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*Sharp says sign ordinance violates free political speech . . .*

# Candidate sues county commissioners

**The REPORTER**

Rick Sharp, a former Carmel Council president and current candidate for an at-large seat on the Hamilton County Council, has filed a lawsuit in Hamilton County Superior Court 3 alleging a new ordinance passed by county commissioners violates his First Amendment right to free political speech.

Last week Hamilton County Commissioners unanimously passed an ordinance prohibiting the placement of signs in county-owned public right-of-ways. Commissioners cited public safety as the reason for the ordinance. Commissioners say placing signs in public right-of-ways makes it difficult for motorists to recognize regulatory signs which are necessary for safe travel and often block the vision of motorists

at intersections. In his complaint Sharp says the commissioners make no showing of any public safety necessity and, even if they could, any alleged public safety concern does not outweigh the United States Constitution's First Amendment right of free political speech enough to allow commissioners to restrict or regulate political speech.

Sharp alleges he would suffer irreparable harm should the court not grant injunctive relief prohibiting the enforcement of the ordinance. Sharp is asking Judge William Hughes to declare the ordinance void and to award him costs, expenses and attorney fees. Sharp is represented by Westfield attorney Timothy Stoesz.

## Noblesville Boys & Girls Club opens



Photo provided

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and board members of the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club cut the ribbon on the organization's new \$6 million facility, located at 1700 Conner St. Last year the club served 2,280 members. With the new facility the club will be able to serve more kids, providing additional activities.

## Arrests made in Carmel High School social media threats

**The REPORTER**

The Carmel Police Department announced late Monday night, after a thorough investigation, two male juveniles have been arrested regarding the Carmel High School social media threats. Police officials said that the Carmel Police Department and the Carmel Clay School Administration worked together extensively for the last several days to identify these CHS students. Both individuals were transported to the Hamilton County Juvenile Detention Center on the following charges:

- Juvenile No. 1: Intimidation (Level 6 Felony)
- Juvenile No. 2: Intimidation (Level 6 Felony)

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*Local taxes relatively low compared with other areas . . .*

# Looking at your 2018 property tax bill

By **FRED SWIFT**  
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Property taxpayers in Hamilton County will not see any significant increase in their tax bills this year, although tax rates will be up slightly in 11 of the municipalities and townships. Rates will decrease slightly in six other taxing units.

Local taxes remain relatively low compared with other areas of the state thanks in part to the county's huge base of taxable real estate now nearing \$21 billion. The tax base on which property taxes is levied has increased 4.2 percent in the past year due largely to new construction and trending increases of individual tax assessments. Individual statements, going in the mail in April, are a combined total of the tax bill for cities, towns, townships, libraries, schools and the county government. Taxes are due May 10 and Nov. 12.

Property taxes do not cover the entire cost of public services. In all taxing enti-

ties except schools, a one percent County Income Tax also funds a significant portion of local government spending. Schools receive a distribution of state tax revenue for the major portion of their cost of operation.

Among the county taxing units, Sheridan has the highest tax rate of \$3.21 per hundred dollars of assessed value while unincorporated White River Township has the lowest at \$1.50.

Deputy Auditor Lee Graham, who calculates the rates, notes that slight increases in the overall rate for Jackson Township, Arcadia, Atlanta and Cicero come because of Hamilton North Library improvements, and the higher Clay Township rate is due to a fire rate increase.

The table at right lists the tax rates paid in 2017 compared with new 2018 rates rounded to the nearest penny.

The figures are overall tax rates for the various districts. A complete breakdown of separate portions of the rates in each municipality, township, library district, school and county is found in a legal notice published in Monday's Hamilton County Reporter.

County Property Tax, per \$100		
Tax District	2017	2018
<b>Cities &amp; Towns</b>		
Arcadia	\$2.54	\$2.60
Atlanta	2.31	2.37
Cicero	2.06	2.08
Carmel	2.05	2.03
Fishers	2.28	2.29
Noblesville	2.84	2.74
Sheridan	3.07	3.21
Westfield	2.84	2.76
<b>Townships</b>		
Adams	\$1.81	\$1.86
Clay	1.75	1.97
Delaware	1.91	1.93
Fall Creek	1.83	1.84
Jackson	1.62	1.63
Noblesville	2.07	1.96
Washington	2.40	2.34
Wayne	1.80	1.82
White River	1.52	1.50

## Hamilton County Tourism named one of Best Places to Work

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Best Companies Group recently named Hamilton County Tourism as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana. The statewide survey and awards program is designed to identify, recognize and honor the best employers in Indiana, benefiting the state's economy, workforce and businesses.

President and CEO of Hamilton County Tourism Brenda Myers said the work culture is one of service to community but also service to fellow employees. "We encourage our team to not only be outwardly focused in work but also to provide cross-team and cross-platform support internally," Myers said.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part survey process to determine the Best Places to Work in Indiana, which measured workplace policies, practices, philosophy and systems and demographics. It also included an employee survey to measure employee experience. Best Companies Group managed the registration, survey process and analyzed the data.

"This designation is an acknowledgment that we are a place where our team can thrive alongside our flourishing communities," said Tina Rodgers, assistant

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On Tuesday, Carmel Police Department and Carmel Clay School's security plans remained in place with an increased police presence in and around Carmel High School. However, all evidence supports these social media threats were fabricated by both juveniles and they had no means to carry out the threats.

In a statement, Carmel Police say they are following up on further leads regarding the investigation. Police and school officials thanked the public for their patience and understanding throughout the lengthy investigation. Carmel Police spokesperson, Joe Bickell stated, "As a collaborative effort, safety and security in our schools is a top priority and concern."

## BEST from Page 1

director of resources for Hamilton County Tourism. "We take pride in the recognition."

An awards dinner is set for Thursday, May 3 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Finalists will be published in the May-June issue of the Indiana Chamber's BizVoice® magazine. For more information on the Best Places to Work in Indiana program, visit [BestPlacestoWorkIN.com](http://BestPlacestoWorkIN.com). About Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. Hamilton County Tourism Inc. is a non-profit, destination management organization that promotes tourism growth through strategic marketing, hospitality and development initiatives providing hospitality to more than 4 million visitors to Hamilton County each year.

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# HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER



# Reader speaks out on township pay raises

Dear Editor:  
As the primary election approaches I feel it's important for the voter to become familiar with some of the insider issues that may affect your voting pattern and specifically when considering incumbents and township government.

Today I read that Pike Township of Marion County has a budget approaching \$40 million and the trustee is paid approximately \$94,000 per year. Wow!

The Pike Township board members are paid \$5,400 per year as per their published report printed in the Indy Star on Feb. 19. I am a past member of the Noblesville Township Board and have some knowledge of the requirements including the dedicated time required to attend meetings and preform these required statutory board duties.

Noblesville in contrast has a budget much, much less than Pike Township and did pay the trustee some \$15,000 less at last count. However the current board is now paid at the rate of \$15,000 per year, or three times the rate of most/majority of township boards in Hamilton County and the State. SELF SERVING AT ITS BEST.

Recall that these board members have to vote on these ridiculous salaries - which are, in the opinion of many, totally self-serving. I think an estimated total time committed to this board position unless a drastic change has occurred on an annual basis is approximately three to five hours total. NOT A BAD RATE OF PAY.

The legislature this current session attempted to eliminate some of these smaller self-serving township govern-

ments and their boards, plus put a limit on the income allowed for board members, but this failed as a result of the grassroots effort put forth by the trustees and boards who have a vested interest in the continuation of the status quo.

Mine and others' experiences suggest no sincere interest exists in efficiency and cost savings and will routinely not be implemented or considered by any form of government including local, county, state, regional and federal. The Indiana Association of Trustees was in favor of this recent attempt to modify the age-old township government model, but was unsuccessful with their support. Kevin Brinegar of the State Chamber of Commerce was also supportive of these and other changes affecting the form of township government as we know it now.

A need exists to continue implementing the cost saving details of the bi-partisan report presented by Governor Kernan and retired Indiana Supreme Court Justice Shepard - known as the Kernan Shepard report - who have reported and suggested in their many recommendations that the old model of 1,007 Indiana township government sites needs eliminated, and all duties preformed at the townships could be transferred to the county and handled more efficiently and effectively, thus improving service and reducing cost.

Just a few thoughts regarding township government including board salaries and other issues to ponder.

**Jim Williams**  
Cicero

# Developers eyeing Carmel for new hospital

**The REPORTER**

Residents in the area of 96th Street and Spring Mill Road have been contacted by developers seeking to purchase real estate in hopes of building a large inpatient hospital.

Developers have not yet identified the medical group that is eyeing the por-

tion of real estate near Interstate 465 and Meridian Street.

According to Carmel officials the property would require rezoning. The Carmel Planning Commission would need to make a recommendation before passing the project on to the city council.

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# TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.  
 Matthew 21:12-13 (KJV)

## Larysa Settles

November 16, 1950 – February 19, 2018

Larysa Settles, 67, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2018 at her home. She was born on November 16, 1950 to Victor and Rysa (Eremyna) Eremyn in Kursk, Russia.



Larysa was a woman of many gifts. She was an engineer in the Ukraine, as well as a regional Mary Kay Leader. Larysa was a talented classical pianist and homemaker. She loved to cook and loved all children. Larysa and Allen were very active and among the founders and members of NSPIRE Church of Westfield.

She is survived by her husband of nine years, Allen E. Settles; brother, Sergei Yeremin; granddaughters, Yanina Chamara and Lisa Chamara; and son, Jonah Settles.

In addition to her parents, Larysa was preceded in death by her sons, Nikita and Maxim Chamara.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service. Pastor Matt Gaylor will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NSPIRE Church, 116 N. Union St., Westfield, IN 46074.

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### Boys basketball

## 'Rocks fall to Marauders, teams combine for 26 3s

Playing at The Rock on Tuesday evening required both Westfield and Mount Vernon to think outside the line - the 3-point line.

Both the Shamrocks and the Marauders reached double-digits in terms of 3-pointers. Westfield was also staying close with Mount Vernon until a long run in the second half helped the Marauders leave The Rock with a 65-59 victory.

Mount Vernon made 15 3s in the game, with the 'Rocks hitting 11 triples. That includes two 3s from senior Josh Van Dyke in the second quarter, and a big one late in the third that gave Westfield a 40-39 lead. This came after the Shamrocks trailed 30-23 at halftime.

But the Marauders blasted back, making consecutive 3-pointers after Van Dyke's basket. Mount Vernon then scored at the third-period buzzer to go up 47-40. That 8-0 run became 14-0, as MV hit another pair of 3s early in the fourth to go ahead 53-40.

"No surprises that they can shoot the 3," said 'Rocks coach Shane Sumpter. "They shoot more than 20 a game. I think they were 15-of-26 from 3-point range and 2-for-15 inside the paint. We didn't really do a good job of running them off the line like we wanted to do."

Westfield continued to fight, with Camden Simons getting a jumper with five minutes left. Then Van Dyke nailed his fourth triple of the game to get the 'Rocks within 53-45.

The Marauders led 59-47 with 2:49 to go before Westfield made one more run. Zach Banks hit a 3 while being fouled with two minutes left, then made the free throw to complete the rare four-point play. Chris Chin added a layin to cut Mount Vernon's lead to 59-53, but that would be as close as the Shamrocks would get.

"Every time that we tried to make a run, they came right back with a run," said Sumpter.

Van Dyke finished the game with 18 points, while Banks scored 13. Caleb Welch added 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

Westfield finished its regular season at 10-12. The Shamrocks will play Carmel next



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield's Josh Van Dyke hit four 3-pointers for the Shamrocks during its Tuesday game with Mount Vernon.

Tuesday (Feb. 27) in the first round of the Noblesville sectional.

### Mount Vernon 65, Westfield 59

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Zach Banks	5	1-1	13	3
Caleb Welch	4	0-0	11	2
Josh Van Dyke	5	4-4	18	3
Sam Eaton	1	0-0	2	0

Jack Reinoehl	0	0-0	0	0
Camden Simons	2	0-0	4	1
Garrett Pollard	1	0-0	3	0
Chris Chin	3	1-2	8	2
Eli Patchett	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	21	6-7	59	12

Score by Quarters  
 Mount Vernon 16 14 17 18 - 65  
 Westfield 9 14 17 19 - 59  
 Westfield 3-pointers (11) Van Dyke 4, Welch 3, Banks 2, Chin 1, Pollard 1.

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## Thompson, Eagles overwhelm Millers

By JIM BELSER

After rescheduling three times, the game between Noblesville and Zionsville boys' basketball finally commenced Tuesday and the result was one the Millers might soon forget as the Hamilton County school fell big 73-37 to the Class 4A No. 7-ranked Eagles.

Noblesville's problems started with Zionsville's Isaiah Thompson and ended there. The junior guard knocked down 12 3-pointers on his way to 40 points in just three quarters of play, breaking a state record for most 3s in a game.

"Thompson had a great night for them, I was disappointed in how he was 6-of-7 in the first half and defensively, we went

underneath on the screen in the second half.

That is something we are going to have to work on. We need to be a little be smarter on that," Noblesville coach Brian McCauley said.

Thompson opened the first few seconds of the game with a three and never looked back. An 8-0 start soon turned into a 20-9 lead for the Eagles in the first quarter with Thompson finishing with four 3s. Zionsville's big men Nathan Childress and Will Alcock also contributed early, combining for 11 points in the first quarter.

Jordan Gadis for Noblesville nailed two 3-pointers in the first quarter attempting to counter Thompson and led the Millers in scoring with 14. Gadis shot 5-of-10 from the field, including four 3-pointers. Ian Gibbons and Alex Hunt of Noblesville battled a tough Eagles front court to combine for nine rebounds.

"Tonight, I was really proud of Jordan Gadis. He was locked in, he had 14 points on the night. He was a bright spot for us," McCauley said. "I thought Gibbons and Hunt did a really nice job on the boards."

Zionsville slowed in the second quarter as Thompson was limited to just two 3-pointers. In a quarter that saw the Millers outscored 12-8, Zack Johnson kept Noblesville a float with two 3-pointers of his own. Childress for Zionsville, however, turned the second quarter back in the Eagles' favor after blocking a shot and taking the ball to the other end, scoring on a fast break layup.

Down 37-19 entering the third quarter, the Millers witnessed a shooting feat not often seen. Thompson was 8-of-10 from the field in the third quarter with six 3-pointers. His 3-pointer at the top of the key from four feet beyond the arc gave Zionsville a 30-point lead with 2:50 left in the third.



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# Sills steals the show in GC's 15th win



Sills

Guerin Catholic's boys basketball team spoiled another Madison County opponent's Senior Night Tuesday night, as Jack Hansen scored a go-ahead basket with 6.7 seconds remaining to cap an 18-point night in leading the Golden Eagles over Anderson's 59-57. It was the regular season finale for both basketball squads. Friday Pendleton Heights was beaten at home 71-64 by the Purple and Gold as well.

The Golden Eagles led by as many as 10 points in the second quarter and by nine at the end of the third quarter before Anderson mounted a furious rally, looking as if they were going to defend their home court, named The Tipi. The Golden Eagles have never lost to Anderson since the historic 8,900-seat WigWam closed in 2011 in seven tries.

CG started the fourth quarter actually with a chance to go up 11 after a defensive stop. However after a steal they missed a contested lay-up, and the momentum shifted drastically. The Tribe came down off the missed lay-up and drained a 3-point shot, one of 11 made by them in the contest. That began a 14-2 fourth quarter run by AHS that thrust them into a 52-49 lead before the Golden Eagles knew what hit them. "They got it going, and we couldn't get out of our own way for a lot of the fourth quarter," said GC Mentor Pete Smith. "We'd controlled the second and third quarters pretty well, but got in a bad funk and boy they got it goin' with a dunk and some transition 3-pointers."

Five straight free throws on three possessions game Anderson a 57-52 lead. However Kian Sills made the two biggest plays of the evening to give the Golden Eagles the chance to earn the victory.

Sills first drained a 3-point shot on a pressbreaker to pull GC within two at 57-55 with 1:57 to play. Anderson was patient and looked for a lay-up or to draw a foul on the ensuing possession. But with 1:17 left Sills made his eighth steal of the game, and the

junior guard raced in for a lay-up to tie the score at 57.

Anderson then worked the basketball around the perimeter and drove the baseline. Hansen tried to draw a charge on an AHS player, and the result was a Luke Godfrey steal and time-out with 47 seconds left. Smith called on his team to hold the ball for the final forty seconds before Hansen's heroics on perfectly executed play. After an Anderson time-out, GC employed a full-court press and the Indians forced a half-court shot at the buzzer that barely drew iron.

Sills scored 17 points and Zach Munson added 12 points to support Hansen's solid game. Smith mentioned that his team valued the basketball better than in recent games, committing only six turnovers against the pesky Anderson pressure defense. Uncharacteristically his team was outrebounded 34-25 by the Tribe, making the turnover statistic look paramount in the outcome of the game. Smith praised point guard Clay Hepp and Sills for their decision-making with the basketball. Anderson committed 15 turnovers, including five in the final stanza. Guerin Catholic finishes 15-8 on the

regular season. The Golden Eagles return to Class 3A play this season after two seasons of playing in the IHSA's 4A state tournament. CGHS will host Sectional 27 this season, and consequently will host Circle City Conference rival Bishop Chatard next Tuesday as their seven-team sectional gets underway.

## Guerin Catholic 59, Anderson 57

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kian Sills	7-13	0-0	17	2
Bernie McGuinness	0-1	0-0	0	1
Clay Hepp	1-5	2-2	5	2
Zach Munson	4-13	3-3	12	1
Jack Hansen	8-17	2-4	18	4
Luke Godfrey	2-3	0-0	5	0
Drew Thieme	1-2	0-0	2	0
Totals	23-54	7-9	59	10

Score by Quarters  
 Guerin Catholic 19 14 14 12 - 59  
 Anderson 17 8 13 19 - 57  
 Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (6-16) Sills 3-6, Hepp 1-3, Munson 1-3, Godfrey 1-2, Hansen 0-2.  
 Guerin Catholic rebounds (25) Hansen 8, Munson 5, Sills 4, Hepp 3, McGuinness 1, Godfrey 1, Thieme 1, team 2.

## MILLERS

The game was originally part of a girls and boys doubleheader in January, but the first attempt to play had to be re-scheduled due to an ice storm. The second try was re-scheduled after a basket malfunction at Zionsville, which resulted in the girls game being canceled and not made up.

The boys tried to play last Saturday, but the game was moved to Tuesday because the Zionsville girls basketball team advanced to the semi-state championship, eliminating the date. The Lady Eagles won and will play in the Class 4A state championship game on Saturday.

Noblesville heads to Perry Meridian on Thursday to finish out the regular season before starting hosting Anderson next Tuesday in sectional play.

## From Page 6 Huskies drop high-scoring game

The Hamilton Heights-Harrison game that took place at the Raiders' gym on Tuesday could be described in one word: Fast.

Both teams scored early, late and often. In the end, Harrison beat the Huskies 89-76 in their regular-season finale.

The Raiders led 42-35 at halftime, this despite four Heights 3-pointers (12 points) from Camron Knott. He was just getting warmed up, as he drained five more triples for a total of nine in the game. Knott led all scorers with 27 points.

Harrison outscored the Huskies 33-25 in the third quarter. Tyler Wiltermood played very well in that period, scoring 11 points, including a 3-pointer. He wound up with 15 points for the game, and joined Caleb Bean as the top rebounder; both had six.

Gus Etchison added 11 points and dished out seven assists. Knott made three steals.

Heights' junior varsity team lost 59-36

in its final game of the season. Issiac Hickok led with 11 points and two rebounds, while Brent Pennington had 10 points, four rebounds and two steals.

The Huskies varsity completed its regular season 11-11 and will travel to New Castle next Tuesday to play the Class 3A No. 1 host Trojans in the first round of the sectional.

## Harrison 89, Heights 76

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gus Etchison	4-7	3-4	11	2
Camron Knott	9-13	0-0	27	2
Tyler Wiltermood	7-10	0-1	15	2
AJ Field	1-5	2-4	4	0
Drayden Thomas	1-5	1-2	3	4
Caleb Bean	3-5	2-2	8	4
Michael Cross	2-5	0-0	4	1
Hudson Hochstedler	0-0	0-0	0	1
Grant LePoidevin	1-4	0-1	2	0
Dawson Phifer	0-1	0-0	0	0
Brent Pennington	1-1	0-0	2	0
Kray Leininger	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-56	8-14	76	16

Score by Quarters  
 Heights 19 16 25 16 - 76  
 Harrison 21 21 33 14 - 89  
 Heights 3-point shooting (10-26) Knott 9-13, Wiltermood 1-2, Thomas 0-3, LePoidevin 0-3, Etchison 0-2, Cross 0-1, Field 0-1, Phifer 0-1.  
 Heights rebounds (22) Bean 6, Wiltermood 6, Thomas 4, Field 3, Knott 1, Phifer 1, Hochstedler 1.

## Zionsville 73, Noblesville 37

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Brendan Fisher	1-8	0-0	3	1
Jordan Gadis	5-10	0-0	14	0
Zack Johnson	2-6	0-0	6	2
Alex Hunt	2-7	0-0	4	2
Ian Gibbons	2-5	0-0	4	1
Evan Wilson	1-5	0-0	3	1
Gehrig Mickels	1-2	0-0	2	3
Keagan Smith	0-2	1-2	1	1
Totals	14-45	1-2	37	11

Score by Quarters  
 Noblesville 11 8 13 5 - 37  
 Zionsville 25 12 26 10 - 73  
 Noblesville 3-point shooting (8-30) Gadis 4-9, Johnson 2-4, Fisher 1-7, Wilson 1-5, Gibbons 0-2, Hunt 0-2, Mickels 0-1.  
 Noblesville rebounds (22) Gibbons 5, Hunt 4, Gadis 3, Johnson 2, Mickels 2, Smith 2, Fisher 1, team 3.



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# Basketball players suspended

Several Hamilton County boys basketball players have been suspended after alleged violation of an IHSAA by-law.

Six players for Noblesville and two for Hamilton Heights are among the players suspended. The Reporter was told that the violation stemmed from basketball games that were played at the Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville.

IHSAA by-law 15-1.2 Team Sports (Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball) states:

- "a. Participation by a student in any organized non-school sports competition during the Authorized Contest Season, or at any time prior to the conclusion of the student's participation in the IHSAA the IHSAA Tournament Series, in that sport shall cause such students to become ineligible for their School team in that sport for a period not to exceed Three-hundred Sixty-five (365) days as determined by the Commissioner."

"There was a violation of IHSAA rules," said Marnie Cooke, Noblesville Schools Director of Communication. "We can't comment or provide information on specific student issues like this."

Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden confirmed two boys basketball players have been suspended. Ogden would not comment further.

Neither school indicated if the suspension extended into next week's sectional games.

# 'Hounds roll past Arsenal Tech

Carmel scored an easy victory in its regular-season finale on Tuesday, beating Arsenal Tech 73-52 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds led 35-17 at halftime, then went up 59-30 after three quarters. Fourteen different players took to the floor for Carmel, with Eddie Gill scoring 12 points and pulling eight rebounds to lead the 'Hounds.

Alex Jackson added 11 points, with Andrew Owens and Cole Jenkins both scoring nine. Owens and Jalen Whack both had eight rebounds. John Michael Mulloy blocked two shots.

Carmel finished the regular season 15-7 and will play Westfield next Tuesday in the first-round of the Noblesville sectional.

## Carmel 73, Arsenal Tech 52

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Carmel	5-6	1-2	12	4
Eddie Gill	3-5	0-1	7	1
John Michael Mulloy	4-6	1-3	11	2
Alex Jackson	4-7	0-0	9	1
Andrew Owens	2-4	3-4	7	2
Jalen Whack	4-8	0-0	9	1
Cole Jenkins	2-5	2-2	6	2
Karsten Windlan	2-3	2-2	7	2
Luke Heady	1-2	0-0	2	0
Jackson Janssen	1-1	1-2	3	0
Robert Fry	0-1	0-2	0	1
Cole Brady	0-0	0-0	0	2
Will Christie	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ben Frische	0-0	0-0	0	0
Connor Wernhoff	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28-48	10-18	75	18

Score by Quarters  
 Tech 7 10 13 22 - 52  
 Carmel 13 22 24 14 - 73  
 Carmel 3-point shooting (7-17) Jackson 2-4, Jenkins 1-3, Heady 1-2, Gill 1-1, Owens 1-1, Mulloy 1-1, Windlan 0-3, Janssen 0-1, Whack 0-1.  
 Carmel rebounds (39) Gill 8, Whack 8, Owens 8, Jackson 4, Fry 3, Frische 3, Mulloy 2, Heady 1, Windlan 1, Brady 1.

# Tigers pull away from Kokomo

Fishers pulled away from Kokomo in the fourth quarter and that led the Tigers to a 58-53 win over the Wildkats Tuesday night at the Tiger Den.

Kokomo led 18-13 after the first quarter, but Fishers came back to tie at 24-24 by halftime. Alex Szilagyi helped out with two 3-pointers in the second period.

The Wildkats then edged ahead 41-40 after three quarters before the Tigers outscored Kokomo 18-12 in the fourth. Willie Jackson scored 12 points for Fishers in that period, including a 6-of-6 effort from the free throw line.

Jackson finished the game with 20 points. Terry Hicks was next in line with 18 points; he scored eight in the third quarter. Szilagyi had three 3-pointers for 9 points.

The Tigers are 11-11 for the season and

host Class 4A No. 1 Warren Central on Thursday in their regular-season finale.

## Fishers 58, Kokomo 53

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Fishers	2	1-4	6	1
Josiah Matthews	6	8-9	20	0
Willie Jackson	0	1-2	1	1
Jeremy Szilagyi	1	0-0	2	2
Brendhan Russom	7	4-4	18	4
Terry Hicks	3	0-0	9	1
Alex Szilagyi	1	0-0	2	0
Bryce Gee	0	0-0	0	0
Craig Yoho	0	0-0	0	0
Jack Maller	0	0-0	0	0
Emmanuel Davis	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20	14-19	58	9

Score by Quarters  
 Fishers 13 11 16 18 - 58  
 Kokomo 18 6 17 12 - 53  
 Fishers 3-pointers (4) A. Szilagyi 3, Matthews.

# Sheridan comeback falls short

Sheridan nearly made a comeback at Bethesda Christian on Tuesday before falling to the Patriots 52-48.

The Blackhawks trailed 18-10 at halftime and 31-16 after three quarters. Sheridan blasted through the fourth period by outscoring Bethesda 32-21, but couldn't catch all the way up.

Caleb Duke scored 17 points for the 'Hawks, including three 3-pointers. Sean Weitzel drained four 3s on his way to 14 points. Ange Gnamkey added 12 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots.

Sheridan is now 11-10 and finishes its regular season Friday at No. 4-ranked

Frankton, the defending Class 2A state champion.

## Bethesda Christian 52, Sheridan 48

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sheridan	2-5	0-0	5	4
Austin Hunter	0-3	0-0	0	1
Jack Waitt	0-2	0-0	0	3
Drake Delph	0-0	0-0	0	0
Brody Perry	7-13	0-2	17	4
Caleb Duke	4-6	4-8	12	4
Ange Gnamkey	0-1	0-0	0	1
Nick Burnell	4-8	2-3	14	3
Sean Weitzel	0-1	0-2	0	1
Tanner Swindle	0-0	0-0	0	1
Jesse Kolb	17-39	6-15	48	22

Score by Quarters  
 Sheridan 8 2 6 32 - 48  
 Bethesda 11 7 13 21 - 52  
 Sheridan 3-point shooting (8-18) Weitzel 4-7, Duke 3-6, Hunter 1-3, Waitt 0-1, Swindle 0-1.  
 Sheridan rebounds (18) Gnamkey 5, Duke 3, Burnell 3, Delph 2, Weitzel 2, Hunter 1, Swindle 1, Kolb 1.

# 'Blazers get another win at GCA

David Howard and Josh Watson scored 13 points each to lead University to a 44-40 win over Greenwood Christian.

The Trailblazers led for the last 25 minutes of the game, yet never held more than a five point lead in the second half. An 8-for-10 performance at the foul line in the fourth quarter and some strong defense down the stretch allowed University to improve to 19-2 on the season.

The win was the second in ten days for University at Greenwood Christian. The Trailblazers won the PAAC Championship game over the Cougars February 10 by a 64-46 count. This contest was much closer. "It is tough to beat a really good team twice on the road," said University coach Brandon Lafferman. "Our guys did a great job in the last four minutes, stepping it up on the defensive end." Greenwood Christian made just one field goal in the final 6:30 of the game.

University jumped to an early 7-2 lead and had three possessions to extend the lead, but a pair of turnovers allowed the Cougars to hang close before going on a 10-2 run. The Trailblazers closed out the first quarter strong. Howard drove the lane for a basket before Zack Hodgkin went coast to coast for his only field goal of the game to give the Blazers the lead for good at 13-12 with 1:04 remaining in the quarter. Ethan Sickels hit a transition three pointers off a Sam Mervis assist and University led 16-13 at the end of the quarter.

Josh Watson opened the second quarter scoring with a two handed dunk and scored

seven of the Blazers nine points in the period. University held their largest lead of the game at 25-16 midway through the second quarter before Greenwood Christian scored the last six points of the half.

After a GCA basket to open the third, a Foster Flamion basket with 6:12 remaining ended a nearly six minute scoreless streak for University. Watson added two third quarter baskets and Howard added a free throw as the Blazers maintained a three point edge at the end of the quarter, 32-29.

Howard scored twice in the paint early in the fourth quarter, including what turned out to be University's last field goal of the game with 6:29 remaining. Howard and Hodgkin went three for four at the line in the fourth quarter while Mervis made both his foul shots.

Howard added 13 points for a double-double.

University will close the regular season Thursday night against Indianapolis Lighthouse East. It will be senior night at The U Center as the Trailblazers honor Howard, Sickels, Flamion, Watson and Hodgkin, their five senior starters.

## University 44, Greenwood Christian 40

	FG	FT	TP	PF
University	4	4-6	13	2
David Howard	2	0-0	5	1
Ethan Sickels	2	0-0	4	3
Foster Flamion	5	2-2	13	0
Josh Watson	1	3-4	5	4
Zack Hodgkin	1	2-2	4	1
Sam Mervis	0	0-0	0	1
Eric Major	0	0-0	0	1
Quinn Steiner	0	0-0	0	0
Max Greenamoyer	0	0-0	0	0
Eyal Friedman	0	0-0	0	2
Totals	15	11-14	44	15

Score by Quarters  
 University 16 9 7 12 - 44  
 Greenwood Christian 13 9 7 11 - 40  
 University 3-pointers (3) Howard, Sickels, Watson.

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# Miller gymnasts win regular-season finale



Kwiatkowski

The Noblesville gymnastics team won its final regular-season meet, beating Sccecina and Marion Monday at Noblesville East Middle School. The Millers scored 98.65, well ahead of Sccecina's 87.55 and Marion's 81.95.

Noblesville had four of the top six finishers in the all-around, led by Makayla Kauzlick's 34.75. All four Miller gymnasts - Kauzlick, Devyn Palmer and Grace Kwiatkoski - scored above 31 points.

Kauzlick won three of the four individual events, taking the vault with a 9.00, the highest Noblesville score of the night.

"Makayla was able to perform her flipping tuck vault and was able to come up in

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# NBA standings

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## 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	-
Indiana	33	25	.569	2.0
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	2.5
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	36	25	.590	-
Oklahoma City	33	26	.559	2.0
Denver	32	26	.552	2.5
Portland	32	26	.552	2.5
Utah	30	28	.517	4.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	44	14	.759	-
L.A. Clippers	30	26	.536	13.0
L.A. Lakers	23	34	.404	20.5
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

## VanDevender wins diving regional, county sends four to state

After an incredible performance at the sectional on Saturday, Fishers' Cole VanDevender dialed it back a little bit for the regional.

Dialing it back, though, still means an incredible performance when one is a diver of VanDevender's caliber. The Tigers senior won the Hamilton Southeastern diving regional on Tuesday, scoring 577.00 points. In addition, VanDevender qualified for this weekend's IHSAA state meet.

VanDevender has committed to dive for Indianan University next year. He placed second last year at state as a junior, just missing first place by 0.55 points. Fishers diving coach Kristy Ford said that VanDevender went hard at the sectional and scored 601.15 points, overwhelmingly finishing in first place. On Tuesday, the

senior backed off a little today to get through the regional and concentrate on the state meet.

Three other Hamilton County divers qualified for state by placing in the top eight. The host Royals had two of them: Nathan Barr placed fifth with a score of 380.00, while Garrett Garwood finished sixth by scoring 378.15. Noblesville's Jared Newman qualified as well, getting the eighth spot with a score of 361.15 points.

Carmel's John Curcio finished 11th with 339.85 points.

The state diving competition begins at 9 a.m. Saturday with the preliminaries, and will be immediately followed by the semifinals. The finals take place during the swim meet, which starts at 1 p.m.



Photos by Bret Richardson

ABOVE: Fishers' Cole VanDevender won the Hamilton Southeastern diving regional on Tuesday. VanDevender finished with 577.00 points and leads a county contingent of four divers that qualified for Saturday's state meet.

LEFT: Noblesville's Jared Newman finished eighth and will advance to the state meet.

## GYMNASTS

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her vault score from the previous competition, which is what we need to see as we are preparing for sectionals next weekend," said Millers coach Jody Ramey.

Kauzlick also won the uneven bars and balance beam. Devyn Palmer finished first in the floor exercise; the Millers had five of the top six gymnasts on floor.

"We were able to produce a team floor score of 24.825 which is very close to where I would like our team to be for sectionals," said Ramey. The Millers' goal is to produce a score of 25 or higher on floor, which Ramey said her team is very capable of doing.

Noblesville will travel to Lafayette Jefferson on Saturday to compete at the sectional. Competition begins at 11 a.m.

"We are excited as we will focus on our strengths this week throughout our practices to see what this next weekend at sectionals has in store for our team," said Ramey. "We will continue to improve our routines this week so we can be one of the three teams

that advance out to regionals."

**Team scores:** Noblesville 98.65, Scecina 87.55, Marion 81.95.

**All-around scores:** 1. Makayla Kauzlick 34.75, 3. Devyn Palmer 31.875, 5. Olivia Mangin 31.125, Grace Kwiatkowski 31.05.

**Vault:** 1. Kauzlick 9.00, 3. Mangin 8.60, Palmer 8.35, Kwiatkowski 8.20, Kayleigh Sahr 7.80, Zoe Hartman 7.55. Junior varsity: 1. Ella Deno 7.50, 2. Racheal Glasener 6.75.

**Uneven bars:** 1. Kauzlick 8.825, 4. Kwiatkowski 7.45, 5. Mangin 7.375, 6. Palmer 7.20.

**Balance beam:** 1. Kauzlick 8.625, 4. Palmer 7.90, 5. Kwiatkowski 7.70, Mangin 7.05.

**Floor exercise:** 1. Palmer 8.425, 2. Kauzlick 8.30, 4. Mangin 8.10, 5. Sahr 7.725, 6. Kwiatkowski 7.70, Hartman 6.875.

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