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Jeff Muszar, Fire Chief, Jackson Township Fire Department, gives a group of fourth-grade students the high five on a job well done during Hamilton Heights Elementary School's monthly fire drill.

Noblesville Schools cuts the ribbon at transportation center

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools officially cut the ribbon Friday on their newly-constructed transportation center at a public dedication event. The new center is located at 19790 Hague Road adjacent to West Middle School and replaces the previous location on Field Drive near Noblesville High School.

"Our former transportation center was built in 1978 when Noblesville Schools served approximately 4,000 students and couldn't provide the space we need today to serve over 10,000 students," said Beth Niedermeyer, superintendent of Noblesville Schools. "Our new facility significantly increases capacity, providing room we need for our bus fleet, maintenance bays, office management, meeting space, driver parking and storage."

Transportation staff relocated to the new Hague Road location in January and bus routes have been running from there since school resumed following winter break.

"With almost 200 different routes, our 100+ buses and drivers travel approximately 1.2 million miles each year safely transporting 9,300 students a day to 10 school buildings and locations as far away as Downtown Indy and Beech Grove," added Niedermeyer. "The work they do is an important part of supporting students. We're also proud that our transportation mechanics have had a perfect safety inspection rate for 31 consecutive years."

The new transportation center location was chosen because of its accessibility for bus routes and its infrastructure design. It was also a cost savings for the district because they already owned the land. The location next to West Middle School will also

Jackson, Cicero Fire make safety fun

The REPORTER

After Cliff Hackman, Assistant Principal, and Hamilton Heights Primary School and HHSC School Safety Coordinator, fielded a number of calls from parents expressing concerns and anxiety related to the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., he had an idea. With the monthly fire drill approaching, Hackman wanted to take advantage of a teachable moment.

While the school setting remains one of the safest and most secure places for students, Hackman understands the concerns. He reached out to the local fire departments

to see if they would like to participate in Heights regularly scheduled monthly fire drill. They were more than happy to help and arrived in force.

Personnel from Jackson Township Fire Department and the Cicero Fire Department were excited to be present at the fire drills, interact with students throughout and provide a little safety education while they were there. Members of the media were there to capture the moment and help share the message about how one rural district continues its proactive safety efforts in the wake of a national tragedy.

Personnel in uniforms are a familiar sight for students at Hamilton Heights who have active and engaged School Resource Officers (SRO) at each of the four buildings. Local fire and emergency personnel are familiar and welcome sights. The local departments often bring equipment and personnel to the schools throughout the year for special educational and safety awareness programs and career days.

Josh Ireland, a member of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, a SRO

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Culvert repair causes temporary lane closure of Little Chicago Road

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville temporarily closed a portion of the southbound lane of Little Chicago Road between State Road 38 and Buttonwood Drive to make an emergency repair to the roadway.

An inspection from the Noblesville Street and Engineering departments determined that the culvert under the southbound lane was washed out due to recent rainy weather. Noblesville Street Department crews are currently onsite to fix the portion of the road. A temporary patch will be constructed now and will be replaced permanently once asphalt plants are back in service in April/May.

Little Chicago Road reopened to normal traffic flow at 5 p.m. Friday.



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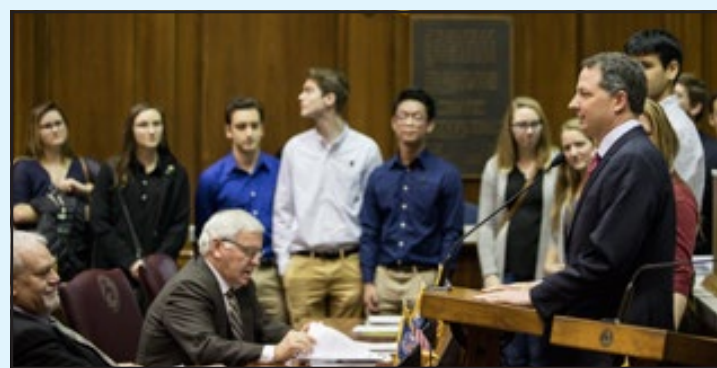


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State Rep. Todd Huston (R-Fishers) presents a resolution on Feb. 22, at the Statehouse in Indianapolis honoring the We the People team from Fishers High School for winning the state championship. The team will represent Indiana at the national championship in April.

Huston honors Fishers High School We the People champions

The REPORTER

State Rep. Todd Huston (R-Fishers) on Thursday at the Statehouse honored students from Fishers High School with a resolution recognizing their top-place finish in this year's We the People state competition.

Huston said the We the Peo-

ple program was developed to teach students about the Constitution and civic responsibility through a combination of classroom curriculum and simulated congressional hearing competitions.

More than 600 students

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from 14 high schools across Indiana participated in this year's state competition. After securing the top title, the Fishers team will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete nationally in April.

"When students learn more about democracy, they are more likely to be civic-minded adults," Hus-

ton said. "These kids are studying and discussing complex issues facing our country today and developing skills that will be an asset throughout their lives. I wish them luck as they represent Indiana at nationals."

Led by teacher Liz Paternoster, 27 students participate on the team.

For more information about **House Concurrent Resolution 49**, visit iga.in.gov. To find out more about the We the People program and the national invitational, visit civiced.org.

State Rep. Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes portions of Hamilton County.

TRANSPORTATION

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Superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer, Mayor John Ditslear, school board members and other leaders cut the ribbon on the new Noblesville Schools Transportation Center Friday.

help address the parking shortage at that school, providing West event visitors additional parking options.

The design was crafted with the community in mind, incorporating a maximum set-back off the road

and landscaping buffers to address any sight or noise concerns from neighbors. Traffic impact was explored with the City of Noblesville and the Indiana Department of Transportation with no noted concerns.

The \$10.5 million cost of the construction project was financed through construction bonds, with no increased tax burden for residents and no referendum dollars being spent on the project.

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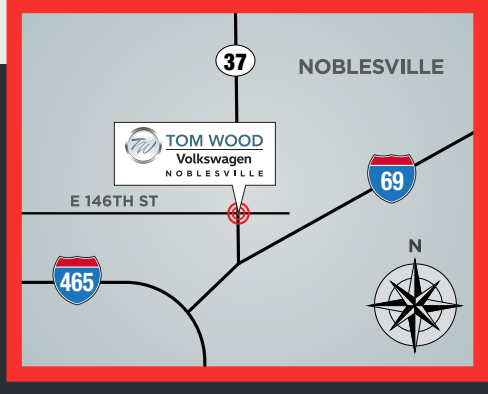


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SAFETY

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Personnel from Jackson Township Fire Department and Cicero Fire Department were on hand to assist with this month's regularly scheduled fire drills at Hamilton Heights Primary and Elementary Schools.



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(Left) David Plummer, a firefighter/EMT with Jackson Township Fire Department, is pictured interacting with students at Hamilton Heights Primary School after the fire drill. (Above) During fire drills, once students are out of the building, teachers like Anna Felgenhauer hold up the green OK card, signifying all students are present and ready to return to the building once it is declared safe.



Photos provided by Christina (Chris) Miller

Kevin Brock, Cicero firefighter paramedic (left) and Brian Owens, Jackson Township firefighter paramedic (right) give out high fives to students as they return from the fire drill.

at the Primary and Elementary Schools, said the safety of students and personnel is first and foremost. "When it comes to these monthly drills, we have it down to a science," said Deputy Ireland. "Even our youngest students know the procedure. We have our entire population out of the building, checked and cleared for re-entry in a matter of minutes. "Today was a treat because of the presence of the various first responders, emergency and fire personnel."

"While these young students may not be aware of the conversations and stories taking place at the national level regarding safety, we are pleased to take a proactive stance in working with our local school schools on situational awareness education and training," said Jackson Township Fire Department Chief, Jeff Muszar. "In addition, our department in cooperation with the Cicero Fire Department along with the on-site SRO's are planning future cooperative training events involving multiple public safety agencies to coordinate responses to school emergencies."

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Riverview Health Physicians welcomes Akira Barhams

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Physicians is pleased to welcome Akira Barhams, MD, to Prairie Lakes Family Medicine.

"I'm excited to join Riverview Health because – though it's continually expanding – it seems to maintain a close-knit, community feel,"

Dr. Barhams said. "This is important to me as a physician because it allows me to really get to know my patients."

Dr. Barhams special-

izes in managing chronic illnesses and providing well-woman care. Dr. Barhams particularly enjoys working with her patients to educate them and provide the best healthcare possible. She attended Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University and is a board-certified

family medicine physician. Dr. Barhams is married and has four children.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Barhams, call 317-565-0565.



Barhams

Teen raises money for Carmel Dance Marathon while recovering from stroke during brain surgery

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Today, more than 1,000 Carmel High School students will participate in their annual Carmel Dance Marathon to raise money for Riley Hospital for Children.

Last year's dance marathon raised more than \$424,000. This year, there are a number of students who have already raised more than \$1,000, including a student who is recovering from some very serious health issues of her own.

Bella Simons is a senior at Carmel High School. A few years ago, she had brain surgery to remove a brain tumor.

She was recovering well and was preparing for college, when, a few months ago, she had a stroke.

That stroke required a second brain surgery that took place last month and there were some complications.

"When she woke up from surgery, I didn't know what was normal. From her first surgery, when she woke up, she couldn't see, so initially I was excited she could see, but then I soon realized, she couldn't talk," said Tasha Simons, Bella's mom.

"I woke up and I was trying



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Carmel students have already raised more than \$1,000 for Riley Hospital.

to say 'Hey mom, dad, you're here' and like it came out wrong," Bella said.



Simons

A MRI confirmed what her parents and doctors hoped it was not.

"This was a huge stroke over the language center of her brain that was really bad news. We asked if she would ever be able to speak again and she didn't know," Tasha said.

She could say "hungry," but nothing else.

"I knew what I wanted to say if I wanted to say 'Hey, I need to use the bathroom' or 'Hey, I need food,' it wouldn't come out right," Bella said.

Until one day, when what she wanted to say, was what came out.

"I woke up and I said 'Hi mom' and I didn't really realize that she could hear me," Bella said.

"I was over the moon, oh, it was just amazing 'cause I was just blown away by God's faithfulness. I was so afraid of losing her and having her, but not have her be herself and that was a danger, too and just seeing that I still had my Bella back, that my baby was still there," Tasha said.

Two weeks after her surgery, Bella was home.

"Her recovery is miraculous. We're talking two huge strokes, two major brain surgeries, two brain tumors and she's doing amazingly well," Tasha said about what doctors have told her about Bella's recovery.

It's allowing Bella to continue to be the strong, courageous and positive girl that she is.

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Help kids get the most out of music education

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As the list of known benefits of music education grows, you may be wondering how you can help your kids get the most out of their efforts. Here are five ways to help make music education a success.

1. Be encouraging. Learning music is hard work, but it shouldn't feel that way. Keep it positive and be encouraging. Fostering a love of music is only possible if a child enjoys practicing and playing. If your child is taking lessons, be sure that is or her teacher practices a similar philosophy.

2. Get practical. Incorporate practical engagement and games to make

it fun. For example, learn new musical words with body actions like clapping and stomping, so students can better understand the rhythm and music through movement.

3. Be contemporary. Many kids will prefer playing what they already know and love. If your child is learning to play piano or keyboard, consider a new digital instrument that makes learning the latest tunes easy, such as Casio's LK-265 keyboard. Outfitted with lighted keys, a voice fingering guide and a Step-up Lesson System, beginners are able to learn built-in songs at their own individual pace. The instrument can also connect to Casio's Chordana Play app -- a free

app that displays the correct keyboard position for both hands in real-time. The app is expandable through downloadable MIDI files, so students can customize lessons to their taste.

4. Pace yourself. Every child has his or her own musical aptitude and passion for learning. To ensure that your kids are neither overwhelmed nor bored, discover the pace that works best for each individual and don't pressure anyone into rushing or slowing down.

5. Set goals. Whether it's working to perfect a particular song, or it's practicing for a talent show, setting achievable goals can be a great motivation for budding musicians.



Managing Your Medications

Confused about your medications? Join Amy Sheller, PharmD, Riverview Health Outpatient Pharmacy manager, to learn how medication therapy management (MTM) can help ensure that you are getting the most out of your prescriptions. Amy will explain how MTM can help pinpoint possible interactions between medications you are taking, and how the pharmacists at Riverview Health can work directly with your provider to resolve identified issues. If you are on multiple medications and want to make sure your current drug therapy is safe and effective, this seminar is for you. A light dinner will be served.

When:

Wednesday, March 7
6-7 p.m.

Location:

Riverview Health
395 Westfield Rd., Noblesville
Krieg DeVault Conference Room
(Lower level of Women's Pavilion)

Registration:

Visit riverview.org/classes
or call 317.776.7999.

The program is free, but registration is required.

Local students make Anderson University dean's list

The REPORTER

Anderson University has announced its dean's list for the fall semester of the 2017-2018 academic year.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

Local students named to the dean's list include:

- Ashley Cleverly, Noblesville
- Allison Edge, Noblesville

- Brooke Franz, Noblesville
 - Jacob Jordan, Noblesville
 - Samantha Kagey, Noblesville
 - Erin Murphy, Noblesville
 - Natalie Watson, Noblesville
 - Addie Gray, Noblesville
 - Jordan Yaney, Noblesville
 - Jonathan Yaney, Noblesville
 - Laura Schweikert, Noblesville
 - Kirstin Crawford, Noblesville
- Anderson University is a private, liberal arts institution in Anderson,

Ind., with a mission to educate students for lives of faith and service in the church and society. Anderson University is recognized among top colleges by U.S. News and World Report, Colleges of Distinction and The Princeton Review. Established in 1917 by the Church of God, the university now offers more than 50 undergraduate majors and graduate programs in business, music education and theology.

Community News

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

The Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank's Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at Ivy Tech in Noblesville. Facility tours will begin at 6 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m. Appetizers will be served.

Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the **Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center Expansion** will be received at the office of the Hamilton County Auditor in the basement of the Historic Courthouse at the address of 33 North 9th Street, Suite L-21, Noblesville, IN 46060.

The Bids are to be received before **2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, March 14, 2018**. Bids received after that time will be returned unopened. The bids will be opened in the Commissioners Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. Two copies of bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the project manual, and shall be executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana Board of Accounts Form 96 -- "Contractor's Bid for Public Works", with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Hamilton County. Bid Security shall be in the amount of not less than 5% of the total base bid price. Should a successful Bidder withdraw their Bid, fail to provide the required payment and performance bonds, or execute the contract, the Owner may then declare the Bid security forfeited as liquidated damages.

The Bidder and all of its subcontractors, whatever tier, whose respective contract is equal to or in the excess of \$300,000 shall be qualified by the Indiana Department of Administration before performing any Work.

Bids shall be delivered in a sealed envelope plainly labeled to indicate the following:

Addressed to:
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, IN 46060

Attn: Bid for Government & Judicial Center Expansion
The name and return address of the Bidder
Bid Package Number and Name

All bid proposals shall be in full compliance with the bid documents which are on file with the Owner and are available for examination at the following locations:

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Eastern Engineering plan room at <http://distribution.easternengineering.com> per the options and prices listed on the Order page. All charges for bidding documents are non-refundable. Bid Invitations inclusive of the Bid Documents will be sent out via Meyer Najem Construction, LLC's Smart Bid - Management Software.

Prior to execution of the Contract, the Contractor receiving the contract shall furnish an approved Performance and Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, which shall cover the faithful performance of the Contract and the payment of all obligations arising hereunder. Performance and Payment Bonds shall remain in full force and effect for a period of one year after the Owner's final settlement with the successful Bidder.

The Owner expects to award the Contract for the Work to the lowest, responsible and responsive Bidder. The Owner reserves the right to hold bids, including any alternates, for up to 90 days from the date of the bid opening. The Owner reserves in its sole discretion the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any irregularities, discrepancies, omissions, variances or informalities in the bids.

A **Pre-Bid Meeting** is scheduled for Thursday February 22, 2018, 10:00am at the following location: **Commissioners Courtroom, Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN 46060.**

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting may be required for a Bid to be considered responsive.

Questions, or requests for equal status, shall be directed in writing (via email) to:

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Cicero Kiwanis honors outstanding leaders

The REPORTER

Today, the Cicero Kiwanis Club will recognize several Service Leadership Program Club Leaders and students. The meeting will be at Hamilton Heights High School Cafeteria. Park in front of the building and come inside for a great breakfast. You will be inspired by the students and their leaders.

The Cicero Kiwanis Club wishes to thank Peggy Georgi for serving as our liaison between these clubs and Cicero Kiwanis and for creating these biographies.

Hamilton Heights High School Key Club, est. 2007

Felicia Tindal Special Education Resource Room, Club Sponsor

This is Felicia Tindal's third year at Hamilton Heights High School and second year as the Key Club sponsor. Felicia, who has lived in northern Hamilton County since 2008, works in one of the special education resource rooms.

Felicia believes students join Key Club to help find their place in high school and to make a difference in their community. "I absolutely love watching those that have really found their place and their voice in Key Club," Felicia said. "I enjoy looking at the event records for the year and seeing who is branch-



Tindal

ing out and really making a difference through our club. It's exciting to see members blow my event requirements out of the water!"

"In November, during National Key Club week, members met to spread a little kindness throughout our building (and by a little I mean 1,000+)," she shared. "We put a note with a supportive message on EVERY locker and staff door. It was fun to hear the buzz in the halls when students started seeing the notes. No one besides club members knew we were doing this so it was great to hear all the positive chatter about these little fun notes. Members asked me if we could please do this again soon because they had a lot of fun making people smile. Many of these notes still remain on the lockers today!"

"I know when you look at the big picture Kiwanis is way more than kind notes, but my goal is to get members fired up about putting others first," she explained. "If I can plant a small seed,



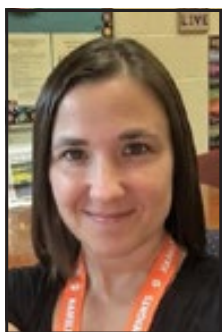
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I'm hoping to see it grow into a tree; and in a group the size of ours, we have the potential to watch forests grow!"

Felicia is married to Jonathan, a Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy and Resource Officer at the middle school. They have two children at Heights, daughter Riley, a senior, and son Payton, a sophomore, both active members of the Key Club.

2017-18 Key Club Projects to Date

- Cicero Kiwanis Veteran's Day Breakfast
- Cicero Christmas Parade
- Assisting at Headless Horseman for Conner Prairie
- King's Treasure Program
- Helping with the Carmel Farmer's Market
- Backpack Buddies initiative
- Bandanna Drive for Uganda Children
- Trunk or Treat
- Creating Valentine Day cards with the K-Kids and delivering to local Nursing Home Residents



Cantlon

Hamilton Heights Middle School Builders Club, est. 2013

Kari Beery Eighth Grade English Teacher, Club Sponsor

Kari Beery is the Club Sponsor for the Builders Club at Hamilton Heights Middle School. She is an eighth grade English Teacher and has worked at the middle school for nearly 10 years.

Beery became interested in Builders Club after hearing that there was a service organization for middle school students. "Many of our kids want to volunteer to help our community," said Kari, who has been a club sponsor for the past two years. "Students are often searching for ways to meet this requirement for other school organizations or youth groups. Builders Club is a great way to create a sense of community, engage students and help them see through their good works how much of a difference they can make."

Kari lives in Cicero with John, her husband of 26 years. They have four children, Kevin, 24, who lives in Denver, Colo. Jenna, 22, is a senior at Ball State University. Katy, 17, and Jackie, 15, attend Hamilton Heights High School.

Jessica Cantlon Professional School Counselor, Club Sponsor

Jessica Cantlon is the middle school counselor. This year represents her 13th in the role of a school counselor. This is her second year in this role at the middle school and to serve as a Builders Club sponsor.



Day

She is also the Kindness Club sponsor and a Heart and Sole coach.

"Being in Builders Club allows students the opportunity to experience the pleasure of helping others through philanthropic opportunities," Jessica explained. "It also allows them to learn the importance of service, which is important in a world where many young people struggle to focus on others at times."

She lives just outside of Atlanta with her husband Kurt, a Hamilton County native, who is also a school counselor. Cantlon said her goal has always been to end up at Hamilton Heights and she has never loved a job more than the one she has. "I am surrounded by amazing adults and kids who inspire me every single day," she added. They have two amazing boys, Jackson, 10, and Kaden, 7, who are students at Hamilton Heights Elementary and Primary schools.

2017-18 Builders Club Projects to Date

- Daily Food Rescue and Paper Brigade
- Cicero Kiwanis Club Veteran's Day Breakfast
- Pumpkin Patch
- Trunk or Treat
- Christmas Lighting

Michelle Day Fourth Grade Teacher, Club Sponsor

Michelle Day has been with Hamilton Heights for six years spending her first three years as a third-grade teacher and the past three as a fourth-grade teacher. She has served as the K-Kids club sponsor for five years.

"I think it's important to teach children at a young

age the importance of giving back and being involved in this organization helps me to do that," said Michelle. "I love seeing the impact the kids are making in the lives of others."

Michelle resides in Noblesville with her husband, Ben, and their two cats.

Tracy Zachary Special Education Teacher, Club Sponsor


Tracy Zachary, a special education teacher, has been with Hamilton Heights for 18 years. This is her first year as a K-Kids club sponsor. Tracy said it was the club's focus on family values and giving back to the community that attracted her to serve in this role.

A 1996 graduate of Hamilton Heights, Tracy was involved in service-oriented clubs in high school and knows firsthand the impact and benefit to students involved in servant leadership activities. "Key Club helps elementary students to learn the value of giving back to their community and serving others," she said.

A native of Arcadia, Tracy currently resides in Cicero with her husband, Donovan, and their six boys which consists of one biological son, two adopted sons, and three foster sons. They are hoping that the three foster sons will soon be adopted into their family.

2017-18 K-Kids Club Projects to Date

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Matthew 21:20-22 (KJV)

Matthew Scott Boyd

September 20, 1965 – February 21, 2018

Matthew Scott Boyd, 52, Churubusco, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 20, 1965, the third of four children, to Jim and Sharon (Heller) Boyd in Lawrenceburg, Ind.



Matt graduated from Batesville High School, class of 1983; and from Hanover College, class of 1987, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and played on the football and golf teams.

Matt was an avid sports enthusiast who played throughout his life. His greatest joy was supporting his children in their endeavors, most recently, his son, Cameron's, baseball career at IPFW. Matt was a life-long Cincinnati Bengals fan and enjoyed cheering them on every Sunday in the fall. He loved going pheasant hunting with his dogs, country music, evenings on the lake and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Matt will lovingly be remembered by his family as our "fearless leader." His courage, strength, spontaneity and love of life will be missed dearly.

Matt is survived by his parents, Jim and Sharon Boyd; high school sweetheart and wife of 30 years, Piper (Perdue) Boyd; their daughter, Madison; sons, Chandler and Cameron Boyd; three grandchildren, Miles, Brooks and Jocelyn; and siblings, Kathi (Boyd) Ray, Tim Boyd and Molly Boyd.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Friends and family are welcome to remember and celebrate Matt's life immediately following the visitation at the Fishers American Legion, 9091 E. 126th St., Fishers, IN 46038.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Matt's honor to the Leukemia Research Foundation, 191 Waukegan Road, Suite 105, Northfield, IL 60093.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements

Calling: 2 to 5 p.m. Feb. 24
 Service: 5 p.m. Feb. 24
 Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home
 Condolences: randallroberts.com

Violet Cronin

September 14, 1926 – February 21, 2018

Violet Cronin, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at her home. She was born on September 14, 1926 to Hugh and Maggie Coulter in Chicago, Ill.

Violet was a member of and very involved in the Carmel congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She is survived by her son, Bernard J. Cronin IV (Linda); four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Violet was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard J. Cronin III in 1997; daughter, Donna Lee Cronin in 2016; one brother; and three sisters.

Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 12241 Lantern Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (where memorial contributions may be made).

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Boys state swimming preliminaries

Carmel sends 24 to today's finals

Fishers, 'Rocks, HSE qualify several swims - HH's Holder, NHS' Wolfred advance

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor
Everything is shaping up for the Carmel boys swim team to have one of its biggest state meets ever.

The Greyhounds qualified 24 swims for today's state finals, this after a very successful round of preliminaries Friday night at the IU Natatorium. Nineteen of Carmel's swims reached the championship heat, with the other five making the consolation heat.

The 'Hounds started the meet with a new state and national record in the medley relay: Sophomore Wyatt Davis and seniors Stefano Batista, Drew Kibler and Andrew Couhon swam that event in 1:28.00 - almost a second and a half under the old record - to take the top seed. Kibler was back a while later to set a new state and national mark in the 50 freestyle, finishing that race in 19.38 seconds.

"That's his best time and I think he's got more in there," said Carmel coach Chris Plumb.

Kibler also took the top seed in the butterfly race, finishing that one in 46.81 seconds. Batista earned the first seed in the breaststroke (54.28), with Couhon right behind him for a 1-2 Greyhound finish.

Sophomore Jacob Mitchell finished first in the 500 free, with this time of 4:27.14 good for a top seed. Mitchell was also second in the 200 free, with freshman Augustus Rothrock finishing third and junior Alec DeLong taking fourth.

"We swam great," said Plumb. "Having guys 2-3-4 in the 200 free is great."

Plumb enjoyed the fact that newer swimmers were stepping up to complement the "elite guys" that were setting new records. Rothrock and Griffin Hadley are two freshmen reaching championship heats at this year's state meet.

"Just great to see and great fun and we're looking forward to a better day tomorrow,"



Photo by Doug Sanquetti

Carmel senior Drew Kibler is greeted by his coach, Chris Plumb, after Kibler broke the state and national record in the 50 freestyle event at the IHSAA state preliminaries on Friday at the IU Natatorium. Kibler swam the race in 19.38 seconds.

said Plumb.

Other championship heat qualifiers for Carmel were: Davis (third) and senior Brett Sherman (fifth) in the individual medley; Couhon (fifth) in the 50 free; Rothrock (third) and Sherman (fourth) in the 500 free;

the 200 free relay team of senior Andrew Morozov, Batista, DeLong and Mitchell (third); Davis (second), senior Drew Amaral (third) and Hadley (sixth) in the butterfly; and the 400 free relay team of Sherman, Rothrock, junior Patrick Cavanaugh and Hadley (seventh).

The Greyhounds' five consolation swimmers will be junior Andrew Rafalko in the IM (14th), junior Jota Iwase in the butterfly (12th), Hadley (10th) and DeLong (13th) in the 100 free, and Rafalko in the breaststroke (ninth).

Fishers had a solid day, with 10 swims

reaching today's finals. Four will swim in the championship heat and the other six will compete in the consols.

Junior Drake Stallworth made two championship heats, taking sixth in both the 200 free and the butterfly. Senior Kyle Haflich will represent the Tigers in the other two, after placing sixth in the IM and eighth in the backstroke.

Consolation swimmers for Fishers will be the medley relay team of Haflich, senior Noah Baldwin and junior Trevor Adcock

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Boys basketball

'Hawks give tough battle to No. 4 Frankton

Sheridan pushed one of the top teams in Class 2A to the wall on Friday.

The Blackhawks gave a battle to No. 4-ranked Frankton at the Eagles' gym before falling 56-54. Frankton led 21-19 after the first quarter and 34-30 at halftime, but Sheridan fought back to tie the game at 42-all heading into the fourth period. The Eagles outscored the 'Hawks 14-12 in that final quarter.

Sheridan was led by Ange Gnamkey, who scored 20 points. Austin Hunter drained

four 3-pointers on his way to 15 points. Jesse Kolb started for an injured Nick Burnell and played tough, grabbing 11 rebounds. Gnamkey pulled eight rebounds.

The Blackhawks finished their regular season 11-11. They will now await the winner of a Tuesday first-round game at the Lapel sectional, and it could be a rematch: Frankton will play Monroe Central. Sheridan will play the Tuesday winner at 6 p.m. Friday in the first game of the sectional semi-finals.



Kolb

Frankton 56, Sheridan 54

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sheridan	5-11	1-1	15	2
Austin Hunter	2-5	0-0	4	0
Jack Waitt	2-2	0-0	5	2
Drake Delph	2-5	0-0	4	3
Caleb Duke	9-17	2-7	20	4
Ange Gnamkey	0-1	0-0	0	0
Sean Weitzel	1-4	0-0	2	1
Tanner Swindle	2-5	0-1	4	1
Jesse Kolb	23-50	3-9	54	13

Score by Quarters
 Sheridan 19 11 12 12 - 54
 Frankton 21 13 8 14 - 56
 Sheridan 3-point shooting (5-17) Hunter 4-9, Delph 1-1, Waitt 0-3, Duke 0-1, Gnamkey 0-1, Weitzel 0-1, Swindle 0-1.
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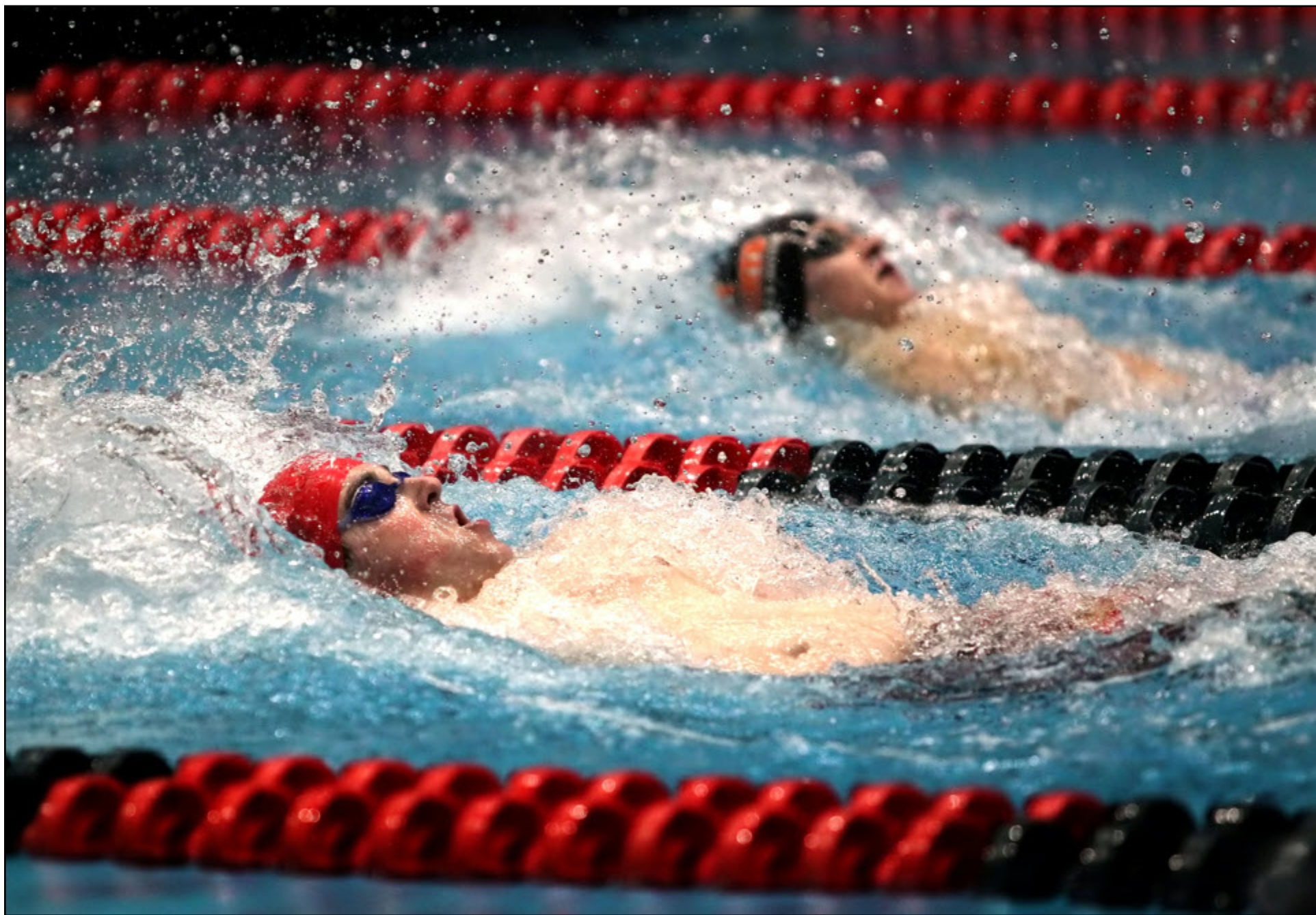


Photo by Bret Richardson

Fishers' Kyle Haflich (left) and Hamilton Heights' Jared Holder both qualified for the championship heat of the backstroke at Friday's state preliminaries.

SWIMMING

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and Cory Jacocks (ninth); sophomore Aaron Frolo (ninth) and senior Sam Kuhn (12th) in the 500 free; the 200 free relay team of Stallworth, senior Joel Crull, Adcock and Jacocks (tied for 13th), Baldwin in the breaststroke (14th) and the 400 free relay team of Stallworth, junior Christopher Goolsby, Frolo and Haflich (16th).

"We had some good individual performances," said Tigers coach Joe Keller. "Several lifetime bests. Last week we swam beyond where probably we were capable in a lot of places. That makes it tough to come back."

Keller does have a goal in mind for tomorrow's finals.

"We're growing, we're getting better," said the coach. "Fishers has never been higher than seventh, so we're going to plan to beat that tomorrow."

Westfield had a goal of getting all four of its state swims to the finals, and the Shamrocks achieved that goal. Senior Chris Kenney reached the championship heat of both of his individual races, placing fifth in the 100 free and sixth in the 50 free.

Kenney also swam on both of Westfield's state relays, which both reached the consolation heat. The foursome of senior Cody Fenimore, sophomore Cameron Clayton, junior Brett Calvin and Kenney tied for

13th in the 200 free relay, then placed 14th in the 400 free relay.

First-year Westfield coach Darrick Thomas called it "a really, really great night." He said his Shamrocks were faster than they were at last week's sectional meet - this after Westfield performed very well at the sectional.

"We came into tonight with four swims and our goal was to get four through to tomorrow, and we accomplished that," said Thomas. "Two individual swims in the top eight, two relays in the top 16. So we did our job tonight and we'll see what we got to do tomorrow to move up a little bit more."

Hamilton Southeastern's young team had four swims reach the consolation heat. The Royals' medley relay team of junior Blake Ratliff and sophomores Andrew Truxall, Connor Harrison and Andrew Christopher took 10th in that event.

Sophomore DJ Rogers was part of a three-way tie for 13th in the 50 free, then after the diving break, Harrison placed 14th in the butterfly. Southeastern's 200 free relay team of Christopher, Harrison, Rogers and sophomore Marcus Eden placed ninth.

"We had some really good swims and we had some that weren't so good," said HSE coach Andy Pedersen. "Just a tough night. The meet was fast and we're really

young. It was a good learning experience. Part of that learning experience is tomorrow, so we know we need to be ready to go for tomorrow."

Hamilton Heights junior Jared Holder went through that learning experience last year as a sophomore at state. This year he returned in two events, and reached the finals of both.

Holder began by tying for 13th in the 50 free, reaching the consolation heat in that race. He then came back to place fifth in the backstroke, earning a spot in the championship heat. This is the first time a Huskies swimmer will compete in the finals of the state meet since 2011, when Sam Hoferle and Jake Wood swam for Heights.

"I think it went really well," said Huskies coach Sue Beale. "He swam very confidently, he swam just about as we expected him to. But I think he can go faster tomorrow."

Noblesville will have a swimmer in the consolation heat of the 100 free. Junior Jack Wolfred placed 16th in that event.

"We got another swim back, that's what we're here for," said Millers coach Rich Wolfred. "So we'll see what we can do tomorrow."

Today's state finals begin with diving preliminaries, which start at 9 a.m. and be immediately followed by the semi-finals.

The swimming and diving finals begin at 1 p.m.

RESULTS

Positions 1-8 qualify for championship heat, positions 9-16 qualify for consolation heat, positions 17 and 18 are alternates.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Wyatt Davis, Stefano Batista, Drew Kibler, Andrew Couchon) 1:28.00, new state and national record, 9. Fishers (Kyle Haflich, Noah Baldwin, Trevor Adcock, Cory Jacocks) 1:35.33, 10. Hamilton Southeastern (Blake Ratliff, Andrew Truxall, Connor Harrison, Andrew Christopher) 1:35.99.

200 freestyle: 2. Jacob Mitchell (C) 1:38.42, 3. Augustus Rothrock (C) 1:40.11, 4. Alec DeLong (C) 1:40.89, 6. Drake Stallworth (F) 1:40.95, 20. Sam Kuhn (F) 1:43.85, 23. Keegan Streett (HSE) 1:44.42, 27. Nicholas Harris (F) 1:44.90.

200 individual medley: 3. Davis (C) 1:49.88, 5. Brett Sherman (C) 1:50.12, 6. Haflich (F) 1:50.42, 14. Andrew Rafalko (C) 1:52.61, 21. Ratliff (HSE) 1:55.03, 28. Aaron Frolo (F) 1:56.04, 29. Jacocks (F) 1:56.05.

50 freestyle: 1. Drew Kibler (C) 19.38, new state and national record, 5. Couchon (C) 20.55, 6. Chris Kenney (Westfield) 20.86, T13. DJ Rogers (HSE) 21.19; Jared Holder (HH) 21.19, 17. Batista (C) 21.24, 30. Evan Diamente (Noblesville) 21.74.

100 butterfly: 1. Kibler (C) 46.81, 6. Drake Stallworth (F) 49.92, 12. Jota Iwase (C) 50.56, 14. Harrison (HSE) 51.20, 20. Diamente (N) 51.68.

100 freestyle: 5. Kenney (W) 45.99, 10. Hadley (C) 46.71, 13. DeLong (C) 46.85, 16. Jack Wolfred (N) 46.93, 19. Andrew Morozov (C) 47.08, 21. Rogers (HSE) 47.14.

500 freestyle: 1. Mitchell (C) 4:27.14, 3. Rothrock (C) 4:31.54, 4. Sherman (C) 4:32.22, 9. Frolo (F) 4:38.34, 12. Kuhn (F) 4:38.34, 17. Harris (F) 4:42.37, 24. Streett (HSE) 4:46.08, T28. Helms (N) 4:54.66.

200 freestyle relay: 3. Carmel (Morozov, Batista, DeLong, Mitchell) 1:24.58, 9. Southeastern (Christopher, Harrison, Rogers, Marcus Eden) 1:26.05, T13. Fishers (Stallworth, Joel Crull, Trevor Adcock, Jacocks) 1:27.08; Westfield (Cody Fenimore, Cameron Clayton, Brett Calvin, Kenney) 1:27.08, 20. Noblesville (Wolfred, Cameron Kramer, Jakob Janson, Diamente) 1:28.46.

100 backstroke: 2. Davis (C) 48.55, 3. Drew Amaral (C) 49.62, 5. Holder (HH) 50.35, 6. Hadley (C) 50.49, 8. Haflich (F) 50.98.

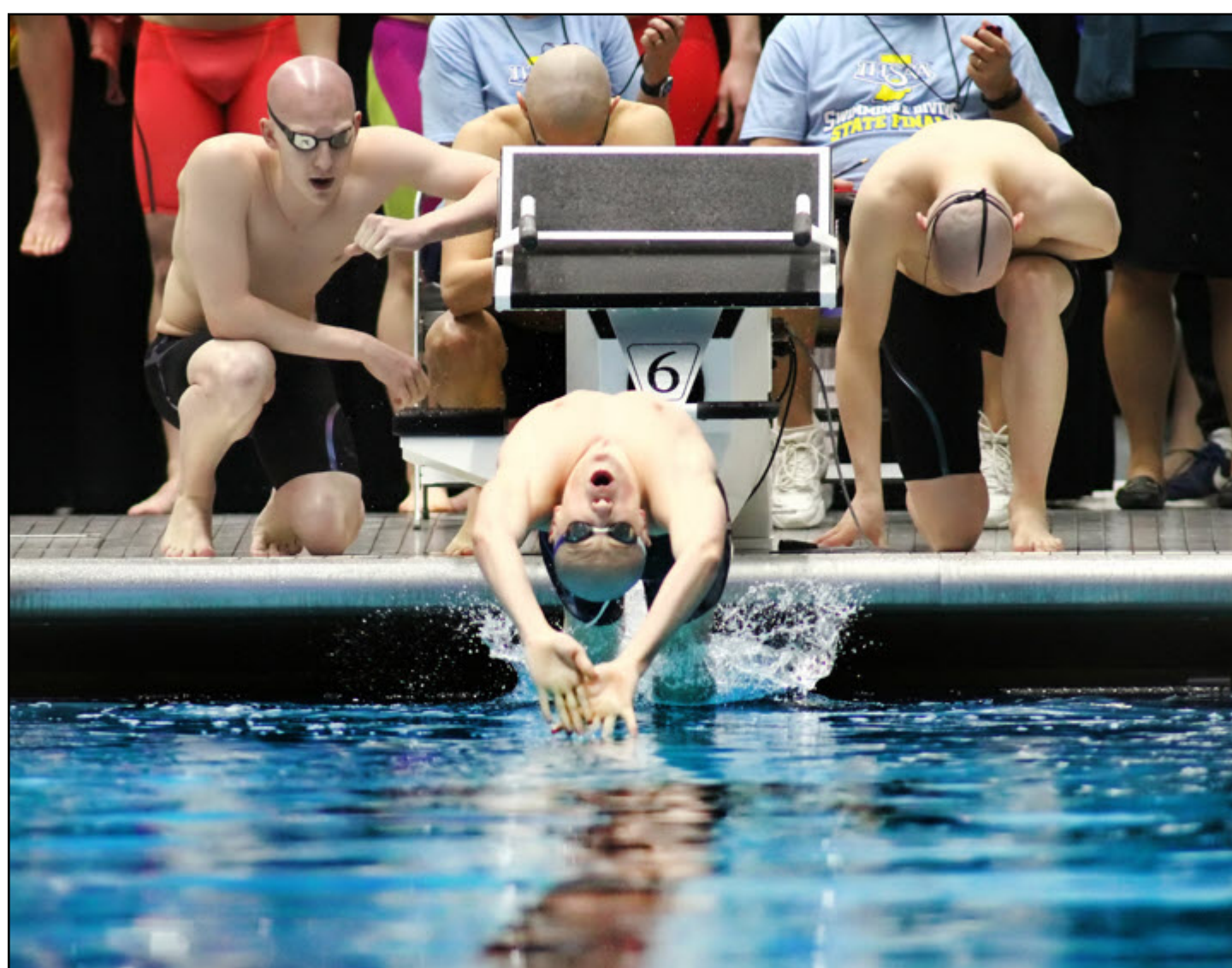
100 breaststroke: 1. Batista (C) 54.28, 2. Couchon (C) 54.43, 9. Rafalko (C) 57.16, 14. Noah Baldwin (F) 57.71, 29. Crull (F) 1:00.06.

400 freestyle relay: 7. Carmel (Sherman, Rothrock, Patrick Cavanaugh, Hadley) 3:08.47, 14. Westfield (Calvin, Fenimore, Clayton, Kenney) 3:11.87, 16. Fishers (Stallworth, Christopher Goolsby, Frolo, Haflich) 3:12.33, 18. Southeastern (Streett, Rogers, Ratliff, Eden) 3:12.53, 21. Noblesville (Diamente, Kramer, Janson, Wolfred) 3:13.08.

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ABOVE: Noblesville junior Evan Diamente competed in two individual events at Friday's state preliminaries. Diamente placed 20th in the butterfly (pictured) and 30th in the 50 freestyle.

LEFT: Hamilton Southeastern's Andrew Truxall, Connor Harrison and Andrew Christopher watch as Blake Ratliff starts the medley relay. The Royals placed 10th in the prelims and will compete in the consolation heat in that event today.



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Cleveland	35	23	.603	-
Indiana	34	25	.576	1.5
Milwaukee	33	25	.569	2.0
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Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
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Oklahoma City	34	26	.567	1.0
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Pacers start strong, race past Atlanta

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Coming out of the All-Star break, Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said earlier this week that he wanted his team to "start strong" as they embark on the final 24 games of the regular season. They did just that on Friday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, racing to a 116-93 victory over the cellar-dwelling Atlanta Hawks.

Domantas Sabonis recorded a double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds, while Thaddeus Young added 20 points and five steals as Indiana (34-25) cruised to a win over the Hawks (18-42), who own the worst record in the NBA.

The Pacers showed little rust early despite the eight-day break, scoring the game's first five points and extending their lead to as many as eight points in the opening minutes. Thaddeus Young scored 10 of Indiana's first 19 points, knocking down 4-of-6 shots (2-of-3 from 3-point range) to ignite the offense.

The highlight of the night came with 3:51 remaining in the first quarter, when Glenn Robinson III checked in for the first time this season. Robinson missed the first 58 games this year after undergoing surgery to repair a left ankle injury he sustained in training camp, but returned to practice in recent weeks, even playing in two

rehabilitation games with the Fort Wayne Mad Ants in the NBA G League.

When he stepped onto the floor on Friday, Robinson received a standing ovation from the sellout crowd at The Fieldhouse, with teammates like Victor Oladipo motioning to the fans to cheer even louder.

"It was amazing," Robinson said. "To be out there for the first time, put on that jersey again for the first time this year, it means a lot. Especially with what I've been through these past four-five months, having to start over walking again."

After missing his first attempt long, Robinson scored his first points of the season with 1:09 left in the opening period, using a head fake to make Isaiah Taylor fly by him, then stepping confidently into a midrange jumper.

"We've always said that he's an integral part of our team and what we do," Young said. "It's just a matter of working him back in. He's done a hell of a job just getting himself back ready to get into playing condition."

The Blue & Gold led 27-22 after the first quarter and quickly padded their lead in the second, using a 13-1 run to open up a 14-point advantage and took a 61-44 lead into halftime.

Despite making just 8-of-25 shots in the third quarter, Indiana did not lose any ground in the frame. In fact, the Pacers extended their lead to as many as 23 points in the period and led 83-66 entering the fourth quarter.

Atlanta opened the final period with a 7-3 run to make it a 13-point game, but the Pacers immediately answered with seven unanswered points (five from Sabonis) to thwart the threat.

One particular sequence stood out down the stretch as the Pacers put the finishing touches on their fourth straight win. With 5:15 left in the game, Cory Joseph intercepted DeAndre' Bembry's pass in the backcourt, then converted a tough layup despite a hard foul from Bembry.

In unison, Joseph's four teammates (Oladipo, Sabonis, Young, and Lance Stephenson) raced the length of the court side-by-side to pick Joseph up and celebrate with him on the baseline.

"At the end of the day, we need each other," Oladipo said. "That just shows you right there what kind of men we are in this locker room, how special the locker room is."

"We didn't even know each other (was) doing that. We just (saw) Cory on the ground and when somebody's on the ground, you've got to help him up. This is a family."

We're in unison. We're in this together. Cory made a great play, an and-one — we're going to rush over there and help him up. It's like no man down. You leave no man to die, and that's the mentality we've got."

Six Pacers players scored in double figures on the night.

Oladipo struggled from the field (5-for-16), but still flirted with a triple-double, finishing with 14 points, seven rebounds, nine assists, and four steals.

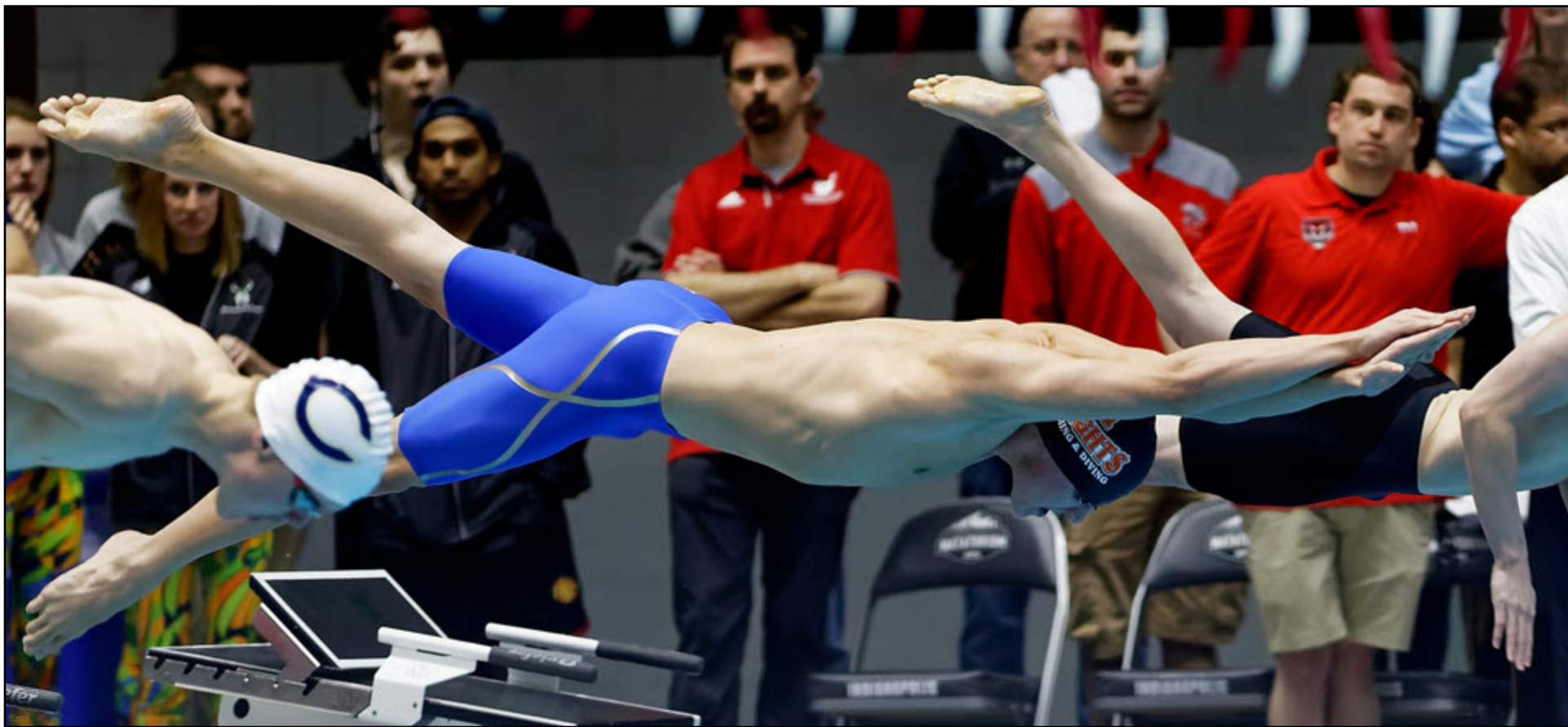
"I had to find other ways to impact the game," Oladipo said. "Especially if my shot isn't falling or they're in paint so it was a little difficult to get to the rim. Just getting people involved, drawing two defenders, and making the right play."

Stephenson also stuffed the stat sheet, finishing with 13 points, eight rebounds, and eight assists. Joseph added 15 points, while Bojan Bogdanovic chipped in 12.

Robinson played 18 minutes off the bench, scoring four points on 2-of-6 shooting while also collecting two rebounds and one assist.

Taylor led Atlanta with 17 points and six assists in the loss, while Taurean Prince added 14 points and seven rebounds.

The Pacers will now embark on a four-game road trip, which begins Monday and includes stops in Dallas, Atlanta, Milwaukee, and Washington.



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ABOVE: Hamilton Heights' Jared Holder qualified for the consolation heat of the 50 free in addition to the championship heat of the backstroke. Holder is the first Huskies swimmer to reach the state finals of an event since 2011.

LEFT: Carmel's Brett Sherman qualified for the championship heat of the individual medley and the 500 free.