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2018 Angel Award winners named



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On Wednesday night, several local heroes were honored for their service with the St. Vincent Angel Medic Award, which is given each year to an EMT or paramedic in each of the fire departments in Central Indiana. The recipient should represent the best the industry has to offer. They should not only demonstrate proficiency in patient care but also display an attitude of professionalism which commands respect from the candidate's provider affiliation, patients and their community. The 2018 Angel Award winners are (from left) Shane Daugherty from Zionsville Fire Department, Sean Dayton from Jackson Township Fire Department, Andrew Miller from Westfield Fire Department, Campbell Holinger from Indianapolis EMS Department, Kevin Brock from Cicero Fire Department, Shawn Reynolds from Carmel Fire Department, Chad Utzig from Carmel Fire Department and Nathan Smith from Noblesville Fire Department. For more photos, see Page 2 and visit ReadTheReporter.com.

Hamilton County man helps fallen officer's family

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

In the wake of the death of Boone County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Pickett, one of Hamilton County businessman is working to make a difference by setting up a fund to help Pickett's family.

Darren Peck, owner and vice president of Indiana Restoration and president of Noblesville Fifty Club from 2010 to 2017, has set up the Deputy Pickett Memorial Fund to help the fallen officer's family. Peck is also working to help establish a Fifty Club for Boone County.

"We have two objectives," Peck explained. "One is to receive money for Deputy Pickett's family; to relieve Sheriff Nielsen of that burden. He has Hamilton County businessman to lay to rest his deputy, so we need to take that burden off of him - collect the money and distribute that to his family at the time and place that's appropriate."



Peck

Peck helped set up an account at Key Bank called the Fifty Club of Boone County. People wishing to make contributions to the memorial fund can make checks payable to "Fifty

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Noblesville to host school safety forum . . .

Superintendent addresses national call to walk out

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer recognized that school safety has been on the minds of many since the shootings in Florida. "Our hearts ache for the devastating loss of lives and we mourn with the country as we try to make sense of it all. I appreciate the conversations with parents who have reached out to discuss safety and offer support as we continue to review our practices and systems designed to keep students safe," said Niedermeyer in a statement distributed to parents.

"Last month I shared information about the safety procedures we use at Noblesville Schools, but because this is such an important topic we will also be hosting a Parent School Safety Forum on March 19, 2018 at 7 p.m. at East



Niedermeyer

Middle School (1625 Field Drive, Noblesville) in conjunction with the Noblesville Police Department (NPD)."

Also in the statement Niedermeyer addressed the national call for a student walk out, saying, "I also wanted to take this opportunity to address a national call for students to walk out of school on March 14 in support of Parkland, Fla., victims that you may have heard about in the media."

"NHS student leaders initiated discussion with high school administration on this topic and have several safe, constructive, student-led activities to honor Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSDHS) victims planned for the week of March 12. Some examples include writing empathy messages, rec-

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Groundbreaking for new solar project at Hamilton County Jail

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners will break ground on one of the state's largest solar panel projects at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 12 at the Hamilton County Jail and Hamilton County Health Department.

The \$8 million project will feature 9,300 solar panels. It is expected to save the county \$25 million in utility and maintenance costs over the next 25 years. The solar project should be complete by late June.

Johnson-Melloh Solutions, the project contractor, will provide live web monitoring of the energy being saved by the solar project. The county can share this information with local schools to teach students about energy consumption.



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Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt (left) and Christine Altman stand next to one of the 9,300 solar panels that will be installed on the roofs at the correctional campus and three acres adjacent to State Road 37 north of State Road 32.

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Noblesville issues response to Hoosier Rails to Trails Council

The REPORTER

On Thursday, the City of Noblesville issued a statement regarding a letter sent by the Hoosier Rails to Trails Council (HRTC) to Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness, Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear and members of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners.

HRTC's letter advocates for a rail and trail system along the Nickel Plate Corridor. Also in the letter, HRTC offers the organization's assistance in developing the Nickel

Plate Trail project into a rail-with-trail, instead of a trail-only. The letter invites the Owners (Noblesville, Fishers and Hamilton County) to schedule a meeting with HRTC to discuss the proposal in more detail.

The City of Noblesville responded by stating:

The City of Noblesville opposes incorporating a recreational trail alongside the Nickel Plate Railroad south of Conner Street. In 2017, engineering staff deter-

mined the option of safely combining rail with trail was not feasible given the substantial increase in costs to pay for right-of-way, property acquisition and bridge widening - not to mention the safety hazards this proposal would create.

The rail line from Forest Park in Noblesville to Atlanta is being preserved and improved for train excursions to be operated by the Nickel Plate Heritage Group that will create a world-class amenity for everyone

to enjoy that is both safe and cost effective. As sole operator of the rail line, the Nickel Plate Heritage Group has no desire to run excursions south of Downtown Noblesville at this point in their planning.

Furthermore, in a letter written to the City of Noblesville in 2014, the Indiana Transportation Museum (ITM) board of directors opposed the city's plans to build

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(Top photo, from left) Mark Gugel and Tom Payne sit with Angel Award winners Chad Utzig and Shawn Reynolds from the Carmel Fire Department. (Bottom photo) Jackson Township Fire Department personnel posed for the camera with their Angel Award. (From left) Lt. Steven Weir, Battalion Chief James Carter, EMT Janna Dayton, Angel Award Recipient Firefighter/Paramedic Sean Dayton, Jackson Township Trustee Christina (Chris) Miller and Chief Jeff Muszar.

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Club of Boone Co." or "Deputy Pickett Memorial Fund." According to Peck, you can take money to any KeyBank in Indiana or you can leave it at the Boone County Sheriff's office.

"Our second objective is to establish this same type of club in Boone County," Peck said. "While Indianapolis has had a club for 60 years and Noblesville has never had a Fifty Club."

Peck was kind enough to give The Reporter a bit of history on the Fifty Club. "The Hamilton County Fifty Club was started in 1969 by 10 Noblesville businessmen," Peck told The Reporter. "Our bylaws are pretty specific. It was originally set up to provide a 'line of duty death benefit' to Hamilton County sheriff's deputies, Noblesville policemen, Noblesville firemen and state troopers patrolling Hamilton County. Back in the 50s was when the Indianapolis Hundred Club was formed and into the 60s there wasn't the type of city, state and federal-provided benefits that they get now. That was the reason these clubs

were formed."

In addition to helping the families of fallen officers, from the day the Fifty Club was formed the members have offered police officers and firemen a place to blow off steam.

"We've always had two golf outings a year," Peck explained. "It's not a traditional golf outing. It's just that two firemen or policemen play with two business people, so you get to know the guys. We don't have tee sponsors or try to raise money. We always have a big dinner after at the Moose Lodge where there are 100 or 150 guys in the room and we're just cutting up and having a good time. In recent years we've added sport shooting. Cabela's has always been a great sponsor of that."

Checks payable to "Fifty Club of Boone Co." or "Deputy Pickett Memorial Fund" may be taken to any KeyBank in Indiana or to the Boone Co. Sheriff's Department. You can also mail a check to 2 N. 9th St., Noblesville, IN 46060. Peck noted that 100 percent of the money collected will go to Deputy Pickett's family.

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Field trips to the solar field will also be available. To see the live monitoring capabilities of the project, visit johnsonmellohsolutions.com/live-monitoring.

The groundbreaking will take place at the north end of the Health Department located on the east side of State Road 37 just north of State Road 32.

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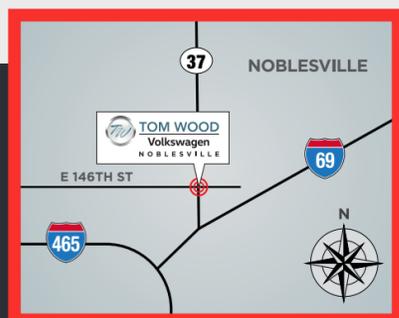
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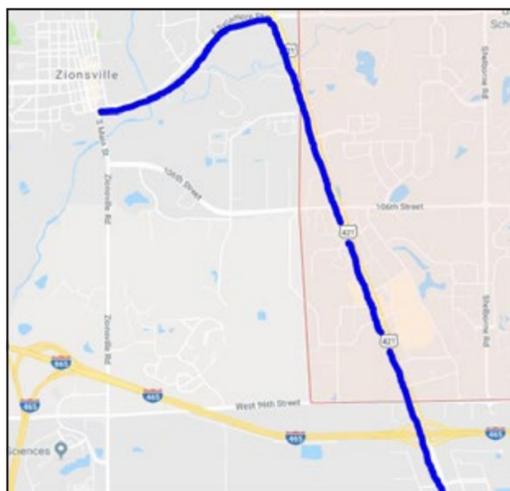
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Funeral procession for Deputy Jacob Pickett to impact traffic

The REPORTER

Carmel motorists are advised that the funeral procession for Boone County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Pickett will impact traffic on Michigan Road from 116th Street to 96th Street from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9. The procession will come out of Zionsville and turn south on Michigan Road on its way to Crown Hill Cemetery. During the procession, southbound traffic will be stopped north of 116th Street, but northbound and cross-traffic will also be impacted.



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The procession will begin in Boone County and pass through Hamilton County by way of Michigan Road before ending at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Northbound traffic will not be able to turn left (to the west) during the procession. Officers will have intersections blocked. This will also impact traffic on east-west streets at 116th Street, 106th Street, 96th Street and various minor streets that serve businesses in this area. The two-hour

window is broad because it is not known exactly when the procession will come through, nor is it certain how long the procession will last. Motorists who are concerned should consider an alternative route. Due to expected large crowds, those who want to pay their respects are encouraged to arrive early and find a safe place to park before lining the west side of the road.

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ognizing random acts of kindness, wearing MSDHS school colors, producing a video to honor victims and more. Their stated focus is to increase empathy and awareness rather than just walk out of school. We appreciate and respect our students' thoughtful and detailed planning, initiative, advocacy, and voice."

Niedermeyer said some students throughout the district may still choose

to observe the 17-minute walk out and Noblesville Schools will permit that as long as they do so respectfully and within the spirit and intent of the activity.

"I will note that publicly announcing a time and place when students will be outside the school building actually increases student risk so I encourage you to discuss this with your child. Safety is our top priority and NPD officers

will be at schools for safety monitoring should any students decide to walk out," Niedermeyer said.

Niedermeyer concluded her statement by thanking the community for their support, saying, "This is an opportunity to learn, reflect and engage in meaningful conversations. Feel free to contact me or your principal if you have any questions."

RAILS / TRAILS

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the Riverwalk Depot Pocket Park near the White River Greenway Bridge because "the consequences of mixing pedestrians and trains can be tragic." ITM went on to write that the design of recreational amenities adjacent to railroads can "create a potentially dangerous environment for the public."

Noblesville's response included the following additional points:

- According to the Federal Highway Administration, the average corridor width for rail and trail combined is 126 feet with the trail averaging 8 to 10 feet. The existing right-of-way of the Nickel Plate corridor measures 14 to 50 feet for a proposed trail width of 14 feet.

- If rail and trail were to be built together, new bridges would need to be funded and constructed over Stony Creek and Allisonville Road – in addition to crossings over multiple culverts. The current rail bridge over Al-

lisonville Road is approximately 14 feet wide, which is simply not wide enough to include both rail and trail.

- In several Noblesville neighborhoods, combining rail with trail would have threatened the tree line, wiped out landscape barriers, required land acquisition from residents and businesses and required fencing that would cut off access to the trail from one side – while potentially endangering the lives of pedestrians who would likely attempt to cross over the railroad tracks. Instead, the city's proposed trail-only project for the corridor will safely convert the existing rail corridor to a trail without any loss of property or installation of fencing.

- Noblesville's Riverwalk Depot Pocket Park was completed in fall 2015, which was the last full year that ITM operated excursion trains on the Nickel Plate – and after its busiest season had ended.

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Dine out, stroll Carmel Arts galleries Saturday

The REPORTER

Live music will fill galleries throughout the Carmel Arts & Design District during the March 10 Second Saturday Gallery Walk. The Gallery Walk, sponsored by IU Health North Hospital, takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. Dine at one of your favorite local eateries then stroll through the beautiful new exhibits at nine of our galleries. Begin your evening by picking up a Scavenger Hunt Clue Sheet at All Things Carmel for your chance to win great prizes.

Special gallery exhibits will be featured throughout the Gallery Walk including:

- Basket weaving is one of the oldest crafts. Bev "The Basket Lady" Larson has made it an art since 1988. "It is my love and passion. My styles and creativity have evolved but the passion has never left," said the Lafayette weaver, who also makes brooms of all kinds, creates functional and decorative pieces that are intricate and in vivid colors. Don't expect the usual from The Basket Lady. Look for interesting basket embellishments, such as deer antlers for a handle. Her demonstration during the Gallery Walk at the Indiana Artisan store (111 W. Main St., Ste. 120) will fascinate all ages; her work will please the most sophisticated tastes. While you're talking with Bev, be sure to get a sample of the tasty and fresh Just Granola bars. Maker Clayton Ramer will be sampling them in the store during the Gallery Walk as well. (111 W. Main St., #120)
- Barcelona is a city of famous architecture, boundless culture and art everywhere you look. A recent trip to Barcelona yielded a series of photographs of some of the amazing architecture, art and cityscapes seen through Marie Reamer's camera lens. This exhibit will be presented in the front gallery of Art on Main for the month of March. The exhibit of HDR (high dynamic range) color photographs have been printed by the artist on canvas, giving the artist's impressions of this amazing seaside city. (111 W. Main St., #140)
- Silver in the City will host A Couple Cooks for a book signing and a meet and greet. Alex and Sonja are a local couple who run a food blog and podcast and have released their first cookbook. They will be meeting

and greeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. during the Gallery Walk. (111 W. Main St., #150)

- Hoosier Salon has something different for you this month. Off the Wall & On the Pedestal, our special exhibition for March, uses the entire space of the gallery – not just their four walls. We are featuring over 50 sculptures, vessels and objects by seven incredible Indiana wood and clay artists. Jan Boettcher, Barbara Crockett, Cindy Cwi, Clay Foster, Tom Unzicker and Mark Waninger will all be on-hand proudly showing their beautiful woodturnings, rosemalings and ceramic pieces. (22 N. Range Line Road)
- The art students from Orchard Park Elementary will be presenting Inspiration Is All Around Us at the Carmel Arts Council Children's Art Gallery. This year the students began their art lessons with an inspiration provided by their Art teacher, Mrs. Yoon. These students were inspired by the artist, by a children's book, different artworks, nature, history, culture or just a "scribbly" line. This exhibit asks our visitors to guess the "inspiration" for their art. The Gallery Annex will showcase all new art from the students of Carmel, Clay and Creekside Elementary and Carmel High School throughout the month of March. The CAC's Community Art Exhibit will feature the first place winning art entries from their "Spring Art Contest". (40 W. Main St.)

- CCA Gallery is highlighting the fantastic work of Arnaud Charil, Kelly Jenkins and Lisa Vanmeter, three of their accomplished artists, this month at the gallery. Stop, shop and be wowed. (111 W. Main St., #135)
- Soori Gallery features paintings, bronze and acrylic sculptured works by leading American and international artists. Featured sculptors include Michael Wilkinson, Frederick Hart, Jerry Joslin and more. (33 E. Main St.)

Activities taking place during the February Gallery Walk include:

- Free caricatures and face painting by Custom Eyes Designs (Sub Zero Ice Cream, 111 W. Main St., #130)
- Enjoy musical entertainment throughout the

District from Emma Hedrick and the Main Street Jazz Band, Diana Davis and Molly Jones.

- Be a part of the Scavenger Hunt that will lead you to find select pieces of art or items of interest in each of the participating galleries and businesses. Begin the hunt inside All Things Carmel (110 W. Main St., #104). Your completed Scavenger Hunt clue sheet will enter you for a chance to win one of several great prizes sponsored by Carmel Health and Living during the Gallery Walk, including:

- Two Barry Lantz original prints (\$50 value each)
- Warm Glass Wonder fused Glass sun catcher from B. Skinner of Art on Main (\$28 value)
- Gardener and the Grill Cookbook from Silver in the City (\$20 value)
- Who's Your Friend acrylic painting from Hoosier Salon (\$55 value)
- Baltimore acrylic painting from Hoosier Salon (\$55 value)
- Collage print from Susan Kline Designs of Indiana Artisans (\$20 value)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about the IU Health North Hospital Gallery Walk activities can be found at CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or available on-street public parking. The Arts & Design District parking map may be downloaded at carmelartsanddesign.com/images/Carmel_District_ParkingMap.pdf.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest's premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques, and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.



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Prevent insurance problems during your spring break trip

The REPORTER

This time of year, college students and younger school-aged kids are counting down the days to spring break. Many families use this time while school is out to enjoy some vacation time between winter and summer. If you and your student are planning a getaway, there are insurance details to address no matter where you're headed. The Indiana Department of Insurance suggests you review these important tips before heading out on vacation.

"We want Hoosiers to have a safe and enjoyable spring break vacation void of any insurance-related issues. Before any trip, the Department encourages you to review your insurance coverage to understand what is covered in the event that something happens," said Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Stephen W. Robertson.

Review your coverage

If your son or daughter is traveling alone, involve them in the review process. First, collect all pertinent insurance paperwork and make copies. When you share this information, explain the importance of keeping these documents safe and in an accessible location.

Auto insurance

If your child will be driving a family car, show him or her where you keep the insurance information in that vehicle and review emergency procedures. Make a list of contact numbers and important information for quick reference. Place this with the insurance identification card in the glove box. Include the name and phone number of the insurance company or agent, policy number and your complete contact details.

Before leaving home, you may want your child to download the NAIC's *WreckCheck™* app. The free mobile app outlines what to do immediately following an accident and will walk your child through a step-by-step process to create an accident report. The app directs them to capture photos and helps document and share only what is necessary to file an insurance claim. Users can even email their completed reports to themselves and their insurance agents. The app is available on the iTunes app store and Google Play.

If you don't have a smartphone, you can print a copy of this **accident checklist** and keep it in the glovebox. Also, check that you have your insurance ID and registration in the vehicle at all times. Other important tips include:

- Following an accident, call 911. Don't put yourself

in a dangerous situation on a highway or road.

- Make sure to get contact and insurance information from the other driver(s) involved in the accident. Instruct your child to give them your contact and insurance information. Make sure you do not give them personal information such as a Social Security Number.

- Take pictures of the scene, including pictures of the vehicles involved, if it is safe to do so.

- Get contact information for the police department that responded to the accident.

Are you or your kid traveling in someone else's vehicle as a passenger? The vehicle's policy might not provide ample coverage in the case of an accident. If not, then your auto insurance and/or health insurance policy may be needed to cover any gaps.

Health insurance

Getting hurt or sick away from home can be scary. Go over your health insurance information. Ensure your son or daughter knows the name of the insurance company and has a list of emergency numbers, including the numbers of your family doctor and your insurance company, in addition to your cell phone number. Also explain the meaning of general insurance terms like co-pay and out-of-network.

Prepare by collecting important information and reviewing the following checklist.

- Keep your health insurance ID card, a list of your drug allergies, a list of drugs you are currently taking and information about any of your other medical conditions with you at all times.

- If you need urgent medical treatment or are in an accident, go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

- If something happens to your child, advise them to have someone contact you. Make sure your child can provide the medical facility with your health insurance ID card.

- If you need to see a doctor and it is not an emergency, contact the insurance company to find a local physician who is in your coverage network. The phone number for the insurance company, your policy number and co-pay information are located on the insurance ID card.

- Keep all paperwork, including receipts from the doctor's office, the hospital or any pharmacy if you filled any prescription(s).

International travel

Generally, American auto and health insurance isn't readily accepted outside of the United States. If you travel outside the

country, your medical insurance is likely invalid which means you'll pay for your care out-of-pocket. To find out more about the extent of your coverage, speak with your insurance agent or company before you leave home.

Travel insurance can be purchased if you are concerned about accidents or losses during a trip. If you are considering the purchase of a travel insurance policy, review the policy terms carefully to make sure you understand all coverages and exclusions before making a purchase.

If it applies, review the travel insurance policy with your child before he/she leaves, focusing on the process your child would use for getting assistance, if needed.

Group travel

Group travel is a popular way for kids to travel away from home without a parent for the first time. If your child is traveling in a group with sponsors or chaperones, make sure you provide the group leaders with emergency contacts and insurance information as well.

More information

The Indiana Department of Insurance offers information that can answer your questions about auto insurance, health insurance, home insurance, life insurance and more. Check out the brochures at in.gov/idoi/2549.htm. If you have other questions or are confused about your insurance coverage, contact your agent or provider.

Ailor seeking election for Washington Township Trustee

The REPORTER

Marla Ailor, candidate for Washington Township Trustee, is seeking election in the upcoming primary election on May 8.

Marla has lived in Westfield for almost 20 years in the home that her grandparents built in 1965. She resides there with her husband Kurt and son Kohl.

"I consider the opportunity to serve our community a privilege. It is my sincere hope that those clamoring for a change in our local government make it to the polls to cast their vote," said Ailor.

As trustee, Marla will prepare a Strategic Plan that uses real data for Washington Township. She plans to return the township office to a management style that receives input from both the Township Board and Parks Advisory Council rather than perfunctory attendance.

"I believe the 2010 Strategic Plan was delivered in a format that better suits the needs of the Township, its residents and parks. It is more specific and aligns with the

Westfield-Washington Comprehensive Plan. It is significantly important to me to meet the needs of the township first and address the wants of our community second," explained Ailor.

During her residency Marla has served as the PTO President for Monon Trail Elementary School in the Westfield-Washington School District, is an active and lifetime Auxiliary member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post, member of the American Legion Auxiliary and committee member of the Westfield Intermediate School PTO. Ailor worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce - Census Bureau during the Westfield Special Census in 2015-2016. Previously, she was employed by Dr. Steven Loman as the general manager of his multi-location optometry practice for 10 years with locations in Indianapolis and Carmel.

Ailor enjoys a rural lifestyle with her family



Ailor

and hopes to be an independent voice of the people. She believes in grassroots government and that her history of volunteerism and participation in the community will allow her to

produce awaited township improvements. She considers herself a fiscal conservative and believes that there are other sources of available income outside of our taxes.

Ailor concluded, "The Township Board is here to govern the township finances and the trustee's job is clearly outlined which includes administering township assistance, providing fire protection and maintaining township parks, just to name a few of the duties. The responsibilities are far more than being involved on boards and proclaiming action. A four-year term requires specific and concrete production in a limited amount of time."

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Schaibley's bill protecting patients moves to governor

The REPORTER

State Rep. Donna Schaibley's (R-Carmel) proposal streamlining the prior authorization process when requesting to receive medical care is heading to the governor for consideration as a new law.

As part of insurance billing processes, health coverage plans may require a prior authorization request from physicians indicating treatment is medically necessary. Insurance plans may not cover an individual's treatment without prior authorization.

Schaibley's legislation establishes clear guidelines for health insurance plans requiring prior authorization for procedures or treatments, and facilitates that process between providers and insurers.

"There is no standard prior authorization process among the various insurance providers, and as a result, patients may face delays in receiving important medical care," Schaibley said.



Schaibley

ley said. "These guidelines will streamline the prior authorization process, protect patients and give an idea of when they will hear back regarding requests."

Schaibley said the proposal also requires submitting these requests electronically, which is more secure than by mail and can help prevent fraud.

For more information on House Enrolled Act 1143, visit iga.in.gov.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

Matthew 22:1-4 (KJV)

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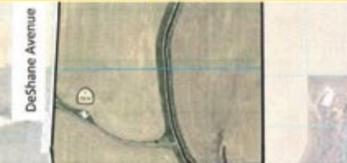


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Boys basketball regional preview

'Hounds play similar Spartans at Logansport; 'Blazers at 'loaded' Martinsville



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Carmel's Luke Heady is averaging 8.8 points per game for the Greyhounds this season. Carmel will play Homestead in the second semi-final of the Logansport regional at noon on Saturday.

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

The second semi-final at Saturday's Class 4A Logansport boys basketball regional will feature two teams that are almost mirror images of each other.

No. 10-ranked Carmel and Homestead will tip off at noon, following the first (10 a.m.) semi-final between No. 7 Zionsville and Fort Wayne North Side. The semi-final winners return to the Berry Bowl at 8 p.m. for the regional championship.

The Greyhounds and the Spartans will come into the semi-final with the same record, 18-7. Both teams have won once when they have played each other before in the Marion regional: Carmel beat Homestead in the 2012 championship, then the Spartans came back to beat the 'Hounds for the title in 2015.

The starting line-up is where the "almost" comes in. Both teams have two 6-footers, and another player stands 5-foot-11. But while Homestead's other two starters top out at 6-foot-5, Carmel has two players that have stood out, literally and figuratively.

Butler-bound junior John Michael Mulloy played like a bulldog in the Noblesville sectional championship game. To help get the Greyhounds past Fishers, Mulloy scored 26 points, including 11 in the third quarter, using his 6-foot-10 frame to his full advantage under the basket.

Mulloy is averaging 15.6 points and 8.1 rebounds per game this season. Meanwhile, 6-foot-6 senior Andrew Owens is chipping in 11.0 points and 4.3 rebounds per contest, second in the Carmel column in both statistics.

The Spartans have three players scoring in double figures, all of them seniors. Onye Ezeakudo, one of the 6-footers, is pouring in 13.3 points and collecting 5.3 rebounds per game, while 6-foot-5 Sam Buck adds 12.8 points and 5.2 rebounds. Grant Raber, at 5-foot-11, is averaging 10.5 points per game. Homestead also starts a freshman, 6-foot-5 Luke Goode, who has made 46 3-pointers this season. That puts him second behind Buck, who has 55 triples for the year.

The Spartans won the Huntington North sectional, over Columbia City 60-41, Fort Wayne South Side 65-63 and Huntington North 40-39. This was after they started the season 5-6.

"Homestead is playing their best basketball of the year right now...winning 13 of their last 14 with wins over Fort Wayne North and Fort Wayne Carroll (earlier in the year)," said 'Hounds coach Ryan Osborn. "They have been playing five guys that can shoot the ball and can be very tough to defend. They get after it defensively, they're disciplined and they're hard-nosed."

Other top scorers for Carmel include junior Luke Heady with 8.8 points per game and senior Cole Jenkins at 8.0 points. Jenkins is also dishing out 3.1 assists per game. Senior Eddie Gill, who made a rebound dunk to help Carmel clinch the championship, is the fifth probable starter for the Greyhounds.

Carmel and Homestead did not play each other during the regular season, but did play two common opponents. Both teams beat Warsaw, with the Spartans winning 56-38 on Dec. 1, and the Greyhounds winning

53-44 on Feb. 17.

Both teams also played Carroll. Homestead played the Chargers twice and split those games, winning 40-38 on Dec. 27 in the quarter-finals of the Summit Conference tournament, then falling 55-45 on Feb. 16 in the regular-season Summit Conference game. Carmel beat Carroll 53-42 on Feb. 10.

The 'Hounds-Spartans game will follow an intriguing matchup between Fort Wayne North, last year's 4A state runner-up, and Zionsville, which won its first sectional championship since 1995. That would turn out to be the first of a handful of big victories for a man named Brad Stevens.

This year's Eagles team has had many big wins - in fact, at 22-3, Zionsville has the best record of the four regional qualifiers. The Eagles won the Lafayette Jefferson sectional by first getting past Logansport in overtime, 52-43, then sailing past Harrison 79-59 and McCutcheon 60-50 in the final.

North Side is 20-5. The Legends eased through the East Noble sectional, beating DeKalb 61-30 in the semi-finals and taking care of Carroll 57-44 in the championship. The teams did not meet in the regular season, although the Eagles played Carmel on Nov. 21 in both teams' season opener. Zionsville won 68-62.

The Eagles are led by junior Isaiah Thompson, a Purdue recruit who is averaging 23.0 points per game and has made 86 3-pointers. Junior Nathan Childress, at 6-foot-6, is near a double-double with 12.6 points and 9.4 rebounds per contest. Senior Riley Bertram adds 10.1 points per game.

North Side also has three double-digit scorers: Junior Keion Brooks, at 6-foot-9, is also close to double-double territory at 23.4 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. Senior Austin Boucher contributes 15.5 points and junior Lucas Kroft adds 12.6 points.

"The other side of the bracket features two of the best teams in the state winning 20+ games each," said Osborn. "Both have marquee players in Keion Brooks and Isaiah Thompson that can be a difficult matchup for anyone. I don't think there is a more balanced 4A regional in the state. I expect all three games to be very good."

LOADED AT MARTINSVILLE

If the Logansport regional is balanced, then how would one describe the Class 1A Martinsville regional?

You want to describe it, Brandon Laffer-

man? "Our regional is absolutely loaded this year in Martinsville, and hands down the toughest 1A regional in the state," said the University coach.

The Trailblazers are part of the reason why the regional is loaded. University is ranked No. 2 in 1A and is coming off its first sectional championship in five years. The 'Blazers will play No. 4 Morristown in the day's second semi-final, which starts at noon and follows a 10 a.m. clash between No. 7-ranked, defending 1A state champion Tindley and Bloomfield.

Morristown won the Southwestern Shelby sectional by overwhelming Waldron 68-35, holding off No. 9 Hauser 69-63, then sailing past Oldenburg Academy 61-40 in the championship game. The Yellow Jackets have three players averaging in double figures.

Leading the way for the Yellow Jackets is senior Hayden Langkabel, who is averaging 26.0 points per game. He is joined in double figures by senior Eli Streeval's 15.5 points and junior Logan Laster's 12.3 points. Langkabel is also the leading rebounder with 5.7 boards per contest. Laster hands out 4.5 assists per game.

"At 24-2, Morristown is a great team, led by three guards who are all very good ball players," said Lafferman. "They are well coached, play good team basketball, and can really score. They looked really good in

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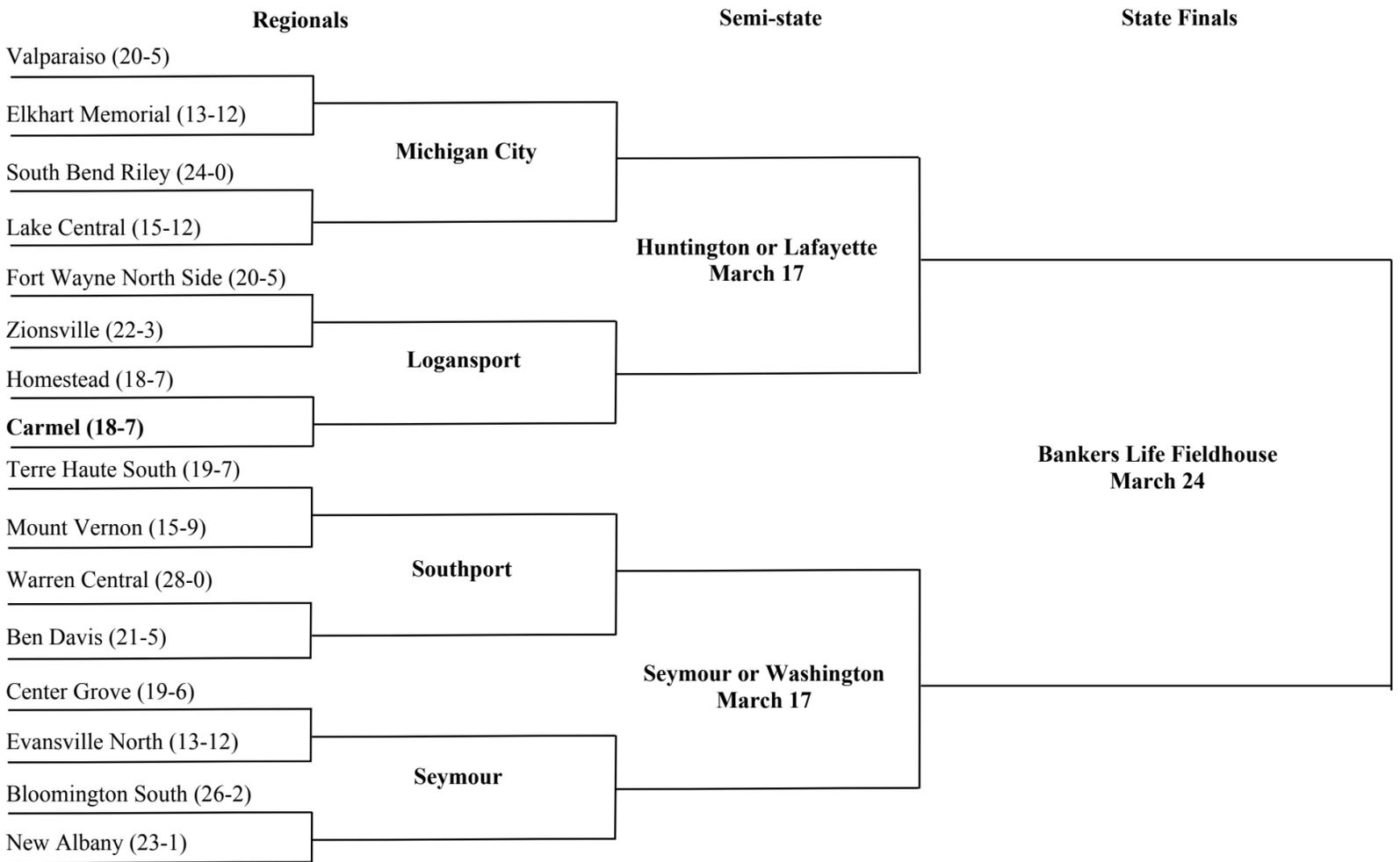
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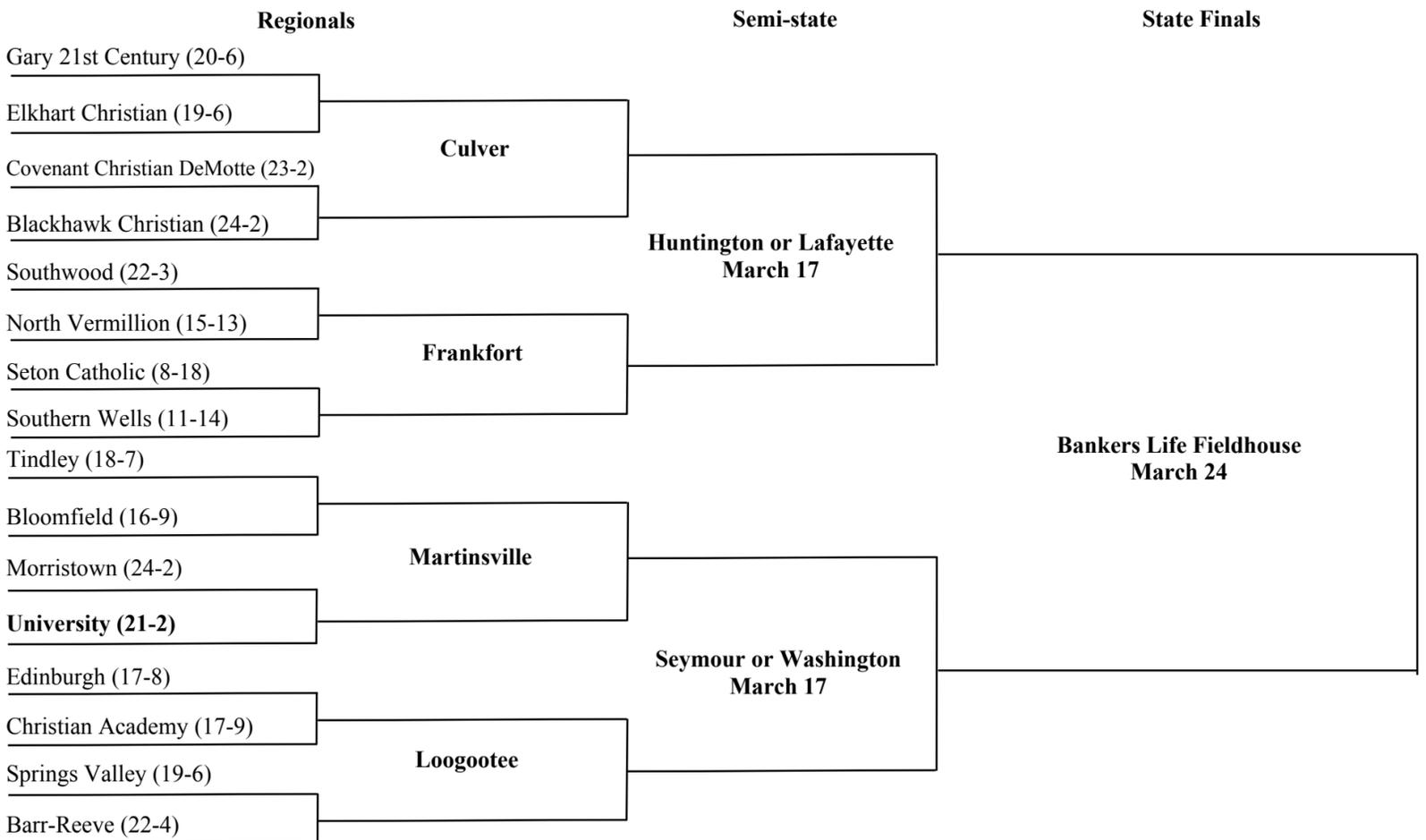
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Class 4A tournament brackets



Class 1A tournament brackets



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their sectional wins, especially taking down Hauser, another top level 1A team along the way."

Senior David Howard leads the University scoring at 14.1 points per game, while senior Josh Watson adds 9.9 points. Howard is the top rebounder with 5.4 boards per game. Another senior, Zach Hodgkin, hands out 5.1 assists per game, in addition to grabbing 4.6 rebounds.

The Trailblazers and the Yellow Jackets

have played a common opponent: Greenwood Christian. Morristown defeated the Cougars 79-71 on Feb. 1. University beat Greenwood Christian both times the two teams played each other: 64-46 in the championship game of the Pioneer Conference on Feb. 10, then 44-40 on Feb. 22.

Tindley comes into its semi-final with an 18-7 record, while Bloomfield is 16-9. The Tigers beat Central Christian 52-45 and Indianapolis Lighthouse South 68-61 to win

the Indianapolis Lutheran sectional.

Bloomfield came out of the White River Valley sectional, taking care of Clay City 64-31 and Shakamak 49-35 in the final. The Cardinals were the 1A state runners-up two years ago.

Tindley knows how to score, as it has five players averaging in double figures. In order: Senior Eric Hunter is at 19.9 points per game, sophomore Sincere McMahon scores 17.4 points, senior KJ Coleman adds 17.3 points, senior Joe Johnson contributes 16.9 points and senior Keith Malone adds 11.5 points. Hunter is the leading rebounder at 7.7 boards per game, with Malone grabbing 5.0 per game. (Bloomfield stats are not available).

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Howard



Watson



Hodgin

Lafferman pointed out that three of the teams are ranked in the top five in the Sagarin 1A ratings. Tindley is ranked second, University third and Morristown fifth.

"I expect both morning games to be tough ones, and the championship should be a great game no matter who wins in the morning," said Lafferman. "We are really excited to have a shot at coming out of this gauntlet and moving on in the tournament."

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Miami	108, Philadelphia 99
Boston	117, Minnesota 109
Oklahoma City	115, Phoenix 87
Golden State	110, San Antonio 107

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Toronto	47	17	.734	-
x-Boston	46	20	.697	2.0
Philadelphia	35	29	.547	12.0
New York	24	41	.369	23.5
Brooklyn	21	45	.318	27.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	38	26	.594	-
Indiana	37	28	.569	1.5
Milwaukee	34	31	.523	4.5
Detroit	29	36	.446	9.5
Chicago	22	42	.344	16.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	37	28	.569	-
Miami	35	31	.530	2.5
Charlotte	28	38	.424	9.5
Orlando	20	45	.308	17.0
Atlanta	20	45	.308	17.0

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Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	39	26	.600	-
Minnesota	38	29	.567	2.0
Oklahoma City	38	29	.567	2.0
Denver	35	30	.547	4.0
Utah	35	30	.538	4.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	51	14	.785	-
L.A. Clippers	34	29	.540	16.0
L.A. Lakers	29	35	.453	21.0
Sacramento	20	45	.308	30.5
Phoenix	19	48	.284	33.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	51	13	.797	-
New Orleans	38	26	.594	13.0
San Antonio	37	28	.569	14.5
Dallas	20	45	.308	31.5
Memphis	18	46	.281	33.0

Gymnastics state finals take place Saturday

Seven teams return from last year's field of state finalists including defending state champion Valparaiso along with four individual state champions as the 46th Annual IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals are contested Saturday at Worthen Arena on the campus of Ball State University in Muncie.

Opening ceremonies start at 12:30 p.m., with the competition to begin at 1 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Defending Team Champion

Second-ranked Valparaiso is the defending state champion after winning its third state title in four years and state-leading 12th a year ago. All 12 have come under the guidance of coach Lorie Cook.

Defending Individual State Champions

Four individuals who stood at the top of the podium last year return this weekend seeking more state championship glory. Sophia Hunzelman, Chesterton sophomore, is the defending all-around champ becoming the first freshman to win since 2005 and the eighth in the 45 years of the event. With another title on Saturday, she would become just the

second gymnast to win the all-around crown in her first two years joining Valparaiso's Angie Cook in 1993 and 1994.

Hunzelman shared the uneven bars crown with Columbus East senior Adison Minor last season with both putting up scores of 9.65. Minor is the only participant on Saturday to have won the all-around at both the sectional and regional the last two weeks. She would become the third Columbus East gymnast to win the all-around and first since 2001 with another great effort on Saturday.

Valpo senior Rachel Moneta won the floor exercise with a 9.55 and was part of the Vikings championship team effort in 2017.

Columbus North senior Claire Thompson enters Saturday with five blue ribbon medals, the most of any participant in this year's state finals. She won the beam competition last year finishing second to Hunzelman in the all-around after winning the all-around, bars and beam in 2016. She was also part of the Bull Dogs state championship team as a sophomore in 2016.

Six schools have strung together multiple state finals appearances. Eleventh-ranked Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger is making its record 19th consecutive appearance in the state finals and 23rd overall, the second-most in state history. Second-ranked Valparaiso is making its 16th straight visit and state-leading 25th. Fifth-ranked Columbus North returns for the 12th year in a row and eighth-ranked Homestead is making its fourth straight appearance. Top-ranked Chesterton and No. 3 Columbus East are each appearing for the third consecutive year.

General admission tickets are \$10 per person and available to purchase online via Tik-a-Tap or at the Worthen Arena Ticket Office at Lower Level, Gate 1. Pre-school children admitted at no charge.

Spectator parking is located just north of Worthen Arena. Please note that Ball State charges a \$5 all-day parking fee in the Worthen Arena lots, \$10 for vehicles that take up more than one parking space.

Fever present Choices for Champions program May 7

The Indiana Fever host their annual Choices for Champions educational program from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, May 7, prior to a preseason game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse against the Chicago Sky.

Tipoff between the Fever and Sky is at 12:30 p.m. The afternoon preseason date allows schools a better chance to participate in this annual event.

Students ranging from fourth to eighth grade will participate in an educational opportunity centered on anti-bullying and healthy lifestyle choices, both inside and outside of the classroom. The goal of the program is to empower youth, help build self-confidence to approach life's everyday challenges, and find ways to look at daily circumstances with a positive outlook.

An anti-bullying message will be presented by Camishe Nunley, owner of the Healing Your Hidden Hurts agency dedicated to trauma survivors. Its "Building Resiliency In Children" anti-bullying program delivers information on

ways to create an atmosphere in which bullying is not permitted. Among other anti-bullying activities on the concourse between the program and tipoff, Nunley also provides on-site counseling assistance should any student need help with a current situation in their life.

Other speakers include Fever players who discuss personal stories and lifestyle choices that have led them through college and into the WNBA; law enforcement officials have annually participated in Choices for Champions; and representatives from Playworks Indiana joins the speaker lineup in 2018.

Playworks Indiana is a local agency that helps kids to stay active and build social and emotional skills through play. Playworks will discuss the importance of play in a student's daily activity and unique effective ways for conflict resolution. Playworks Indiana will also have activities on the concourse between the program and tipoff to keep students active and engaged. Other activities are

planned to give an active and educational experience during lunch time.

Schools are encouraged to prepare for the educational program by conducting a "No Name-Calling Week," wear Fever colors and create anti-bullying posters for hallways and classrooms.

A group admission rate for school and student groups is \$8. Students and groups are welcomed to bring sack lunches. Individual tickets begin at \$13 for general admission seating. For tickets and further details on this event, visit FeverBasketball.com or call (317) 917-2528.

The Fever will participate in a second preseason game, May 12 against the Washington Mystics, at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center (7 p.m.). Indiana opens its 19th WNBA season when the Fever hosts Chicago again for Youth Sports Day delivered by Papa John's at 1 p.m. May 19.

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