Cicero Town Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at the Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero, IN for a special meeting.

The Hamilton County Election Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018, in the Clerk's Conference Room, Suite 106, in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, located in downtown Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the public test of the voting system and any other new election issues.

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville, IN 46060.

**Thanks for reading The Reporter**

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION**  
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Hamilton Southeastern Schools (the "School Corporation") did, on February 14, 2018, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds for the renovation of and improvements to New Britton Elementary School, and renovation and maintenance to facilities throughout the district, including technology improvements (the "Project"). The bonds will have a maximum maturity of two (2) years, a maximum principal amount of \$11,000,000, and estimated interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 5.00%, resulting in total estimated interest costs of \$640,000.

As required by Indiana Code 6-1.1-20-3.1(b)(3), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 4.47%, and (ii) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 6.98%.

The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$31,769,952, and the current debt service rate is \$0.4860. After the School Corporation's bonds are issued, the debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$11,640,000 and the debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.1714. However, as existing debt matures the net increase to the debt service rate is expected to be \$0.0372 above the current rate. The purpose of the bonds is to provide for the Project.

The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following 10 years if the School Corporation issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:

Year	Estimated Total Debt Service Levy	Estimated Total Debt Service Rate
2018	\$41,001,000	0.6041
2019	43,532,000	0.6413
2020	30,550,000	0.4501
2021	28,430,000	0.4188
2022	27,289,000	0.4020
2023	26,657,000	0.3927
2024	25,063,000	0.3692
2025	23,368,000	0.3443
2026	21,235,000	0.3128
2027	16,520,000	0.2434

Any owners of real property within the School Corporation or registered voters residing within the School Corporation who want to initiate a petition and remonstrance process against the proposed bonds must file a petition that complies with IC 6-1.1-20-3.1 subdivisions (4) and (5) not later than 30 days after publication of this notice.

Dated February 15, 2018.  
 /s/ Michelle Fullhart  
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# TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

Matthew 21:1-3 (KJV)

## Elizabeth Raley

October 21, 1923 – February 13, 2018



Elizabeth Raley, 94, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at Brookdale Castleton in Indianapolis. She was born on October 21, 1923 to James and Carrie (Davis) Warren in Capels, W.V.

Elizabeth was a 1941 graduate of Western High School in Detroit and worked at Packard Motor Company during the war. She retired in 1984 after 32 years as a kitchen manager for the public school system of Roseville, Mich. Elizabeth moved to Noblesville in 1984 to be close to family. She was very crafty and a great cook, and she enjoyed cooking for family and friends. Elizabeth loved the Lord and was very dedicated to her church, Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Most of all, she loved her grandkids and great-grandkids.

Elizabeth is survived by her son, Wayne Raley (Lou); grandchildren, Alena Raley Faith (Joshua) and Justin Raley (Sarah); and five great-grandchildren, Lillian Faith, McKenzie Faith, Wesley Faith, Scarlett Raley and Urban Roarks.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Raley Jr. in 2010; and sisters, Ora Williams and Ruby June Christianson.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at the funeral home, with Pastor Steve Walker officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Arrangements

Calling: 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 16  
 Service: 11:30 a.m. Feb. 17  
 Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home  
 Condolences: randallroberts.com

## James Gregory Blevins

March 12, 1956 – February 14, 2018

James Gregory Blevins, 61, Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on March 12, 1956 to James Robert and Thelma Gladys (Smith) Blevins in Lafayette. His father precedes him in death.

James was a department manager at Kroger. He was a huge sports enthusiast and Cubs fan, and he enjoyed playing softball.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his two children, Adam (Megan) Blevins and Amy Burger; two sisters, Jennifer Blevins and Barbara (Chuck) Traviolia; grandchildren, Billy, Gunnar, Peyton and Colton Blevins; and a niece, Amber Kincaid.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Father Coady Owens officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Tippecanoe Memorial Gardens in Lafayette.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Arrangements

Calling: 6 to 8 p.m. Feb. 16  
 Service: 10 a.m. Feb. 17  
 Location: Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary  
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## Darrell J. Griffin

May 29, 1941 – February 13, 2018

After a long illness, Darrell J. Griffin, 76, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. He was born on May 29, 1941 to Frank and Miriam Griffin in Indianapolis.

Darrell and his wife of 57 years, Cora, enjoyed traveling on their Gold Wing motorcycle in all 48 states, and he chartered and served as director of the Hamilton County chapter of the Gold Wing Road Riders Assn. for five years.

In earlier years, Darrell also participated in Delco Remy bowling, softball and golf leagues, being on the 1992 championship golf team. He also enjoyed hunting, camping and all types of racing, especially NASCAR and Indy car. Darrell was also a member of the Clarksville-Noblesville Chapter 57 F.&A.M. Masonic lodge as well as the Scottish Rite.

Retiring from GM Delco Remy in 1996, he and Cora became snowbirds and eventual full-time residents of Lake Wales, Florida for a total of 16 years, moving back to Indiana in 2013 permanently due to health issues.

Survivors include his wife, Cora; a son, Tom (Andy) Griffin, (Jeani), their sons Justin and Evan and great-daughter June Isabella of Miamisburg, Ohio; a daughter, Tamara Roudebush (Dennis) of Noblesville and their daughter, Hannah Faldetta, (Ken) of Louisiana and son, Samuel; a brother, Gerry Griffin (Patty), of Tipton; two half-sisters; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Graveside services will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The MDS Foundation (Myelodysplastic Syndrome Leukemia), 4573 S. Broad St., Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

### Arrangements

Calling: 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 17  
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*Gymnaworld, Out of This World - and around the world!*

## Jenna Jones' beam routine goes viral

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

Last month, Gymnaworld's Jenna Jones competed in the Out of This World Invitational.

Jones' routine on the balance beam was just that - out of this world. Now it's become famous around the world.

Jones, a Level 10 gymnast for the Noblesville-based Gymnaworld, became an Internet star after the website FloGymnastics.com posted her beam performance on its Facebook page. Since it was posted in January, Jones' performance has been viewed over 36,000 times.

"I think it's pretty amazing," said Jones. "I was thinking about how many people have viewed it, and what it would be like to do a beam routine in front of them. That's pretty cool."

Jones' grandfather Terry Jones posted video of the beam routine on YouTube the day after the Out of This World Invitational, which took place Jan. 6 at the Ivy Tech Community Center in Noblesville. (You can view the routine [here](#).) The one minute, 20 second performance is a remarkable show of poise and grace.

Jones mounts the beam by slowly pulling herself up into a handstand, then quickly flips herself around to stand on the beam. Jones then shows off a couple graceful dance elements before doing a double backflip, landing perfectly each time.

As the crowd cheers her on, Jones follows that up with a couple leaps, a ballet-like pirouette, and a couple "moonwalk" steps, confidently moving backwards on the beam. Then it's time for the grand finale: A forward flip, turn, and a double backward somersault for the dismount. She lands that one perfectly, too.

When the routine is finished, Jones is mobbed by her teammates, and is then embraced by her longtime coach, Gymnaworld owner Monti Edwards.

"She's been in gymnastics for 14 years," said Edwards. "She started with me at age



Photo provided

Gymnaworld's Jenna Jones became a Facebook sensation after her balance beam routine at the Out of This World Invitational, which Gymnaworld hosted Jan. 6 at the Ivy Tech Community Center in Noblesville. Jones' routine was posted on the FloGymnastics.com Facebook page and has gotten over 36,000 views.

4. Now here she is a senior in high school."

Jones received a score of 9.50 for her beam routine. "I think it's actually the highest I've ever gotten on beam," she said.

"It was really neat because pretty much my whole family came to watch that meet," said Jones.

It was the finish of a perfect day for Jones, who won the all-around championship in addition to all four individual events: Floor exercise, vault, uneven bars and beam.

"Bars went a little rough before that beam routine, so I just wanted to hit that beam routine for myself to prove that I could do it, because I know how hard I've been working," said Jones.

There is a little bit of irony that Jones has become famous for such a great show on the beam. Jones, who is the daughter of Jessica and Mike Jones of Elwood, was featured in an article in the *Elwood Call-Leader* five years ago when she was selected to dance in the opening ceremonies at a gymnastics tour that was taking place at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The tour featured the "Fierce Five," the gold-medal winning group of Team USA gymnasts that had performed a year before at the London Olympics.

Jones, then 13, told *Call-Leader* sports editor Ed Hamilton that although her favorite event was the uneven bars, she liked all the events, "except for the balance beam. Why? Well, you have to be so precise, and even if you get just a little bit off (balance), you're gonna fall," she said in the article.

Now 18, Jones is a veteran of Level 10 competition, the highest level of the USA

Gymnastics Junior Olympic Development Program before the Elite level. Elite gymnasts compete nationally and internationally.

As a Level 10 gymnast, Jones regularly competes in national events; in fact, the weekend after the Out of This World meet, she participated in the beam event at a tournament in Las Vegas. Her score of 9.35 was good enough for second place in a field that featured competitors from 25 other states and Canada.

Jones will be competing this weekend in the Magical Classic event in Orlando, Fla., where Edwards said "there's usually between three and five other countries there besides the United States."

So, Jones will be seeing some international competition in the next few days. Has she been overseas yet.

"No, not yet," said Edwards. "That's a big goal of ours. Something we aspire to."

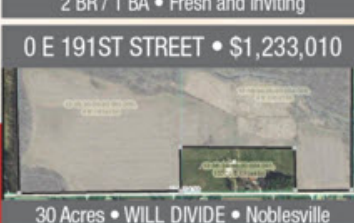
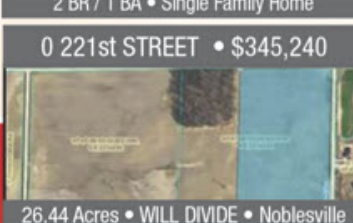
Jones is home schooling, but is interested in college gymnastics, "either this year or next," said Edwards. On the horizon this year are the Level 9 and 10 regionals, which take place April 12-15 in Battle Creek, Mich., and the Level 10 nationals, which are set for May 10-13 in Cincinnati.

"She does have a chance," said Edwards. "She's competing a new balance beam, new uneven bars and new vault. New floor. All with greater difficulty. Four newly upgraded routines."

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# State wrestling information

Here is general information and some notable statistics about this weekend's IHSAA wrestling state finals.

## TICKETS

General admission tickets are \$8 per session or \$20 for both days and available at the Bankers Life Fieldhouse Ticket Office or via the mobile ticket app, TikA-Tap. Children 24 months and younger admitted free of charge.

## GATES OPEN

Gates open to spectators at 4:30 p.m. prior to Friday's session and at 8 a.m. for Saturday morning's session. The Fieldhouse will be cleared following the semi-finals and will reopen at 4 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

## PARKING

The Virginia Avenue Garage, which charges a fee and is located directly to the east of the venue, connects to the Fieldhouse from the third floor of the garage via a walkway over Delaware Street. The entrance to the Virginia Avenue Garage is located off of Maryland Street.

Two hundred twenty-four wrestlers in all, 16 in each of the 14 weight classes, will begin first round competition on Friday at 6 p.m. First-round winners will return to wrestle on Saturday with quarter-final action beginning at 9:30 a.m. and semi-final matches to follow after all weight classes have concluded. Consolation bouts begin at 5 p.m. and championship matches under the spotlight are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Team scoring will begin with Friday night's preliminary matches. Scoring will go to eight places and, additionally, two advancement points will be awarded per match for a championship bracket victory while one point is earned for advancement in the consolation bracket.

Finally, points will be awarded to the top eight place-winners: 1st place: 16 points; 2nd place: 12 points; 3rd place: 9 points; 4th place: 7 points; 5th place: 5 points; 6th place: 3 points; 7th place: 2 points; 8th place: 1 point.

Six defending or former state champions are part of this year's field led by seniors Brayton Lee (152) of Brownsburg and Mason Parris (220) of Lawrenceburg.

Both will be looking to complete a third consecutive undefeated state championship season. Lee is 30-0 on the year and 119-0 over the last three years for the defending state champion Bulldogs. Parris is 43-0 this season and 148-0 the last three seasons. With a third state title, Parris would become the sixth individual to win three titles in the same weight class and first since Franklin

Central's Jake O'Brien won three straight at 215 pounds from 2001-2003.

Other returning champs include Brayden Curtis of Yorktown (113), Cayden Rooks of Columbus East (126) and Alec Viduya of Roncalli (126). A third former champion is also involved in the 126 pound class with Asa Garcia of Avon. Garcia won the 106 class as a freshman and placed third a year ago at 113 pounds.

Defending State Champion Brownsburg is the defending state champion after winning the school's first wrestling crown last year. The Bulldogs are coached by Darrick Snyder who became the second individual to win state titles at two different schools last year (Mishawaka 2008, 2010; Brownsburg 2017) joining Jim Tonte (Perry Meridian 2011, 2012, 2013; Warren Central 2016).

One hundred four schools will be represented at this weekend's state finals with Indianapolis Cathedral leading the way with 10 qualifiers. Portage advanced nine, Columbus East has eight and Brownsburg seven. Cathedral and Yorktown led the state with five semi-state champions with Brownsburg, Chesterton and Portage tallying four each. A total of 314 schools and 7,065 were entered into this year's state tournament at the sectional level.

## State Champions in the Field (6)

113: Brayden Curtis (11) Yorktown | 2017 champ at 106.

126: Asa Garcia (11) Avon | 2016 champ at 106.

126: Cayden Rooks (11) Columbus East | 2017 champ at 120.

126: Alec Viduya (10) Roncalli | 2017 champ at 113.

152: Brayton Lee (12) Brownsburg | 2016 champ at 138; 2017 champ at 145.

220: Mason Parris (12) Lawrenceburg | 2016 and 2017 champ at 220.

State Runners-Up in the Field (12)

113: Andrew Black (11) Shenandoah | 2017 runner-up at 106.

120: Hunter Watts (11) Jimtown | 2017 runner-up at 113.

126: Christian Mejia (12) Elkhart Memorial | 2016 runner-up at 113.

126: Tyler Mills (12) Brownsburg | 2015 runner-up at 106; 2017 runner-up at 120.

138: Blake Mulkey (12) Brownsburg | 2017 runner-up at 126.

138: Kristian Rumph (12) Portage | 2017 runner-up at 138.

145: Christian Hunt (12) Yorktown | 2017 runner-up at 132.

145: Kasper McIntosh (12) Portage | 2016 runner-up at 145.

160: Diego Lemley (12) Chesterton | 2017 runner-up at 160.

170: Noah Warren (12) Perry Meridian | 2017 runner-up at 152.

195: Lucas Davison (12) Chesterton | 2017 runner-up at 182.

285: Isaiah McWilliams South Bend Washington | 2017 runner-up at 285.

## Undefeated Wrestlers in the Field (15)

113: Brayden Curtis (11) Yorktown (36-0)

113: Brayden Lowery (10) Roncalli (38-0)

113: Andres Moreno (11) Lowell (39-0)

132: Graham Rooks (12) Columbus East (44-0)

132: Manzona Bryant (10) Culver Academies (36-0)

145: Christian Hunt (12) Yorktown (45-0)

145: Tristan Sellmer (12) Floyd Central (27-0)

152: Brayton Lee (12) Brownsburg (30-0)

170: Zack Fattore (12) Hobart (39-0)

182: Silas Allred (10) Shenandoah (22-0)

182: Nathan Walton (12) Brownsburg (38-0)

195: Lucas Davison (12) Chesterton (48-0)

220: Ryan Hammond (12) Whiteland (39-0)

220: Mason Parris (12) Lawrenceburg (43-0)

285: Eli Pokorney (11) Chesterton (38-0)

## 2018 Sectional Championship Teams (32)

Bloomington South, Brownsburg,

Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Castle,

Center Grove, Chesterton, Columbus East,

Crown Point, Evansville Mater Dei, Floyd

Central, Harrison, Homestead, Indianapolis

Cathedral, Jay County, Jeffersonville,

Knightstown, Merrillville, Northridge,

Pendleton Heights, Penn, Perry Meridian,

Peru, Portage, Prairie Heights, Rensselaer,

South Dearborn, Warren Central, Wawasee,

Western, Yorktown, Zionsville

## 2018 Regional Championship Teams (16)

Bloomington South, Brownsburg,

Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Colum-

bus East, Evansville Mater Dei, Harrison,

Indianapolis Cathedral, Northridge, Penn,

Perry Meridian, Portage, South Dearborn,

Western, Yorktown, Zionsville.

## 2018 Semi-State Championship Teams (4)

Brownsburg, Indianapolis Cathedral,

Portage, Yorktown.

## Brackets involving Hamilton County wrestlers

## 113 POUNDS

Brayden Curtis (Yorktown), junior, 36-0 vs.

Caleb Oliver (Cathedral), sophomore, 36-8

Tyler Conley (Avon), freshman, 31-10 vs.

Jose Diaz (Wheeler), senior, 39-3

Brayden Lowery (Roncalli), sophomore,

38-0 vs. Joe Just (Fort Wayne Carroll),

senior, 33-13

Danny Tolin (Chesterton), junior, 36-9 vs.

Blake Boarman (Evansville Mater Dei),

freshman, 33-1

Andres Moreno (Lowell), junior, 43-0 vs.

Alex Petro (Center Grove), junior, 37-6

Andrew Black (New Castle), junior 52-3 vs.

Brayden Shearer (Garrett), senior, 46-2

Devon Casebolt (Castle), junior, 35-5 vs.

Richard Hegedus (Portage), junior, 20-9

**Kade Zadyak (Norwell), junior, 33-5 vs.**

**Carson Eldred (Westfield), sophomore,**

**42-3**

## 120 POUNDS

Logan Boe (Danville), sophomore, 34-4 vs.

Zane Standridge (Fort Wayne Carroll),

senior, 21-4

Alex Bautista (Hanover Central), senior,

24-4 vs. Lukasz Walendzak (Cathedral),

junior, 39-4

Hunter Watts (Jimtown), junior, 40-1 vs.

Tyler Fuqua (Franklin Community),

freshman, 36-6

Logan Wagner (Zionsville), freshman, 36-8

vs. Tylor Triana (Hobart), senior, 32-3

**Brock Peele (Portage), junior, 30-7 vs.**

**Brendan Mattingly (Carmel), sophomore,**

**35-2**

Raymond Rioux (Avon), sophomore, 30-9

vs. Ian Heath (Leo), freshman, 41-5

Sam Fair (Perry Meridian), junior, 43-1 vs.

Vincent Sparrow (Penn), sophomore, 27-14

Logan Mosser (Adams Central), junior, 42-5

vs. Drake Campbell (Brownsburg),

sophomore, 28-7

## 138 POUNDS

Conner Gimson (Jimtown), junior, 43-3 vs.

Ian Dembowski (Valparaiso), senior, 23-6

Bailey Moore (Beech Grove), senior, 37-3

vs. Dawson Combest (Columbus East),

senior, 42-2

Kristian Rumph (Portage), senior, 28-4 vs.

Dylan Goudy (Western), junior, 28-10

Matthew Lee (Evansville Mater Dei),

sophomore, 31-4 vs. Brailen Harrington

(North Central), senior, 38-6

Zach Melloh (Cathedral), senior, 39-2 vs.

Noah Hunt (Bloomington South), senior,

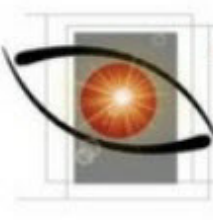
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Preston Risner (Penn), senior, 32-9 vs.

Bryton Goering (Elkhart Memorial), senior,

36-6

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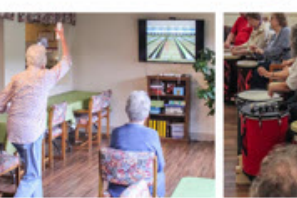
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Tony Pancake, PGA Director of Golf and Club Operations at Crooked Stick Golf Club, in Carmel, has joined the PGA Board of Directors as District 6 Director.

The President of the Indiana PGA Section and Indiana Golf Foundation, Pancake was elected to the Board to fulfill the term of Todd Smith, PGA, in representing the Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin PGA Sections. Smith was recently named as a PGA Career Consultant for both the Indiana and Michigan PGA Sections.

In addition, South Central PGA Section President Michael Henderson, of Edmond, Oklahoma, was named to the PGA's Board of Control, which oversees the Association's governance and ethics code standards and compliance. Henderson, the 2017 South Central PGA Golf Professional of the Year, is the Owner of The Golf Club of Edmond and Operator of Lakeside Memorial Golf Course in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Since 2003, Tony Pancake, PGA has helped steer Crooked Stick's efforts on the national and international stage, as the facility played host to several championship events, highlighted by the 2005 Solheim Cup, 2007 USGA Women's Amateur, 2009 U.S. Senior Open, and the 2012 and 2016

BMW Championship.

"I'm honored to serve the Members and Associates of District 6," said Pancake. "I'm committed to doing the best job possible for the District and excited about what's ahead for the PGA of America, as we grow the game and serve our Members."

A native of Seymour, Pancake attended the University of Alabama on a golf scholarship and earned an Accounting degree. He served for nine years as PGA Head Professional at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky, which hosted the 1996 PGA Championship. Pancake then worked at Hurstborne Country Club in Louisville, before being named Head Professional at Baltimore Country Club – a perennial Top 100 private club.

Pancake has received several Section awards, highlighted by twice being named: Indiana PGA Section Golf Professional of the Year, a Horton Smith Award winner and Junior Golf Award recipient. He has also been a recipient of the Section's Bill Strausbaugh and Merchandiser of the Year Awards. In 2014, he won the Indiana State Senior Open.

The PGA Board of Directors is composed of the Association's President, Vice President, Secretary, Honorary President and 17 Directors. The Directors include representatives from each of the PGA's 14 Districts, two Independent Directors and a member of the PGA Tour. New District Directors are elected by their local PGA Sections.

The Board of Control's Michael Henderson, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, attended Stephen F. Austin State University on a golf scholarship and also serves on the Oklahoma Golf Hall of Fame Board of Directors. He was named the South Central PGA Section's Youth Player Development Leader of the Year in 2011, 2013 & 2014; and PGA Merchandiser of the Year (Public) in 2013. An accomplished player, he has competed in multiple PGA Tour events, PGA Professional Championships, and was honored as the Northern Texas PGA Player of the Year in 2005.



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Washington 118, New York 113	L.A. Clippers 129, Boston 119	Portland 123, Golden State 117	

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	41	16	.719	-
Boston	40	19	.678	2.0
Philadelphia	30	25	.545	10.0
New York	23	36	.390	19.0
Brooklyn	19	40	.322	23.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	34	22	.607	-
Milwaukee	32	24	.571	2.0
Indiana	33	25	.569	2.0
Detroit	28	29	.491	6.5
Chicago	20	37	.351	14.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	33	24	.579	-
Miami	30	28	.517	3.5
Charlotte	24	33	.421	9.0
Orlando	18	39	.316	15.0
Atlanta	18	41	.305	16.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	35	25	.583	-
Oklahoma City	33	26	.559	1.5
Portland	32	26	.552	2.0
Denver	31	26	.544	2.5
Utah	30	28	.517	4.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	44	14	.759	-
L.A. Clippers	30	26	.536	13.0
L.A. Lakers	23	33	.411	20.0
Sacramento	18	39	.316	25.5
Phoenix	18	41	.305	26.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	44	13	.772	-
San Antonio	35	24	.593	10.0
New Orleans	31	26	.544	13.0
Memphis	18	38	.321	25.5
Dallas	18	40	.310	26.5

# Pacers head into All-Star break with victory

By GREG RAPPAPORT

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Looking to head into the All-Star break with a full head of steam, the Pacers had seemingly the perfect opponent on Wednesday night, a Nets team that had lost 10 of its last 11 contests.

Brooklyn, however, proved to be far from a pushover, storming ahead of the Pacers in the third quarter and carrying a six-point lead into the fourth at the Barclays Center.

But in the fourth, after seven lead changes, the Pacers took the final lead of the evening, escaping the road battle with a 108-103 victory to enter the All-Star break on the right note.

"It's good for us," Victor Oladipo said. "It's a great way to end the first half of the season. Got a lot more work to do, obviously, but it was a good win."

The game was close from start to finish, with the teams trading leads 29 times during the topsy-turvy affair.

The final lead change came with 2:55 left in the game as Thaddeus Young

slammed one down on a fast break to put the Pacers up 97-95.

On their next possession, Victor Oladipo delivered a pass to Myles Turner on the pick-and-roll, who was then fouled by Quincy Acy. At the free throw line, Turner hit both to put Indiana up by four with just over two minutes remaining.

After Brooklyn (19-40) chopped its deficit back down to two with a pair of free throws, Oladipo exploded down the lane, finishing in traffic for two of his game-high 25 points on the night.

From there, the Nets elected to foul the Pacers (33-25), but were unable to pull within striking distance as the Pacers wrapped up their pre-All-Star slate with their third consecutive win, completing a season sweep over Brooklyn in the process.

To open the game, the Pacers trailed for nearly the entire first quarter until Oladipo delivered in the closing seconds of the frame, drawing a foul while attacking the basket and hitting both free throws to put the Pacers up 22-21. But with the clock winding

down, Nets rookie Jarrett Allen hit a shot at the buzzer, putting the hosts back in front.

As the second quarter got underway, Indiana's offense started to run through Al Jefferson, who executed a wide array of his post arsenal against Allen, racking up a team-best 13 points in the first half.

Chasing a Nets lead, Lance Stephenson poked free a ball and tracked it the entire length of the court, putting home a layup to tie the game at 40 with five minutes left in the half.

After Nets forward Quincy Acy drilled a 3-pointer to put Brooklyn up by three, the Pacers answered at the buzzer. Thaddeus Young chased down a loose ball and Indiana passed the ball around the perimeter until it found Bojan Bogdanovic, who connected on the corner three to tie things up at 54 at the end of the half.

When the second half began, the hosts looked like they might take control of the game, opening up the third quarter on a 5-0 run. But Indiana, led by Oladipo, responded immediately, embarking on an 11-2 run to move in front.

Moments later, Thaddeus Young spun off of his defender and executed a two-handed slam against his former team, opening up a 71-63 Pacers lead and causing a timeout from the Nets.

Out of the timeout, the Nets had an answer, reeling off eight unanswered points to tie things up once again. But the deluge didn't stop there. The Nets kept their run going, extending the streak to 13 as Brooklyn took a 76-71 lead.

By the end of the third quarter, the Nets led 79-73, leaving the Pacers with a six-point hole to climb out of in order to enter the All-Star break on a winning note.

It didn't take the Pacers long to get climbing, as Indiana opened the fourth quarter with a 7-0 run to regain the lead, setting up the exciting finish at the Barclays Center.

"Sometimes we're on break already in these last games, and you're trying not to do that," Cory Joseph explained. "For us to come in here, especially in a grind-it-out win, shows a lot of character, the character of our team, and it's good for us."

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