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Carmel plays host to intercity roundtable



On Monday, an area municipal finance managers' roundtable was held in the City of Carmel with Christine Pauley as host. Westfield, Fishers, Zionsville, Noblesville and Carmel worked together as they discussed concerns affecting municipalities of similar size. Pauley told The Reporter the group discussed state legislature issues affecting individual cities and Hamilton County, internal controls, federal grant audits and public records transparency. (From left) Christine Pauley from Carmel, John Rodgers from Westfield, Amy Lacy from Zionsville and Jeff Spaulding from Noblesville. (Not pictured were Lisa Bradford from Fishers and Cindy Poore from Zionsville.)

Finding faith on the side of the road

Faith in humanity. We hope for it in a world that broadcasts anything but that, on a daily

This week as I read a post on Facebook, written by my friend

Tamara Bentler, I found what seems so rare these days.

A good Samaritan.

Tamara was traveling from Stuart, Florida, to Charleston, South Carolina, when she felt her car starting to bump along. Ugh, flat tire. She pulled onto the side of the road on an exit ramp near Jacksonville. Her car was packed to the max as she is moving to Texas after visiting her son, who is in the Navy. She unloaded her trunk.

She tried for an hour to reach AAA and then was told it would be another three hours for them to



JANET HART LEONARD

be dark. Here she was all by

herself, except for her dog. She bowed her head and prayed. She looked up and while

wiping a few

tears, she saw in the distance, a crotch rocket coming her way. The man, who was riding it, looked to be in his late twenties. As he approached my friend, he said, "Well I never take this exit but something told me to do

so." Hmmm. He began to change her tire. During their conversation he shared with her that he was in the Navy. He told her that this must be a God thing, him taking the exit and finding her stranded. He told her that he was raised in a Christian home but had drifted away from his faith. Tamara told him that we all drift away at times during our journey. God doesn't.

He shared with her that God must have been watching over her as she could have easily wrecked her car, going at the speed she was going on the highway. She could have been stranded alone for all those hours and who knows what else might have happened.

As he changed her tire a bolt snapped. He was concerned as to what to do so he called his dad. Tamara had a chance to thank his dad for raising such a kind son. The dad told her that his son makes him proud every day.

Her good Samaritan helped her pack up her trunk and then followed her to a hotel just off the exit ramp. He noticed that her spare was then flat but the rim didn't even have a scratch.

As Tamara gathered her luggage and let her dog out, the young man handed her a key. He had

paid for her room. He carried her luggage into the room and when she turned around to thank him, he was gone. She glanced over at a few green bills laying on the table by the door. She chased him to the elevator to return the money. He smiled and said, "I only hope someone would help my mom if she were ever stranded. If I had more cash, I would have left it." And with that said, the el-

evator doors closed. Perhaps humanity has more faith than we realize. Perhaps it is when we drift that we truly find God. Perhaps angels arrive on crotch rockets. Perhaps that young man found his faith on the side of the road that day. Perhaps we all need reminded that God never drifts away ...

Perhaps ... it wasn't just a tire that was changed that day.

Three candidates attend Lincoln Day Dinner together

The Hamilton County Republican Committee achieved what few others have done when all three candidates for the GOP nomination for U.S. Senate were assembled

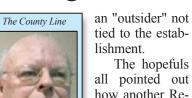


forum this week. The annual dinner honoring the first Republican president was held Thursday night at the 502 East Event Center in Carmel.

The Indiana Debate Commission has tried to get the three senatorial candidates to appear together, but were unable to do so when Rep. Todd Rokita refused to join with the other candidates, Rep. Luke Messer and Mike Braun.

The forum was not billed as a debate although the format resembled one. nomination will be decided in the May 8 primary election.

Candidates made opening statements and then answered questions centered on who would be best to successfully challenge incumbent Democrat Sen. Joe Donnelly. Braun, not considered a leader in the race at present, tried to contrast himself from the others by saying he was



how another Republican senator could potentially make the difference on legislation favored by

the Trump administration. The Senate is currently controlled by a thin 51-49 GOP majority.

About 400 Republican faithful attended the dinner party. Capturing as much attention as the forum was the one-on-one campaigning by local candidates seeking support in the all-important GOP pri-

Candidates for county sheriff, Superior Court judge, county council and various other offices roamed the banquet hall seeking to meet, greet and win over party workers and leaders.

Lincoln Day is something of a kick-off of the local campaign in election years. The party's hardcore supporters and donors attend often wanting to see the candidates in person. All current officeholders and candidates who attended were introduced to the crowd. The dinner party is sponsored by the GOP Central Committee chaired by Laura Campbell.

Sensory friendly day at Conner Prairie next Monday

The REPORTER

Families with individuals living with sensory challenges can enjoy Conner Prairie for free while connecting with local organizations that can assist them.

The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 2 for guests with sensory issues, their family members and authorized caregivers. Indoor experiences include Create.Connect, an exhibit that focuses on how science and technology shaped Indiana; Discovery Station and Craft Corner, a free-play area filled with fun play spaces; Makesmith Workshop, an exhibit in which visitors can learn new skills by working with tools and their hands; and the Conner Prairie Store,

which is filled with fun games, books, souvenirs, toys and more so guests can take a part of Conner Prairie

home with them. "At Conner Prairie, we teach through experiences and are happy to be able to extend those experiences with the sensibility required in engaging people with sensory challenges," said museum President and CEO Norman Burns. "That's why this day is so important for us."

participating Several organizations will be available throughout the day to meet with families about how their organizations can provide help and assistance. Organizations include ABA-Bierman, **Applied** Behavior Analysis, Applied

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Huston's workforce development legislation now law

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Improvements to Indiana's workforce development system will soon be initiated after two new policies supported by State Rep. Todd Huston (R-Fishers) were signed into law today by Gov. Eric Hol-

House Enrolled Act 1002, which Huston authored, expands access to Workforce Ready Grants so more Hoosiers can take advantage of the program. These grants can be used to pay tuition costs for Hoosiers to earn a high-value certificate through programs at Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University.

The law also establishes a pathway for individuals enrolled as part-time, post-secondary students to participate in the Employment Aid Readiness Network Indiana Program, or EARN. This is a needbased program that provides access to internships and offers funds to employers hiring EARN students.

"Indiana's strategy for meeting workforce needs calls for expanding efforts to ensure more working-age Hoosiers can

participate in programs to grow their skills," Huston said. "By supporting an employer-led system we are working directly with job creators to develop the talent needed to be competitive and successful."

According to Huston, the state invests \$1 billion annually in 30 different workforce development programs across nine separate agencies. To determine if funding is being directed into effective programs, the state will review all of Indiana's workforce-related programs using return-on-investment metrics enacted in 2017.

Senate Enrolled Act 50, sponsored by Huston, establishes the Governor's Workforce Cabinet to replace the Workforce Innovation Council. This 21-member board will be comprised of representatives of state workforce agencies as well as business and community leaders from across Indiana. This cabinet will be tasked with creating a statewide Career Navigation and Coaching Program to help connect students with education and career options available to them.



(Seated, from left) State Rep. Todd Huston (R-Fishers) joins House Speaker Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis), Gov. Eric Holcomb and State Sen. Doug Eckerty (R-Yorktown) for the signing of House Enrolled Act 1002 and Senate Enrolled Act 50 into law on Wednesday, March 21 at the Cummins Global Distribution Headquarters in Indianapolis. Both laws work to realign the state's workforce development system with the needs of employers.

these new laws, the groundwork has been established and we will continue to invest in workforce and move Indiana's economy forward,"

Huston said.

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

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Families concerned about crowd size and possible over-stimulation should call 317-776-6000 prior to their arrival and speak to a guest services representative.

All ages are welcome to

attend sensory friendly day. For more, visit bit.ly/2EAxeTI.

About Conner Prairie

Spanning more than 1,000 wooded acres in central Indiana, Conner Prairie welcomes nearly 430,000 visitors of all ages annually. As Indiana's first Smithsonian Institute affiliate. Conner Prairie offers various outdoor, historically themed destinations and indoor experiential learning spaces that combine history and art with science, technology, engineering and math to offer an authentic look into history that shapes society today.

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Indiana	3.7%	3.3%	3.2%	-0.1%	-0.5%
U.S.	4.7%	4.1%	4.1%	0.0%	-0.6%
Illinois	5.1%	4.8%	4.7%	-0.1%	-0.4%
Kentucky	5.1%	4.3%	4.1%	-0.2%	-1.0%
Michigan	4.8%	4.7%	4.8%	0.1%	0.0%
Minnesota	3.7%	3.3%	3.2%	-0.1%	-0.5%
Ohio	5.1%	4.7%	4.5%	-0.2%	-0.6%
Wisconsin	3.4%	3.1%	2.9%	-0.2%	-0.5%

Unemployment rate drops to 3.2 percent . . .

Indiana employment report, February 2018

The REPORTER

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.2 percent for February and remains lower than the national rate of 4.1 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for more than four years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 2,495 over the previous month. This was a result of 2,243 unemployed residents no longer seeking employment within the past four weeks,

and a 4,738 increase in residents employed. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.31 million, and the state's 63.7 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.0 percent.

In addition, Indiana's initial unemployment insurance claims continue to be at historical lows.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated at hoosierdata. in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp.

Employment by sector

Private sector employment has grown by more than 28,200 over the year, and has increased by 5,200 over the previous month,

primarily due to gains in the Construction (2,800) and the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (1,900) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Leisure and Hospitality (-1,500) and the Private Educational and Health Services (-900) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,698,700 and is 9,800 above the December 2017 peak.

Editor's Notes

Data are sourced from February Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics -U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

February employment data for Indiana counties, cities and MSAs will be available at noon on Monday, March 26 pending U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics validation.





Kidde issues recall for smoke detectors

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Nearly 500,000 smoke detectors that might not be able to detect smoke are being recalled by a company based in North Carolina.

The News & Observer reports the company Kidde has issued a recall for models PI2010 and PI9010 due to a manufacturer defect. These models were sold nationwide and online from September 2016 through this January for \$20 to \$40. Model numbers can be found on the back of the units.

"This poses an immediate and dangerous risk ... as properly functioning smoke alarms are a life-saving tool from the dangers of fire-related incidents and smoke inhalation. In 2016, more than 14,000 accidental structure fires were reported to the Florida Fire Incident Reporting System which resulted in 201 civilian fatalities. I advise all fire preven-



Photo provided The smoke detector recall follows a 2017 recall on 38 million

tion advocates across our state to immediately spread awareness of this recall," Florida State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis said.

Kidde fire extinguishers.

Kidde also recalled 38 million fire extinguishers last year. They had a design flaw that could have prevented them from working and parts of the extinguisher could detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Those with affected smoke alarms can register for replacements by calling 833-551-7739.

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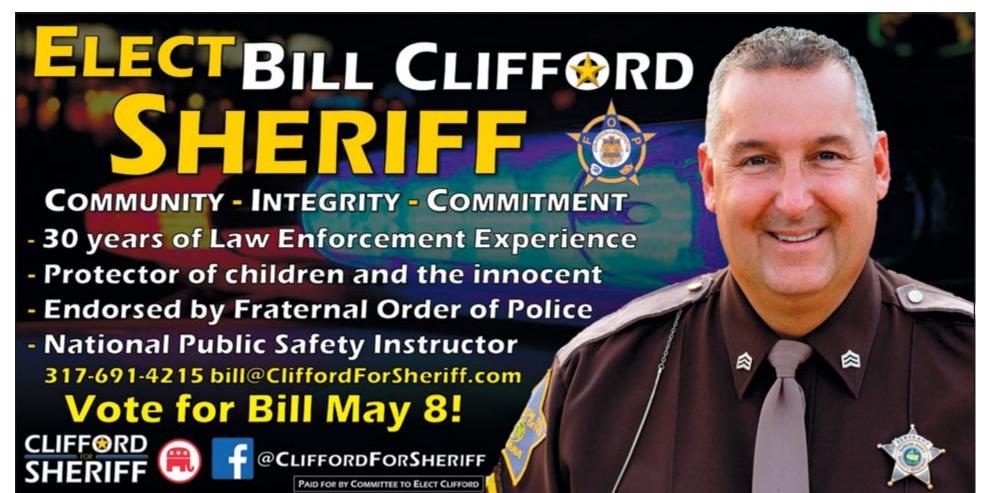
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1812 - Hugh McCary established McCary's Landing on a horseshoe bend of the Ohio River. In 1814, the name was changed to Evansville to honor Colonel Bob Evans, who had served under William Henry Harrison in the War of 1812.

1863 Secretary of War Edwin Stanton awarded the first Medals of Honor to members of the Civil War "Andrew's Raiders." Among them was Elihu Mason, born in Wayne County.

1921 – Vivian Carter was born in Mississippi. Her parents soon moved to Gary, where she graduated from Roosevelt High School. She became a popular radio disc jockey and,



with her husband James Bracken, founded Vee-Jay Records, the first successful record company owned by African-Americans.

1925 – Escape Artist Harry Houdini, appearing at B. F. Keith's Theater in Indianapolis, accepted a challenge from carpenters at L.S. Ayres Department Store. They dared him to escape from a wood shipping case they had constructed. He did so on stage to much acclaim.

1940 - Indiana University won its first NCAA men's basketball championship. Branch McCracken coached the Hoosiers to a 60-42 victory over Kansas. IU's Marvin Huffman was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

1948 – A tornado swept through West Central Indiana, destroying most of the town of Coatesville. Twenty people were

Who was Vivian Carter? Fishers road construction updates, week of March 26

The REPORTER

113th Street

Lane restrictions will occur on 113th Street between Olio Road and Florida Road to allow for tree clearing prior to the construction of a trail and new roundabout. Restrictions will occur between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and flaggers will be in place to direct traffic.

106th Street

106th Street is closed to through traffic from Eller Road to Allisonville Road and from Allisonville Road to Hague Road for the 106th Street Infrastructure Project. Closures for through traffic will also take place from Hague Road to the Crosspoint Boulevard/Lantern Road roundabout. For more info on this project, view the **Fact Sheet.**

Hoosier Road

Hoosier Road south of 116th Street will be closed to all traffic through the cemetery for sanitary sewer repairs. A detour will be in place on Cumberland Road while work is completed.

131st Street

Periodic lane restrictions will occur at the intersection of 131st Street and Cumberland Road as utility relocation work is completed.

Expect lane restrictions, weather permitting, along 131st Street between Allisonville Road and Lantern Road to allow for tree clearing prior to the construction of the Conner Trail from Conner Prairie to the Municipal Complex. Lane restrictions will also take place on Lantern Road between 131st Street and Municipal Drive.

136th Street

Lane restrictions will be in place, weather permitting, along 136th Street between Southeastern Parkway and Prairie Baptist Road to allow for tree clearing prior to the construction of a new roundabout.

Meadows Drive

Meadows Drive is closed between Frances Drive and Morgan Drive, weather permitting, for the installation of sanitary

Eller Road

Eller Road is closed to through traffic

south of 106th Street. Also, the intersection of 106th Street and Eller Road will be closed for two to three weeks for the 106th Street Infrastructure Project.

126th Street

Expect possible lane restrictions on 126th Street from Allisonville Road to the railroad tracks while aerial utility work is completed.

Allisonville Road Resurfacing &

Intersection Improvements Project

Lane restrictions will be in place, as weather permits, along Allisonville Road from 126th Street to 131st Street for tree clearing ahead of the start of the roadway expansion project. Restrictions will be in place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and flaggers will be on site directing traffic, as necessary. For more info on this project, view the Fact Sheet.

Morgan Drive

Morgan Drive is restricted to one lane between Lantern Road and Emmanual Court for work on stormwater structures.

Interstate 69

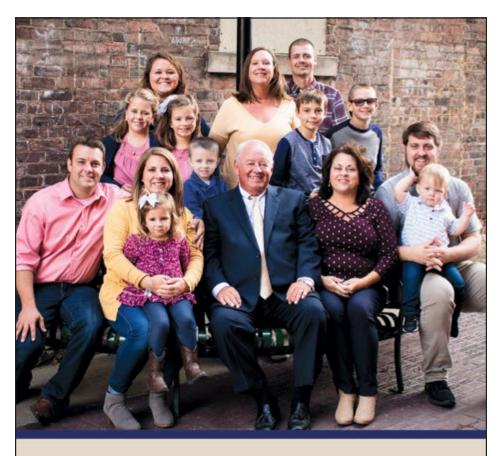
As part of a \$92 million design-build contract, Milestone has added a third lane in each direction to the median, repaired and resurfaced existing pavement, and rehabilitated bridges and drainage structures on 15 miles of I-69 in Hamilton and Madison counties. Construction of an additional auxiliary lane between the 116th Street entrance ramp to I-69 South and the I-69 South Exit 204 ramp to 106th Street will continue through next spring.

I-69 South will be temporarily reduced to two lanes to allow space for the State Road 37 and 116th Street entrance ramps to safely merge while construction continues on the southbound auxiliary lane between the 116th Street and 106th Street

Questions about this project should be directed to INDOT via email or at 1-855-463-6848.

State Road 37

The State Road 37 improvement project is a \$124 million joint project between Fishers, Hamilton County, Noblesville, and INDOT. Questions or concerns may be directed via email to **Drive Fishers**.

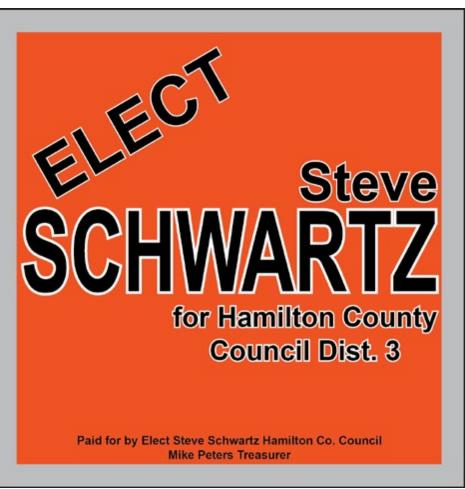


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'Trash Bash!' only weeks away

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The Indiana Department of Transportation this week announced that the agency's annual Trash Bash! will take place Friday, April 13 through Sunday, April 15. Trash Bash! brings INDOT crews together with volunteers to beautify the state's roadside areas by cleaning trash and debris. On average, INDOT invests about \$4.3 million and more than 60,000 labor hours to pick up litter on state highways each year.

On Friday, April 13, INDOT maintenance staff across the state will direct their focus toward litter collection on roads with high-traffic volume, such as interstates and divided highways.

INDOT urges individuals, organizations, businesses and active Adopta-Highway groups to join maintenance staff on two-lane roads with lower traffic volume anytime between Friday, April 13, and Sunday, April 15, in our monumental effort to beautify our roadside areas.

To be part of Trash Bash!, contact INDOT customer service at 1-855-463-6848 or by email at **indot**(a)



Photo provided

INDOT's annual Trash Bash! takes place the weekend of April 13 this year.

indot.in.gov. Volunteers will be connected with an INDOT Trash Bash! coordinator to receive:

• An assigned cleanup

• A briefing on roadside

· Safety vests to be worn at all times;

• Trash bags

All trash bagged by volunteers will be collected and disposed of by INDOT

"Whether volunteers are interested in helping

with one mile or 10 miles, INDOT welcomes the help of Hoosiers in making our roads look their best," IN-DOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness said. "Please consider partnering with INDOT to make this a record-breaking statewide beautification effort."

While Trash Bash! is an annual, three-day event, INDOT offers opportunities for Hoosiers to help keep roadside areas clean year-round. The Adopta-Highway and Sponsor-a-Highway programs are great opportunities for volunteering, community service projects, and offer a highly visible option for showcasing your business or non-profit group.

Motorists are reminded to look out for work crews and volunteers along Indiana highways. When drivers encounter a work crew, they should slow down, be alert for changing traffic patterns, and always avoid distractions such as cell phones while driving.

Thanks for reading The Reporter

Letter guidelines this election season

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Reporter, your hometown newspaper, is always willing to publish Letters to the Editor in our pages. But with the approach of the May

Letters

to the Editor

8 Primary Election, we are establishing some guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters to the Editor addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted un-

til the end of business on Friday, April 27 and will be published on Saturday, April 28.

Letters in response to new topics published in our April 28 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, May 1 and will be published in our May 2 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters sent the last week of April.

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Reader questions Sloderbeck on her critical reasoning skills

Full disclaimer: I am not a resident of Hamilton County. The purpose of this letter is not to express favor for any candidate. It is a response to Gina Sloderbeck's letter to the editor in the Thursday, March 22 edition of The Reporter.

The use of data is a good thing. Facts are invaluable because they leave little room for emotion. Good citizens should use data and facts to make decisions, especially during elections. Of course, facts alone cannot determine decisions; there often is not a direct link. It's important to analyze facts for their relevance before jumping to a conclusion. In other words, critical thinking is key.

When reading Ms. Sloderbeck's letter, I was struck by the legion of logical fallacies and the thinly-veiled bias peeking from behind a tattered curtain of "research" that led to her self-described educated decision. I'll do my best to address some of the illogic.

Primarily, I find it odd that Ms. Sloderbeck chose to use Mr. Quakenbush's list of accomplishments as the only metrics by which the other candidates are measured. Of course, election tactics aren't fair and candidates are almost always measured by their opponents' achievements, but shouldn't a citizen purporting to make objective, data-driven decisions strive to do better? Or, at minimum, shouldn't such a person explain why she chose one candidate's virtual resume over any other candidate's - and why such choice was the best way to measure? If you are going to use a resume as a metric, wouldn't a more effective measure be the resume of a sheriff who has already served and excelled in this position?

On a related note, why is there no extrapolation on the specifics of college degrees? The obvious question is, why does it matter when no statute exists legally requiring a Hamilton County Sheriff to hold any post-secondary degree? If, however, a degree is a necessary requirement, what degrees satisfy Ms. Sloderbeck? Though most can agree a college degree is a useful

didate who has a college degree inherently better-suited for the job than one who does not have a college degree? Ms. Sloderbeck would have done better in her analysis if she explained why other voters should think this is important.

Why was "15+ years of law enforcement service" chosen as a metric? What is the statistical significance of 15 or more years? Why not 25 years? Why not 10 years? Why not six months? If the "most experience" is a valid metric, then clearly the candidate with the most experience should hold the office. Either I'm missing something, or this is an arbitrary metric.

I could be wrong.

I could be deeply, deeply wrong. It may be the case that anyone who looks at Ms. Sloderbeck's spreadsheet of criteria but disagrees with her conclusion is uneducated. After all, that is what Ms. Sloderbeck implied, albeit indirectly, when she stated her manner of analyzing facts, figures and data is what leads her to an educated decision. Are there other ways to make educated decisions, or must Hamilton County voters rely on Ms. Sloderbeck's spreadsheets? What if another voter devises a spreadsheet of criteria that directly conflicts Ms. Sloderbeck's and claims it led that voter to an educated decision? Once again, in creeps the ironically arbitrary nature of Ms. Sloderbeck's arguments.

I am not questioning Ms. Sloderbeck's convictions. I am not claiming she is uneducated. I am not suggesting she is dishonest. I do not condone anyone who might make attacks on Ms. Sloderbeck's character, since character attacks are so frequently the tool of political ridicule. Clearly, she cares about Hamilton County and its future. I applaud her courage and sense of civic duty in writing a letter to the editor, and I encourage others to do so.

I do wish, however, that Ms. Sloderbeck would exercise a more critical analysis of the facts she chooses.

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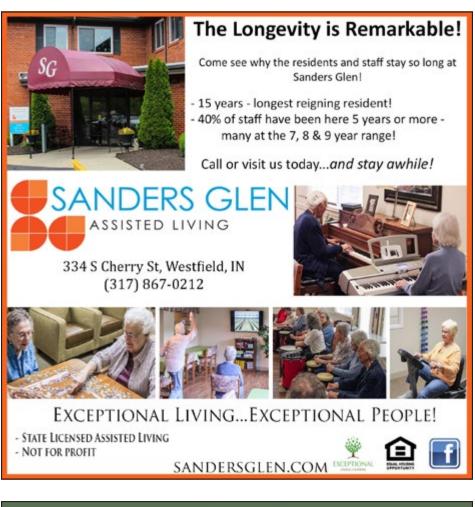
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News 6





Flu cases declining but still as dangerous, doctors say

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The flu season is not over yet but health leaders say it has gotten better and that flu-related illnesses are on the decline.

Earlier this week hospitals began releasing flu restrictions. The restrictions had been in place since early in January because there were so many flu cases.

This flu season there have been 278 flu deaths statewide, about 20 of those from downtown hospitals. New numbers will be released Friday.

"Flu is still very much around. It is still just as dangerous, there's just less of it," said Cole Beeler an Indiana University Health Doctor of Infectious Diseases.

Even though it has been said this flu season is the worst in recent years, Beeler expected it to be even worse.

"The rule with the flu is that it is unpredictable and every few years you're going to see a very severe season,' Beeler added. "This season was quite severe but we were anticipating it being a lot worse. Now it was probably the worse in the de-

cade since there

ing to work here."

was a lot of flu around but

the vaccine in the Southern

Hemisphere did not work

as well as it is probably go-

to somewhat predict how

severe the flu will be in the

U.S. based on what the flu

was like in the Southern

Health experts are able

Beeler

better than what was also expected.

"I would say it did actually work better than we thought it was going to work so in the southern hemisphere we expected prob-

ably a 10 percent efficacy for H3N2 but maybe a 30 percent efficacy overall. but actually about 40-60 percent depending on what age group you fall in so this was pretty encouraging to me," he said.

The typical flu season is from October to around April, or even longer.

'We're going downhill, which is good. Now, that said, I expect the full will linger on probably into April maybe toward the beginning of May just based on what the trend looks like," Beeler added.

Since the flu is still around, people are encouraged to still get a flu shot, wash their hands, and avoid contact with sick people.

Hemisphere. "The flu trend, even though it's coming down, it's just that, it's a trend that's coming down. What we're really liking to see is zero flu cases but we are still seeing flu cases that are admitted to the hospital,"

Beeler says. "We're still

seeing transmissions so it's

important to just know that

it's still out there." The vaccine worked

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 23:8-12 (KJV)







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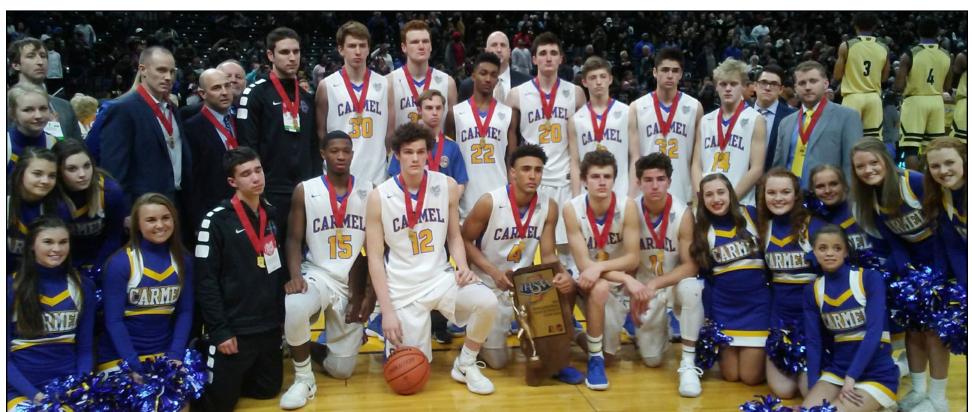
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Boys basketball state finals



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The Carmel boys basketball team fell in the Class 4A state championship game to Warren Central 54-48 Saturday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Warren comes back to beat Carmel

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

Every so often, and more often than not, there will be a basketball game where a team's victory is called an improbable victo-

It's just too bad when you're on the other team.

Carmel had to play the role of "the other team" Saturday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The Greyhounds held a huge early lead before Warren Central started chipping away at it in the third quarter. The No. 1-ranked Warriors then blasted through the fourth to claim the Class 4A boys basketball state championship, beating the No. 10 Greyhounds 54-48.

The fact that Warren Central won the game was not improbable. The Warriors

finished the season a perfect 32-0, the first unbeaten team since the 2008-09 season saw two unbeaten teams (Bloomington South in 4A and Princeton in 3A). Warren also became the first team to sweep state in both girls and boys basketball since Oregon-Davis did so in 2007.

No, what was improbable was that the Warriors came back from so far down. The 'Hounds led 20-7 in the second quarter. That was part of a chaotic first half that saw big runs from both teams.

Warren leaped out to a 7-0 lead, with Antwaan Cushingberry's 3-pointer finishing off that run with 4:52 remaining in the first. The Warriors would not score again until the 1:26 mark of the second quarter - almost

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Carmel's Jalen Whack won the Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award.





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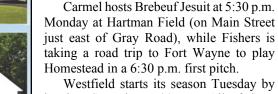












Westfield starts its season Tuesday by hosting Carmel at 5:30 p.m. All of these games are weather permitting, of course. For the Greyhounds, there will be

Baseball teams to

start play this week

High school baseball teams are allowed

to begin their regular season on Monday, and several teams in Hamilton County will be getting on to the field right away.

several new names on the roster after they graduated a large senior class last year. They will have one familiar name: Senior Jack Van Remortel, an All-State third baseman in 2017. The Michigan commit brings back a .404 batting average, with 36 hits, 35 RBIs, 30 runs scored, 10 doubles and three

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Indoor track and field



Photo provided

The Hamilton Southeastern girls track and field team won the Hoosier State Relays' Large School meet Saturday at Indiana University. The No. 1-ranked Royals scored 72 team points and won two events.

HSE girls win Hoosier State Relays Large School meet

and on Saturday, the Royals lived up to that ranking.

Southeastern won the Large School division of the Hoosier State Relays, which took place at Indiana University. The Royals ran away with the meet by scoring 72 points, well ahead of runner-up Warren Central's 44

Southeastern won two events. Camille Christopher zoomed to a new school record of 7.56 seconds while winning the 60 dash. Christopher later joined Tierra Sydnor, Mia Mackenzie and Olivia Burgess to place first in the 4x200 relay, in a time of 1:43.29.

The Royals picked up 14 points in the pole vault, with Kennedy Drish and Jessica Bray taking second and third respectively. Burgess and Sydnor also ran on HSE's third-place 4x400 relay, joining Madisyn Etherege and Mya Hammons.

Carmel took third as a team with 43 Haines and Bates joined Anna Morozov to for the Golden Eagles' best finish. take third in the 4x800.

Noblesville placed ninth with 28 points. The Millers' relay team of Aubrie Deal, Abi Little, Maria Anderson and Bella Sharples-Gordon took second in the 4x800, then later finished third in the distance medley.

Westfield scored eight points to tie for 18th place as a team. Gabby Dilick placed third in the 3200 run.

In the large school boys meet, Westfield finished second as a team. The Shamrocks scored 49 points, behind only Avon's 66

The 'Rocks were led by Peyton Haack, who won two events. Haack took the 60 dash in a time of 8.00 seconds, which ties a

and field team is ranked No. 1 in the state, Alex Kukura and Charlie Miller to win the 4x200 relay in 1:30.01. Haack placed second in the pole vault as well.

Carmel won two events on its way to a third-place finish of 47 points. The Greyhounds team of Jimmy Snyder, Spencer Gudgel, Trey Harris and Eli Konow won the 4x800 relay in 7:56.45. Gudgel, Harris and Konow then joined Alex Brown-Baez to take the 4x400 relay, clocking in at 3:23.37.

Hamilton Southeastern tied for 10th place with 20 points. The Royals had two runner-up finishes: Madison Norris was second in the 60 hurdles and Chase Maxey took the silver in the long jump.

Noblesville scored 8.5 points to finish in 21st place. The Millers' distance medley team of Zach Freeman, Bryce Gatewood, Andrew Anderson and Blake Hipkiss placed sixth in that event, while Andrew Herman tied for sixth in the long jump.

Hamilton Heights and Guerin Catholic points. Kara Deady soared to a win in the participated in the Small School meet. The pole vault, with a leap of 12 feet, 6 inches. Huskies' best finish was in the girls 4x800 The Greyhounds also got a second-place relay, with the team of Maria Mitchell, finish out of their distance medley team of Abigail Roth, Morgan Guthrie and Abby Maddie Dalton, Sydney Haines, Izza Christiansen placing fourth. Quinn Khurram and Phoebe Bates, while Dalton, Gallagher took fourth in the boys 3200 run

LARGE SCHOOL RESULTS **GIRLS MEET**

Team scores (top five and all county): 1. Hamilton Southeastern 72, 2. Warren Central 44, 3. Carmel 43, 4. Brownsburg 40, 5. North Central 38, 9. Noblesville 28,

T18. Westfield 8. 60 hurdles - Finals: 4. Mia Mackenzie (HSE) 9.11. Preliminaries: 16. Ava Henson (W) 9.72.

60 dash - Finals: 1. Camille Christopher

(HSE) 7.56. 3200 run: 3. Gabby Dilick (W) 10:52.73, 5. Lulu Black (HSE) 11:04.28, 15. Lily McAndrews (C) 11:34.78, 16. Sophie

Reichard (N) 11:37.93.

The Hamilton Southeastern girls track meet record. He then joined Dainon Wray, 4x800 relay: 2. Noblesville (Aubrie Deal, 1:30.01, 7. Southeastern (Chase Maxey, Abi Little, Maria Anderson, Bella Sharples-Gordon) 9:26.66, 3. Carmel (Maddie Dalton, Sydney Haines, Anna Morozov, Phoebe Bates) 9:32.82, 7. Southeastern (Ellie Pedersen, Jenna McLean, Madealine Mirro, Brooke Ratliff) 9:51.54, 18. Westfield (Ashley Baldwin, Sophia Brown, Julia Clark, Sarah Coates) 10:10.74.

> 4x200 relay: 1. Southeastern (Tierra Sydnor, Mia Mackenzie, Olivia Burgess, Camille Christopher) 1:43.29, 14. Carmel (Michael Anderson, Riley Pennington, Carly Markley, Reagan Hune) 1:48.31

> 4x400 relay: 3. Southeastern (Olivia Burgess, Madisyn Etherege, Mya Hammons, Tierra Sydnor) 4:01.42, 10. Carmel (Beverley Thompson, Emily Hand, Mahalet Zeruesenay, Alexis Waples) 4:08.98, 18. Noblesville (Grace Brisco, Delaney Boles, Kailyn Ely, Parker Davis) 4:21.33.

Distance medley: 2. Carmel (Maddie Dalton, Sydney Haines, Izza Khurram, Phoebe Bates) 12:14.73, 3. Noblesville (Aubrie Deal, Maria Anderson, Bella Catholic 10. Sharples-Gordon, Abi Little) 12:22.83, 8. Westfield (Carly Bogdajewicz, Alison Pugh (HH) 8.43. Bullock, Julia Clark, Sarah Coates) 12:49.41, Southeastern (Ellie Pedersen, Emonie Miles, Annice

McFarland, Lillian Cummins) 13:00.58. Pole vault: 1. Kara Deady (C) 12-6, 2. Kennedy Drish (HSE) 12-0, 3. Jessica Bray (HSE) 11-6, T9. Erika Knieper (N)

High jump: 4. Amiyah James (C) 5-4. Long jump: 6. Tierra Sydnor (HSE) 17-1.75, 11. Mia Mackenzie (HSE) 16-10, 19. Sydney Spears (W) 16-6.5, 20. Maria Anderson (N) 16-5.25.

BOYS MEET

Team scores (top five and all county): 1. Avon 66, 2. Westfield 49, 3. Carmel 47, 4. North Central 35, 5. Merrillville 34, T10. Hamilton Southeastern 20, 21. Noblesville

60 hurdles - Finals: 1. Peyton Haack (W) 8.00, ties meet record, 2. Madison Norris (HSE) 8.09, 4. Dainon Wray (W) 8.12, 8. Jakob Pearson (C) 8.40. Preliminaries: 15. Cooper Boehm (W) 8.50.

60 dash - Prelininaries: Noah Malone 9. (HSE) 6.95.

3200 run: 5. Ben Miller (C) 9:21.35, 11. Gabe Fendel (HSE) 9:28.82, 12. Keelan Grant (C) 9:28.88, 13. Colin Murphy (C) 9:35.89, 16. Pat Campbell (C) 9:41.26, 19. Cam Harless (C) 9:56.59, 20. Thomas Gastineau (C) 9:57.38, 22. Calvin Bates (C) 10:03.69.

4x800 relay: 1. Carmel (Jimmy Snyder, Spencer Gudgel, Trey Harris, Eli Konow) 7:56.45, 6. Westfield (Charlie Miller, Jacob Mears, Max Gutwein, Nick Leahy) 8:07.46, 13. Noblesville (Jack Commeville, Justin Amburgy, Nick Dombroski, Conner Sullivan) 8:22.54, 14. Southeastern (Grant Wilson, Eric Carothers, Brandon Barrientos, Ryan Pfanstiel) 8:23.47.

4x200 relay: 1. Westfield (Peyton Haack, Dainon Wray, Alex Kukura, Charlie Miller)

Jack Boys, Isaiah Phillips, Madison Norris) 1:32.05.

4x400 relay: 1. Carmel (Alex Brown-Baez, Trey Harris, Eli Konow, Spencer Gudgel) 3:23.37.

Distance medley: 6. Noblesville (Zach Freeman, Bryce Gatewood, Andrew Anderson, Blake Hipkiss) 10:37.73, 11. Westfield (Noah Douthit, Charlie Miller, Max Gutwein, Nick Leahy) 10:50.02, 16. Carmel (Hudson Alden, Ian Salmon, Owen Schafer, Austin Throckmorton) 11:07.78. Pole vault: 2. Peyton Haack (W) 15-0.

High jump: T6. Andrew Herman (N) 6-2 Long jump: 2. Chase Maxey (HSE) 22-

Shot put: 7. Vance Roudebush (C) 52-10, 16. Colin Caldwell (W) 46-7.

SMALL SCHOOL RESULTS

Emily Zlatniski) 1:52.17.

GIRLS MEET

Team scores (top five and all county): 1. Brebeuf Jesuit 104, 2. West Lafayette 89. 3. Concordia Lutheran 40. 4. Bishop Chatard 38, 5. Thea Bowman Academy 32, 12. Hamilton Heights 12, T14. Guerin

60 dash - Preliminaries: 18. Markaela

60 hurdles - Preliminaries: 16. Bailey

Haworth (HH) 10.35 4x200 relay: 8. Guerin Catholic (Anna Jacoby, Grace Gjerde, Claire Sherfick,

4x400 relay: 7. Guerin Catholic (Claire Sherfick, Grace Gjerde, Emily Zlatniski, Ellie Schroeder) 4:15.07, 8. Heights (Markaela Pugh, Tiffany Williams, Abigail Roth, Abby Christiansen) 4:18.29.

4x800 relay: 4. Heights (Maria Mitchell, Abigail Roth, Morgan Guthrie, Abby Christiansen) 10:08.45, 9. Guerin Catholic (Raegan Bohbrink, Amanda Schafer, Delaney Klee, Sophia Woods) 10:45.43. Distance medley: 11. Heights (Maria Mitchell, Abigail Roth, Morgan Guthrie, Abby Christiansen) 13:21.96, 16. Guerin Catholic (Raegan Bohbrink, Anna Jacoby, Delaney Klee, Ellie Schroeder) 13:48.32.

Pole vault: 6. Reagan Nay (GC) 9-6. Long jump: 8. Anna Hallett GC) 16-2. Shot put: 22. Lauryn Wiley (HH) 31-2. **BOYS MEET**

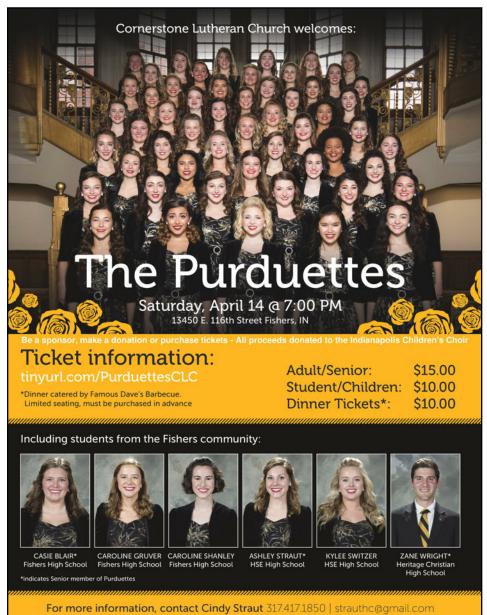
Team scores (top five and all county): Concordia Lutheran 76, 2. Westview 55, 3. Cascade 44, 4. Andrean 38, 5. Brebeuf Jesuit 28, T24. Guerin Catholic 7, T40. Hamilton Heights 2.

3200 run: 4. Quinn Gallagher (GC) 9:22.73.

4x200 relay: 8. Guerin Catholic (Jordan Chang, Dylan Crossen, Max Horrigan, Cameron Murray) 1:35.75

4x800 relay: 19. Heights (Isaiah Campbell, Mitchell Walbolt, Tomaszewski, Luke Vanderwall) 9:05.75. Distance medley: 11. Guerin Catholic (Joe Barrett, Jordan Chang, Andrew Hall, Quinn Gallagher) 11:11.56.

Pole vault: 7. Brandon McQuinn (HH) 12-6, 9. Isaiah Kunzer (HH) 12-6. NOTE: McQuinn got the higher place on misses.





NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB	
x - Toronto	54	19	.740	-	
x - Boston	49	23	.681	4.5	
Philadelphia	42	30	.583	11.5	
New York	26	47	.356	28.0	
Brooklyn	23	50	.315	31.0	
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	
x - Cleveland	43	29	.597	-	
Indiana	42	31	.575	1.5	
Milwaukee	38	34	.528	5.0	
Detroit	33	40	.452	10.5	
Chicago	24	49	.329	19.5	
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Washington	40	32	.556	-	
Miami	39	34	.534	1.5	
Charlotte	33	41	.446	8.0	
Orlando	22	51	.301	18.5	
Atlanta	21	52	.288	19.5	
x - clinched playoff berth					

Saturday's scores

Philadelphia 120, Minnesota 108 Detroit 117, Chicago 95 Orlando 105, Phoenix 99 Houston 114, New Orleans 91

L.A. Lakers 100, Memphis 93 Charlotte 102, Dallas 98

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Western Conference

W	L	PCT.	GB
44	28	.611	-
44	30	.595	1.0
42	32	.568	3.0
41	32	.562	3.5
40	33	.548	4.5
W	L	PCT.	GB
54	18	.750	-
38	34	.528	16.0
32	40	.444	22.0
24	49	.329	30.5
19	55	.257	36.0
W	L	PCT.	GB
59	14	.808	-
43	30	.589	15.5
43	31	.581	16.5
22	51	.301	37.0
19	54	.260	40.0
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BASEBALL

"We will be new and inexperienced at most positions," said Carmel coach Matthew Buczkowski. "Juniors Jared Greene and Jackson Adams have committed to play at Butler University but have no varsity experience. We like our youth. We think they can play, but just have not seen them yet at the varsity level."

Fishers also graduated some talented seniors from last year, but the Tigers have a talented group of seniors this year. Seven of them are committed to play in college, including move-in Grant Richardson, an All-State outfielder who is signed to Indiana, and will also pitch for Fishers.

Also back are Naval Academy signee Matthew Wolff (pitcher/utility), Houston commit Craig Yoho (shortstop), and Kent State signee Luke Albright (pitcher). Alex Jamieson (Huntington commit) will flip between catcher and first base, while Ben Burton is headed to Franklin and will play infield. Yoho hit .340 last season with 22 RBIs and a team-leading five home runs.

Two juniors already committed are catcher Kiel Brenczewski, a .330 hitter who is also headed to the Naval Academy, while outfielder JJ Woolwine will play at Miami (Ohio). All of these players will factor into the Tigers' defense of Hoosier Crossroads Conference and sectional titles.

'Coming off the school's first HCC and sectional championships, the Tigers are expecting to repeat those accomplishments again this spring and erase the disappointment from a regional final loss to conference Alex Jamieson, Alex Klotz, TJ Ratliff, foe Zionsville," said Fishers coach Matthew Cherry. "The Tigers once again possess a Jack Roudebush, Matthew Wolff, very talented pitching staff led by three-year Craig Yoho. starter Luke Albright."

among the key returners. Matthew Meyer Waltermann, JJ Woolwine. hit at a .333 clip and batted in 17 runs last season. Logan McClurg batted .329 and

scored 17 runs, while Sam Eaton hit .315 a period and a half. with nine RBIs. Meyer and McClurg will return as pitchers as well.

"I've been encouraged this off-season," said Shamrocks coach Ryan Bunnell. "The culture in our program has been closer to where it should be than it has been the last few years and I think the kids are excited and want to have success. I am looking forward to seeing what their work this off-season will produce for them."

Carmel roster

Seniors: Luke Barnes, Robbie Levine, Evan Petruzzi, Ethan Pryor, Will Richter, Tanner Simmons, Tavic Simmons, Jack Van Remortel. Juniors: Jackson Adams, Jared Greene, Drew Harding, Drew Kelly, Brayden Lentz, Drew Olssen, Zach

Sophomores: Aiden Bradbury, Alex Brooks.

Westfield roster

Seniors: Sam Eaton, Logan McClurg, Matthew Meyer, Matthew Robinson, Chad Welch, Dylan Zellers. Juniors: Zach Collins, Luke Hutson, Kyle Pepiot, Tyler Smitherman. Austin Wessell, Brandon Yoder. Sophomores: Trey Anderson, Bryce Dorton, Payton Tamm, Zach Zaborowski.

Fishers roster

Seniors: Luke Albright, Ben Burton, Griffin Rhoads, Grant Richardson,

Juniors: Kiel Brenczewski, Tristan As for Westfield, three seniors are Baker, Daniel Owens, Jon Vore, AJ Sophomores: Nick Lukac, Kaid Muth, Grant Whetsel.

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y - clinched division

During that time, Carmel did everything right. Junior Andrew Owens got the 'Hounds on the board with a putback, then junior John Michael Mulloy and senior Cole Jenkins sank layins to get Carmel within 7-6 at the end of the first.

Mulloy converted a three-point play to put his team ahead 10-7. Carmel then dominated from the free throw line for most of the second quarter, going 8-of-10 from the line. Mulloy also made another layin midway through the period; he had 10 points by the 2:26 mark of the second.

"I think in the first few minutes, you're in a tough environment, you're in a new place, and our guys just had to settle in," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. "And once they settled in and they felt comfortable with what we were doing, that's when they got really good defensively."

The Warriors got back within single digits with a quick 7-0 run. David Tate's two layins bookended a 3-pointer by Joe Rush. But Jenkins got the last basket of the half, and the Greyhounds were up comfortably, 22-14, at the break.

Carmel led 28-17 with 4:26 to go in the third period, with Owens and Mulloy making layins and senior Eddie Gill draining a couple free throws. But the Warriors made an 11-2 run to get within 30-28 before another Jenkins jumper kept the 'Hounds Osborn. "I thought they competed. I'm ahead 32-28 at the end of three.

year, the pre-season stuff and just bringing them along as this transition was going on. They were bought in from the beginning and it was a learning process, it was a comingtogether process. They never wavered, through good times, through hard times, through some losses, I thought they bonded together as a group. And that's why I'm so proud of them."

Rush's layin got Warren Central ahead 33-32 early in the fourth, the Warriors' first

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lead in a while. Gill threw in a '3' to put Carmel ahead. Warren took the lead back with free throws, and Mullov answered that with two foul shots of his own. Carmel led 37-36 with 5:17 left. But the Warriors had claimed the

momentum, and rolled through the fourth by scoring 26 points. Dean Tate hit a 3pointer to put Warren ahead 39-38 and the Warriors would not trail again. Carmel kept making big baskets to stay close, but Warren started running the clock down in the last three minutes and Carmel was forced to foul.

The Warriors made 12 of 14 free throws in the final two minutes of the game. A 3-pointer from senior Jalen Whack made the score 50-48 with less than 20 seconds to go, but Tate finished the game by making his last four free throws. Tate set a new 4A record for highest free throw percentage: Tate converted 13 of 14 attempts, 92.9

Mulloy scored 21 points for the Greyhounds and also pulled eight rebounds. Jenkins and Gill both scored eight points, with Gill and Owens each grabbing six rebounds. Tate led all scorers with 22 points, while Cushingberry added 10 points.

"I thought our guys battled," said proud of them. I couldn't be more proud of "The seniors have been great," said them to be in this situation and give them-Osborn. "We go from the beginning of the selves a chance. Warren made the plays. They're a good team. They're undefeated for a reason and they played a tough schedule. You got to give a lot credit to them."

"Obviously we wanted to win this last one, but I couldn't be happier for these guys and myself," said Whack. "We went through so much this year. We started off with a lot of injuries. We lost a couple close games."

But Whack said the team decided to stick together - just "do what we do," he said. If the Greyhounds made a team effort, they thought they could go far.

"I think we did that," said Whack.

Whack won the Arthur L. Trester Mental Attitude Award at the conclusion of the game. Whack holds a 3.61 grade-point average and is a Carmel Scholar Athlete and received Academic All-State Honorable Mention from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. He is the son of Sheila Stewart and Franklin Whack.

"It means a lot," said Whack. "I give a lot of credit to my parents for raising me and teaching me self-discipline, just go hard in everything I do. I'm a student-athlete and student comes before athlete."

Carmel finished the season 21-8 and was making its seventh appearance at the state

Warren Central 54, Carmel 48

Warren Central	FG	FT	TP	PF
Antwaan Cushingberry	4-12	0-0	10	1
Dean Tate	4-12	13-14	22	3
Jesse Bingham	1-4	2-2	4	2
David Bell	1-4	3-8	5	5
Jakobie Robinson	2-3	0-0	5	3
Joe Rush	3-6	1-2	8	4
Jaylen Moore	0-0	0-0	0	2
Shawn Beeler	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-41	19-26	54	20
Warren Central 3-point shooting (5-13)				

Cushingberry 2-3, Tate 1-6, Rush 1-2, Robinson

Warren Central rebounds (22) Bell 7, Robinson 5, Tate 3, Cushingberry 2, Bingham 2, Rush 2

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	team 1.				
	Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
	Cole Jenkins	3-10	2-5	8	4
	Eddie Gill	1-6	5-6	8	5
	Luke Heady	0-2	2-2	2	5
	Andrew Owens	3-5	0-0	6	2
	John Michael Mulloy	6-7	9-12	21	4
	Jalen Whack	1-3	0-0	3	3
	Alex Jackson	0-0	0-0	0	0
	Karsten Windlan	0-0	0-0	0	1
	Totals	14-33	18-25	48	24
Carmel 3-point shooting (2-10) Jenkins Gill 1-2				1-2,	
	Whack 1-2, Jenkins 0-4, Heady 0-2.				

Carmel rebounds (29) Mulloy 8, Jenkins 6, Owens 6, Gill 2, Heady 2, Whack 1, team 4. Score by Quarters 7 14 26 - 54 Warren Central 7

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