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## Noblesville cop graduates from FBI Academy in Quantico

### The REPORTER

The Noblesville Police Department is proud to announce the graduation of Lieutenant Robert Busalacchi from the 271st Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. Lt. Busalacchi graduated from the 10-week training program on March 16. This was the 271st session of the National Academy and consisted of 223 law enforcement officers from all over the U.S., District of Columbia, 18 international countries, five military organizations and five federal civilian organizations.

The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. The 10-week program – which provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication and forensic science – serves to improve the administration of jus-



Photo provided  
Christopher Wray, Director of the FBI (left) and Lieutenant Robert Busalacchi at the graduation of the 271st Session of the FBI National Academy on March 16.

tice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation worldwide.

Lt. Busalacchi joins a cadre of other leaders on

the department that have graduated from the academy to include:

- Lt. Curt Kinman, Session 212 in 2003
- Lt. Bruce Barnes, Session 221 in 2005
- Captain Brad Arnold,

- Session 224 in 2006
- Captain Jon Williams, Session 238 in 2009
- Captain Shannon Trump, Session 254 in 2013
- Lt. Shane Ginnan, Session 257 in 2014



Photo provided  
Students and parents from Noblesville Schools participated in the diversity forum on March 22.

## Noblesville forum discusses diversity

Last week Noblesville Schools offered several opportunities for community members to engage in discussions on several important issues we are all grappling with in



STEVE COOKE  
Deputy Mayor, Noblesville

our city, from school safety and security to children and technology – as well as one topic in particular that I was proud to be part of. The Diversity Forum held on March 22 was the first in a public education series centered on the power of diversity and inclusion.

About 150 attendees were on hand in the Noblesville High School auditorium to hear from a dozen students and parents who came to share stories from their perspectives in an effort to create greater awareness about our existing diversity, but also to shine a light on some uncomfortable truths that must be addressed.

This effort was launched by Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer who assembled a committee of representatives from Noblesville Schools, the City of Noblesville and Noblesville Chamber as well as local businesses, churches and concerned residents. As Dr. Nieder-

meyer reported in her opening remarks, after just two meetings, the Community Diversity Committee has already developed a mission and vision with plans for its first two events.

Our community doesn't often have these types of conversations in such a public forum – probably because we're afraid of saying the "wrong thing" or something offensive. However, despite how uncomfortable the topic may be for some, the problems of discrimination and intolerance cannot be overcome by silence – it requires a willingness to share and a willingness to listen.

For me, after hearing each student and parent's story, I felt a mixture of emotions. It's troubling to hear about incidents of racism and bigotry right here in our backyard. But the actions of one or two individuals do not define who we are as a city. We have to come together as a community to respond to such ugliness.

But I also came away with an even greater sense of pride in Noblesville.

Watching the stage and listening to students from

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## Nurses ask to remain HSE employees

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



The Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools administration presented a proposal, contracting with Community Health to employ school nurses, but the nurses spoke out clearly that they want to continue as employees of the school district. The board took no action and Superintendent Allen Bourff told the board administrators will be working to answer questions in the next few weeks before the board is asked to vote on any contract.

Every school building in the HSE District has a nurse which has been employed by the school corporation. These nurses have roughly the same benefit package teachers and

most other school district employees enjoy.

Based on a presentation from HSE's Chief Financial Officer Mike Reuter, some nurses pay would remain the same and some would see a salary increase as a result of the proposed change. But the benefits would be very different if the nurses were to become employees of Community Health Network.

For example, spouses would not always be covered in the Community health insurance plan, the HSE employee plan covers spouses. The annual out-of-pocket employee amount for HSE workers health costs is \$4,000, for Community it is \$11,400.

Nurses covered by the Public Employee Retirement Fund (PERF) as school employees would no longer be covered under a defined benefit plan (monthly annuity payments after retirement). Nurses vested in the system could



Photo provided  
HSE High School Nurse Beth Hanover speaks before the board asking to remain a school district employee.

get the PERF annuity, but since the formula uses years of service and age, many vested nurses would likely

wait into their 60s to be eligible for annuity payments

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## Thieves gain access to garages in Fishers

WISH-TV  
[wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

The Fishers Police Department has received from six to eight reports of vehicle break-ins in recent days where thieves have stolen garage door openers and entered residents' garages.

Fishers Police Sgt. Tom Weger said the incidents occurred in the Masthead neighborhood near 106th

Street and Geist Road. He said criminals have opened the doors of unlocked cars sitting in driveways, used the remote garage door opener to gain access to the garage, and stolen items from other cars inside the garage. Weger said the criminals have not gotten access to homes.

"Just by simply locking your doors, you can prevent becoming a victim

of a crime," said Weger, noting that residents who follow the so-called 9 p.m. routine have made it a daily habit to make sure their homes and vehicles are locked before turning in for the night.

Weger also recommended residents turn on exterior home lights and take valuables out of their cars, including the garage door opener.

"What we're asking people to do is help reduce the theft from vehicles that happen in Fishers from time to time," he said. "Along with the valuables we want you take out of the car, we want you to include the garage door opener."

In one theft instance this week, Fishers police said the suspect escaped

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## Carmel honors fallen hero with Christopher Tripp Zanetis Day

### The REPORTER

Mayor James Brainard has declared March 29, 2018, as "Christopher Tripp Zanetis Day" in honor of the Carmel native and Carmel High School graduate who was tragically killed at the age of 37 in a military helicopter crash along the border of Iraq and Syria on March 15. Zanetis was serving on a search and rescue mission at the time of the crash.

Mayor Brainard ordered all city flags to fly at half-staff Thursday and issued an official proclamation in honor of Zanetis. In addition to his service in the Air National Guard, Zanetis was a heroic firefighter and Fire Marshal in New York City and had recently graduated law school.



Zanetis

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## HSE

in retirement. Four school nurses took turns making their case before the school board to remain school district employees. They made arguments that the standard of care would change under Community Health, although Community took issue with that assertion. The board took the proposal under advisement

and plans to get answers to questions posed by the school nurses before the board receives a recommendation from school administrators. Under the proposed agreement, Community would employ the school nurses, operate the employee health center and take over sports medicine services.

Reuter told the board that Community's proposal to assume operational and financial responsibility for the school nurse program would result in estimated savings to the school corporation of \$1.5 million. If the board were to approve the proposal, the changeover for the nurses would happen in the 2019-2020 school year.

## DIVERSITY FORUM

Noblesville Schools, our community is well represented by individuals who come from far away countries, speak a variety of different languages and have made courageous decisions. Some have endured insults that no one should hear – that might have made them think twice about where they live. But they have chosen Noblesville and we are a better community for it.

In preparing for the event, my research also shined a light on some of the positive aspects of Noblesville's political past. I'm proud of the fact that Noblesville first elected a female mayor in 1980, one of the first cities in Hamilton County to do so.

Mayor Pat Logan served two terms in Noblesville before Mary Sue Rowland was elected mayor in 1988. Twenty years earlier, voters in 1968 elected C. Murphy White, a prominent community leader and African American, to our City Council where he served for 24 years.

While we should confront the truth about our past – including the parts we're not proud of – we also can celebrate where we stand today, a community that respects all individuals and celebrates diversity, while working to make even greater strides towards the progress we still hope to achieve.

As I said in my closing remarks, I want to

thank everyone who took the time from their busy schedules to attend the event, and especially the panelists who shared their stories and helped us all have a greater understanding of the perspectives they bring.

And this Diversity Forum was only the beginning. Thursday, April 26 marks the next event in the series, to be held at 7 p.m. in Noblesville City Hall. A professional facilitator will be on hand to lead a session about stereotypes and implicit bias. I hope to see you there and I look forward to being part of the learning process that is making Noblesville an even better community than it is today.

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the crime scene by relying on the kindness of Fishers neighbors.

"In this particular situation the resident unknowingly gave a ride to one of the suspects and transported him out of the area as we were in route to the area to try to locate the suspects," Weger said.

As for how to prevent that, he urged common sense.

"We narrowly avoided a tragedy," Weger said. "Good people have a natural tendency to help other people, but we can't let our natural tendencies cloud our good judgment. And,

so, we need common sense to prevail in these types of situations."

Susan Lew, homeowners association president in the Geist Harbor area, said she was shocked and saddened to hear of the vehicle break-ins.

"Locking the car doors is a huge deterrent to criminal activity and one that we can't stress enough," Lew said.

She noted the neighborhoods in the area have the added protection of a private security company, Geist Patrol, to keep homes safe, but said safety begins with homeowners.

"That's all of our responsibility to be vigilant," she said. "We don't want our residents to feel alarmed. We just want them to take good precautionary measures to prevent any crime from happening."

If you have a built-in garage door opener in your vehicle and it works even when the car is off, Weger recommended you disengage the garage door opener inside the garage.

Fishers Police can answer safety questions or take any information about the recent vehicle break-ins at 317-595-3300.

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# Reader foresees legal battles over Carmel rental ban

Dear Editor:

Regarding the March 29 article on Carmel at odds with the state's new law allowing short term rentals for primary property, I agree with Jeff Worrell and what I understand to be Carmel's position against this law.

While we are not residents of Carmel it won't be long before we see this trend in other communities given this state law. Perhaps this might work in urban condo settings but we do not live in an environment today where I think we should be comfortable with the comings and goings of strangers at all hours of the day and night! That certainly seems contrary to the government's admonition of citizens, "If You See Something, Say Something"!

The interview and report of David McGuire's statement that he knows people that have "made pretty good money" would seem to emphasize the motivation for any homeowner. I am disappointed that lawmakers put the heavy hand of the state on what I believe clearly should be a local ordinance. So now it will probably require costly legal battles to resolve conflicts with suburban community association rules and this new state law.

**George Hodgson**  
Noblesville

# Mark F. Hall responds to Steve Schwartz

Dear Editor:

I am writing in direct reply to my opponent's "case for Council" published on March 28 where he poses the question asking what I have done in the last 180 months. I am not accustomed to talking about the civic and charitable things in my life. But since he asked, here you go. In the last 180 months here is what "I've been doing":

- Launched and run "Feeding Families" charity, which provides groceries to indigent and impoverished neighbors in central Indiana. This year we've been blessed to help feed over 5,000 people that otherwise would go hungry. [txcorp.com/feeding-families](http://txcorp.com/feeding-families)
- Serving as a founding board member and President of Freedom International School (501c3) which feeds and educates over 260 children in the Dominican Republic. [itisforfreedom.com](http://itisforfreedom.com)
- Serve as Board member and facilitator for Truth at Work (501c3) a 600-member Christian Executive Roundtable Leadership organization that serves tens of thousands of employees right here in Central Indiana. [truthatwork.org](http://truthatwork.org)
- Teaching "Jobs for Life" classes to inmates from the Duvall Residential Center and local second chance young adults. [indy.gov/eGov/County/Corrections/Services/Residential/Pages/duvall-res-facility.aspx](http://indy.gov/eGov/County/Corrections/Services/Residential/Pages/duvall-res-facility.aspx)
- Teaching Sunday school, serving in choir and worship teams at Harbour Shores Church. [harbour-shores.org](http://harbour-shores.org)
- Coached Softball for hundreds of Hamilton County children. As the first 18U Shockwaves head coach. I had the opportunity to serve many families; teach, train and help them get college scholarships for their children.
- Appeared in the Hamilton County Passion Play, Behold the Lamb for 14 of the last 15 years. Presenting the Easter message to over 6,000 people annually.
- Volunteer Softball Coach at IUPUI for three years.

Additionally, and on the business front – in the last 180 months I've started five new companies, made 774 Friday payrolls, employed thousands of Hoosiers, signed the front of thousands of paychecks and provided health benefits to hundreds of our neighbors.

I am not a special man. I simply seek to serve the people in a new and different way. This election is a choice of whom the people of District 3 want to serve them. I applaud my opponent's service. I applaud the service of the other long-term office holders too. I simply believe that it's beyond time for a fresh set of eyes to represent us at the council.

So, thank you for asking the question. I am happy to stake my last 180 months side by side and let the people choose who is best to serve them.

**Mark F. Hall**  
Hamilton County Council Candidate

# Eggs in Cicero's Saturday forecast



File photos provided by Rusty Miller

Easter eggs will fall from the skies Saturday at the Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, Cicero. Registration opens at 10 a.m. and eggs drop at 11 a.m. You can also pre-register at [cicerochristianchurch.org](http://cicerochristianchurch.org). There will be prizes, bunnies and, of course, Easter eggs falling from a helicopter. (Right) Last year at the Cicero Community Park 5,000 eggs rained down and kids quickly scrambled to collect them all. This year we have heard rumors of inflatables, photo booths, baby chicks and coffee for adults. Yes, you read that correctly: There will be coffee!



# Stop 'wining' and find Sheridan's eggs!



File photos provided by Christina (Chris) Miller

Blackhawk Winery, 28153 West Ditch Road, Sheridan, will play host to their third annual adult Easter egg hunt from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The day will be filled with music, drawings for prizes, wine and multiple egg hunts. [Click here](#) for tickets and more details.

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U.S. Army Veteran Gary Barnett talks with Jeremy Oesterling, Indy Honor Flight, and Jim Castor, U.S. Army Veteran, World War II, and other veterans at the recent Veterans Appreciation Breakfast hosted by the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

## Local DAR Chapter holds Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

### The REPORTER

The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held a Veterans Appreciation Breakfast as part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of deployment of U.S. troops to Vietnam and the 40th anniversary of the final withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" recognizes the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and is part of a national effort to honor the men and women who

were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago.

The United States Congress has designated March 29 of each year to be recognized as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

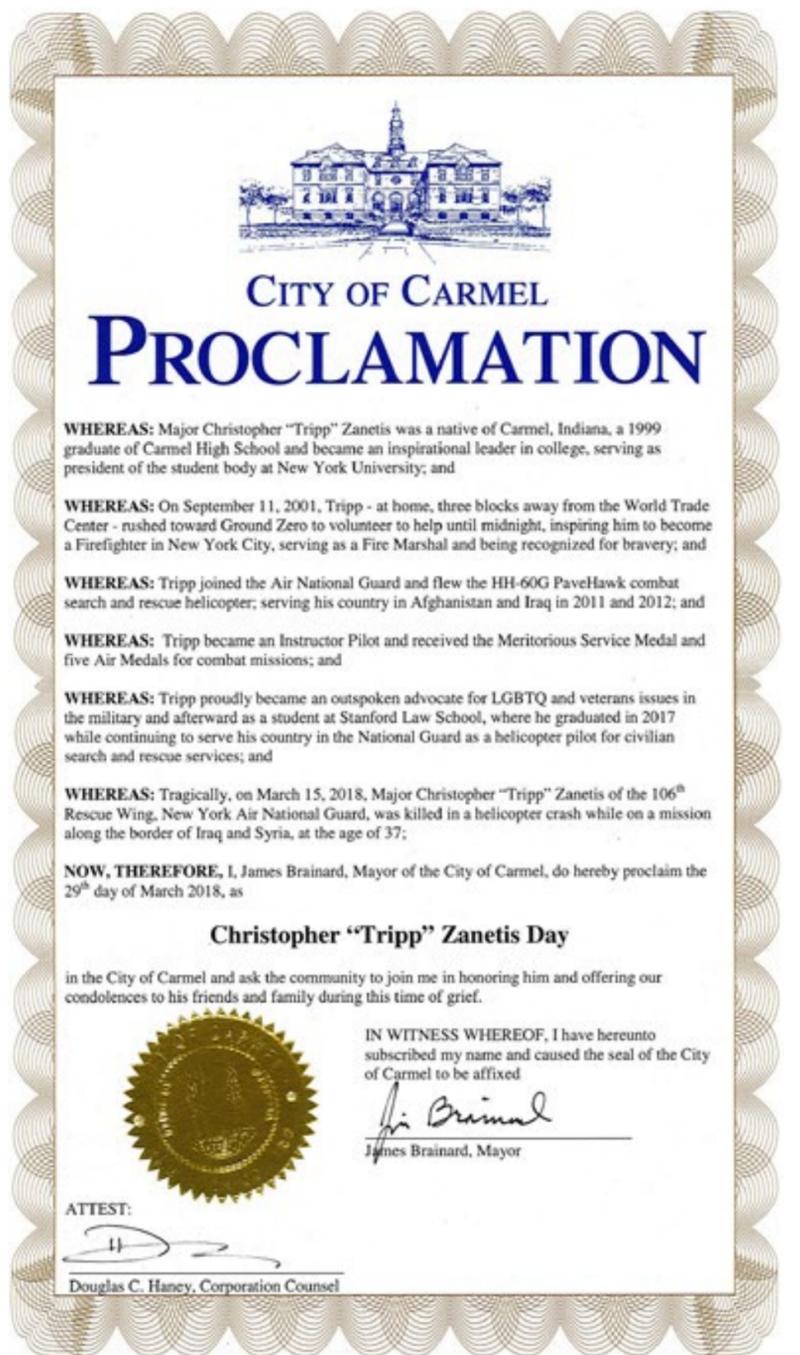
The March 24 breakfast was held at the Noblesville Township Community Center. Korean veterans as well as two WWII veterans joined the event. Lively discussions were enjoyed as veterans shared stories of their service. Mayor John Ditslear, a Navy veteran, stopped by

to greet and thank his fellow veterans for their service.

Refreshments were served by the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, music was provided by local musician Bruce McMahon, and a presentation was given by Jeremy Oesterling, with Indy Honor Flight, an organization dedicated to coordinating travel to Washington, D.C. to attend WWII, Korean, and Vietnam memorials. Information about the Indy Honor Flight program can be found at [indyhonorflight.org](http://indyhonorflight.org).

## ZANETIS DAY

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"This was a tragic loss of a true hero who had served his country in many ways. I am asking the community today to join me in honoring Tripp and in extending our con-

dolences to his family and friends," said Mayor Brainard.

Zanetis was a 1999 graduate of Carmel High School, where he was on the high school diving

team and the Ambassador's show choir before leaving for college and his career as a firefighter and helicopter pilot in the military. [Read his complete obituary here.](#)

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# Riverview Health to hold Innovations in Joint Replacement Seminar

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health will host a joint replacement seminar from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

Dr. Jeffrey Ginther, a board-certified and fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon, will discuss cutting-edge techniques for joint replacements. He will also share the advantages of using cryoneurolysis to ease post-operative pain, as well as his expertise in computer-assisted surgery for knee replacements and the direct anterior approach for hip replacements.

The Innovations in Joint Replacement seminar will take place at Riverview Health in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room,



**Ginther**

located in the lower level of the Women's Pavilion. A light dinner will be served. The program is free, but registration is required. Register at [riverview.org/classes](http://riverview.org/classes) or call 317-776-7999.

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# Indoor Pickleball season to close in April

**The REPORTER**

With the indoor Pickleball open gym season at the Recreation Annex ending on April 24, Noblesville Parks and Recreation is excited to announce its end of season tournament.

The annual tournament will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 13. Teams must pre-register by April 11. Cost is \$10 per team. First prize winners will take home a 12-visit punch pass valued at \$50. For more information or to register a team, contact the parks department at (317) 770-5750 or visit [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org).

Because of maintenance, the Recreation Annex will be closed on Sunday, April 15. Any re-opening delays for April 16 will be announced on the parks department's social media accounts.

While the indoor season is about to close, Noblesville Parks Department is happy to announce the resurfacing of the tennis courts to create two combination Pickleball/tennis courts for outdoor play at Forest Park. Additional Pickleball courts are being planned at Finch Creek Park, the city's sixth public park which is under construction near Boden Road.

The Recreation Annex will be available throughout spring and summer for rentals like sport practices, Pickleball clubs, birthday parties or other organizations wanting to use the space. The annex is available for rent at \$50 per court and \$85 for the full gym. Nonprofit rental rates are available. For rental information and availability, contact Nichole Haberlin at (317) 770-5750 or [nhaberlin@noblesville.in.us](mailto:nhaberlin@noblesville.in.us).

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Letters to the Editor addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until 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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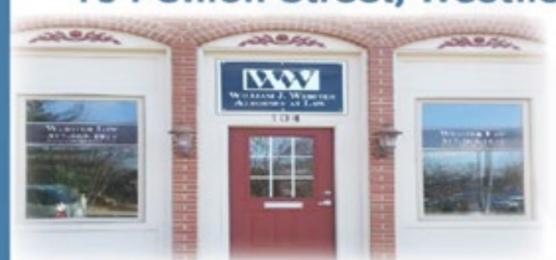
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# Health expert warns about danger of abusing over-the-counter drugs

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The abuse of over-the-counter drugs continues to be a problem.

A local health expert is warning about the dangers of abusing OTCs. Jim Mowry is a toxicologist at Indiana University Health said those with drug abuse problems will use over-the-counter drugs to self-medicate an opioid withdraw or use them to get high.

"With an opioid withdrawal, you have nausea, vomiting, sweating, you really feel bad. Opioid withdrawal is not life-threatening in most cases, it's just very uncomfortable so what they're trying to do is trying to take the edge off of that feeling uncomfortable," Mowry said.

In February, there was a case in Bartholomew Coun-

ty where a man died after he overdosed on Imodium, a medicine commonly used to treat diarrhea.

Imodium abuse has grown in popularity. In late January, the FDA put new restrictions on Imodium packaging to reduce the amount of doses in each packet.

"Imodium doesn't just have the opioid effects, it also has very profound effects on the heart and so when we're seeing people coming in with arrhythmia or abnormal heart rates and we have actually had people die from this," Mowry added.

Loperamide is the active ingredient in Imodium. That ingredient alone is a synthetic opioid.

"The way that Imodium works to stop diarrhea is that we actually have opioid receptors in our gut and ba-

sically what it does is slow down the gut," Mowry said.

In small doses, Imodium is not harmful but when abuses take 200-300 pills at a time to either get a high or combat a withdraw, it is extremely dangerous.

Mowry said it has been reported of people using Benadryl for the self-treatment of GHB abuse along with Robitussin, which is known as Robo-tripping.

He said drugs should be stored away.

"Most of your drugs should actually be in a locked cabinet. You never know who's going to come over. If you have children come over it's almost impossible to police the area and make sure they're not exploring and getting into something so we recommend as a general rule things should be in a locked cabinet."

# Join fellow classic film buffs at Hamilton North Public Library

## The REPORTER

Old movie buffs, film junkies and all others interested in a Saturday afternoon at the movies are invited to join Hamilton North Public Library's Classic Film Society. No fees, obligations, or contracts required. In fact, there's not even pressure to join. Simply hang out with other classic film fans one Saturday a month for a movie, snacks, trivia and conversation.

Viewing the past through the lens of cinema in the company of other like-minded film enthusiasts is fun. It's not merely nostalgic, however. "There's truth in old movies," HNPL Director Ann Hoehn said. "They're authentic. They reflect his-

tory and the culture of that movie's time period."

She and others in the Classic Film Society also enjoy seeing well-known actors in their early years or before they became well-known. "I love seeing the actors as young stars," Hoehn commented.

Hoehn's favorite classic movie is Arsenic and Old Lace, but she's really looking forward to the April 21 showing of The Defiant Ones. This 1958 version, directed by Stanley Kramer, stars Sidney Poitier and Tony Curtis as two escaped convicts chained together, who must learn to get along to avoid capture. It will be shown at 2 p.m. at the Cicero branch at 209 W. Brinton St.

It's been said that "the

oldies are the goodies," but is it true? Certainly decades of cinema cannot be judged by a single movie, so the public is encouraged to frequent HNPL's monthly movie matinee. May's film is the 1951 version of Angels in the Outfield, starring Paul Douglas, Janet Leigh, and Keenan Wynn. It airs from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 at the Cicero branch.

The Classic Film Society movies, along with other library events, are listed on the HNPL calendar at [hnp.levanced.info/signup/calendar](http://hnp.levanced.info/signup/calendar) and its brochures may be picked up at the circulation desk in Cicero. Details may be obtained by calling HNPL-Cicero at 317-984-5623.



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 Matthew 23:17-18 (KJV)

## Patrick Joseph Powers June 11, 1945 – March 27, 2018



Patrick Joseph Powers, 72, passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on June 11, 1945 to Walter and Mary (Morris) Powers in New York, N.Y. Patrick had previously been a resident of Leonia, N.J. for 35 years.

Patrick had been an EMT for 35 years with St. Claire's, St. Vincent's Hospitals in New York City, and Our Lady of Mercy in Bronx, N.Y.; and was one of the first responders on Sept. 11, 2001. He was a former member of St. John's Evangelical Roman Catholic Church in Leonia, N.J., and proudly served his country with the United States Navy.



He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Cheryl Ann (Cullen); children, Christine, Patrick Jr., Daniel (Jessica) and Michael (Lauren); three sisters, Nora Fried, Margaret Wonzy and Eileen; and three grandchildren, Regan, Cael and Piper.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Walter, John, James and William.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St. in Noblesville. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Burial with military rites will follow at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to NYC First Responder Fund ([tunnel2towers.org/standtall](http://tunnel2towers.org/standtall)); Wounded Warrior Project ([woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)), P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517; or, American Diabetes Association, Indiana Office, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Arrangements**  
 Calling: 4 to 8 p.m., April 3  
 Location: Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary  
 Service: 11 a.m., April 4  
 Location: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church  
 Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

### Meeting Notice

The Cicero Town Council will meet in an executive session at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at the Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St., Cicero, IN, according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(B) For discussion of strategy with respect to the initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

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## Francis Eugene "Gene" Stuckey

August 30, 1937 – March 27, 2018

Francis Eugene "Gene" Stuckey, 80, passed away peacefully at his son's home in Bucyrus, Ohio, on Tuesday morning, March 27, 2018.

Born August 30, 1937 in Muncie he was the son of the late Dan and Martha (Heather) Stuckey. He was a graduate of Carmel High School. Gene was a lifelong farmer. For over 40 years, he was the owner and operator of Stuckey Farms located near Sheridan on the Boone / Hamilton County line. Between his vegetable plots, the wonderfully kept orchard and the farm market, he provided a much needed and appreciated service to the residents of Sheridan and the surrounding communities by providing them with farm fresh produce, year after year, without fail. Helping and caring for others was a guiding principle throughout his life.

During the 80s and 90s, Gene worked on multiple short term mission trips with CSI, building homes and schools. He attended Heartland Church. Gene is survived by the love of his life, Rosalyn Ann (Shoemaker) Stuckey. She and Gene were married on January 8, 1961. He is also survived by his two sons, Steven E. Stuckey (Diana), Sheridan; and Kent A. Stuckey (Laura), Bucyrus, Ohio; six grandchildren, Ben Stuckey, Zach Stuckey (Kelsey) and Ethan Stuckey (Hanna), all of Bucyrus, Ohio; Alicia Stuckey, Noblesville; Kristie Stuckey, Fairfax, Iowa; and Heather Correll (Travis), Sheridan; two great granddaughters, Waylynn Stuckey and Mayla Stuckey; one great-grandson, Haydin Correll; one great-grandchild on the way; and by his sister, Elanor Moffitt, Carmel.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018 at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Mts. Runn Cemetery in rural Boone County. Pastor Bill Salsbery and Bill Ashpaugh, Gene's good friend in Christ, will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please contribute to Heartland Ministries Church, 3611 State Road 19, Sharpsville, IN 46068.

**Arrangements**  
 Calling: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 30  
 Service: 2 p.m., March 30  
 Location: Kercheval Funeral Home  
 Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

## Gary Lee Melahn

August 7, 1951 – March 26, 2018

Gary Lee Melahn, 66, Sheridan, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday morning, March 26, 2018.

Born August 7, 1951 in South Bend, he was the son of the late Richard "Slim" and Lois (Gilbert) Melahn. After attending high school in South Bend, he enrolled at Indiana Barber College, graduating in 1971. In 2010 he retired from Indiana Bell / AT&T after 37 years of dedicated service.

Gary loved nature and enjoyed being outdoors. He also tried to stay as active as possible. He went bowling as often as he could and loved playing with his Bocci Ball team. He also tried to never miss a meeting of his local Florida Chapter of the R.E.M.O.'s (Retired Men Eating Out). Gary's family was his world. He had a deep devotion for his grandchildren, and he absolutely adored his mother in law, Anne Compton, who he affectionately called his outlaw. Gary also has a deep seeded passion for Notre Dame Athletics.

Gary is survived by his loving wife, Cheree (Louks) Melahn. She and Gary were married on August 1, 2014. He is also survived by his son Todd D. Melahn, Westfield; step son, Doug Hampton (Crystal), Murrieta, Calif.; his two daughters, Cary Marlow (Brandon), Sheridan; and Jessica Huff (Dustin), Martinsville; grandchildren, Jordan, Peyton, Austin, Jayden, Katie, Shawn, Shane, Savannah, Jeremiah, Abby, Addy, Belle and Landon; one brother, Rick Melahn; and his former wives, Pam Kellam and Karen Melahn. Gary is also survived by his canine BFF, Teddy, who misses him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Pam Michalski; step mother Mary Melahn, and his step brother Mike Stern.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date.

Memorial contributions may be presented to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

**Arrangements**  
 Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

## Dwight Samuel "Sam" Hensley, Jr.

September 21, 1950 – March 23, 2018

Dwight Samuel "Sam" Hensley, Jr., 67, Indianapolis, passed away Friday morning, March 23, 2018 at Harcourt Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Indianapolis.

Born September 21, 1950 in Linz, Austria, he was the son of the late Dwight Samuel, Sr. and Elsie (Jones) Hensley. Sam's father was a career military man, which gave him the unique opportunity to get to travel and see the world during his childhood years. He graduated from Lathrop High School in Fairbanks, Alaska, and entered the workforce shortly thereafter. Sam started his career working in various fields including sales, trading commodities for a short time, and hiring on as a mechanic with Warner Spring before landing in the Information Technology field. He worked as an IT specialist for many years with Navel Avionics and Ft. Benjamin Harrison before going to work with Conseco. Sam retired from Conseco where he had been an IT manager for many years. Retirement afforded him the time to do more reading and get in some more target shooting. It also gave him more time to putter around the garage and tinker with small motors. Sam still loved traveling, even as an adult, however the destinations became shorter and shorter in distance. He really came to appreciate just staying close to home.

Sam is survived by the love of his life, Bronda (Childress) Hensley. She and Sam were married on January 12, 1989. He is also survived by his son, Dale Ferebee, Indianapolis; his daughter, Patty Jo Hensley, Texas; several grandchildren; five brothers, Larry Hensley, Indianapolis; Mike Hensley, Greenfield; David Hensley, Daphane, Ala.; Jason Hensley (Jessica), Oklahoma; and Johnny Hensley (Aimee), Sheridan; three sisters, Earlene Steward (Lee), Indianapolis; Patty Thompson, Louisiana; and Diane Lowrey (Buz), Fairhope, Ala.; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Sam's Life is being planned for a later date.

Services have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

**Arrangements**  
 Condolences: [kerchevalfuneralhome.com](http://kerchevalfuneralhome.com)

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## Carmel girls tennis preview

# Experience, freshmen make for "different vibe"

 By RICHIE HALL  
 Reporter Sports Editor

The Carmel girls tennis program has five players back from last year's team, a team that won a state championship.

And yet, coach Spencer Fields says the Greyhounds "have a really different team this year in every capacity."

The reason why is a freshman class that contains several players who are expected to join the varsity lineup right away. Fields already named four ninth-graders that could likely or possibly be part of Carmel's varsity seven when it starts its season on April 12.

"We have players who are coming in as freshmen who are dynamic and talented," said Fields. "We have returning juniors who are now seniors who just seem so happy and excited with season."

Four of the juniors on last year's state champion lineup are back for their senior year. That includes Lauren Lemonds, who sailed her way through an undefeated season and clinched the individual state singles title as well. Lemonds will likely be at No. 1 singles throughout the season.

The Greyhounds' probable No. 2 singles player is freshman Soren Liechter. Fields calls Liechter "a blue-chip freshman" who has been giving a challenge to Lemonds.

"She is a freshman versus a senior, but she pushes Lauren," said Fields. "It's good."

Senior Kiersten Carlson, who played No. 1 singles for the 'Hounds as a freshman, is also back. Carlson is headed to the University of Toledo and is currently slated for a spot at No. 1 doubles.

"It's her true passion, is playing doubles, and so I think this year we'll probably try to play her at 1 doubles," said Fields.

Freshman Sydney Morris is the likely No. 3 singles player, although Fields said that she could team up with Carlson to play doubles. Two more freshman are also in the mix for varsity spots, Emma Brune and Leila Antony.

"It's different," said Fields. "It's seldom that you get this many freshmen coming in all at once, who all are really driven and love the sport and are just very pleasant people. It definitely has brought a hugely different vibe to the team. They are, it seems, like years beyond their freshman years. They seem really mature and just wise. They smile a lot and have fun and enjoy the game."

Don't forget about some of the returning players, too. Seniors Julia Miller and Grace Marchese played No. 1 doubles for Carmel during the state tournament last year. Junior Apurva Manas is also back; she played at No. 2 doubles last season. Juniors Selena Liu and Franny Werner also played some varsity matches last year; Werner filled in at No. 3 singles when the regular player was injured.

"We have a lot of experience and at the same point a lot of talent and people excited about the season," said Fields.

With all of the experience and talent, the Greyhounds obviously have aspirations of another state championship.

"We don't talk much about it, but obviously I think that's the goal year in and year out at Carmel," said Fields. The coach said right now the team is having fun, which he said is a "really healthy thing."

The Greyhounds will open their season at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center with a huge dual meet. Carmel will welcome Sacred Heart from Louisville on April 11, the No. 1 team in Kentucky.

"We're going to come fresh off of Spring Break and then we have the best team in Kentucky," said Fields. "That'll be a fun match."

### Carmel roster

Seniors: Sandyha Akella, Kiersten Carlson, Neeti Dave, Seema Dhungana, Lauren Lemonds, Grace Marchese, Julia Miller, Jacqueline Street.  
 Juniors: Lauren Black, Sara Cooler,



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel freshman Leila Antony chats with assistant coach Stacey Evans during the Greyhounds' scrimmage with Brown County on Wednesday. Antony is one of several freshman on this year's Carmel team.

Hannah Kosc, Selena Liu, Apurva Manas, Franny Werner.  
 Sophomores: Anna Berger, Shreya Bothra, Isabel Brandt, Varuna Dhana-bal, Paige Fulkerson, Sophie Gates, Briana Hernandez, Leslie Huang, Ana Mercado, Kris Otten, Reagan Raymond, Jamine Rosewell, Julianne

Sendon, Kelli Singell, Mary Stafford, Lara Staton, Emme Walschlager, Vivian Zhang.

Freshmen: Leila Antony, Ella Becker, Janvi Bhatia, Emma Brune, Katelyn Conely, Soren Liechter, Kayliegh Lloyd, Sydney Morris, Anjali Natarajan, Carol Syverson.

## Hamilton County girls tennis schedules

### CARMEL

All home matches are played at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center, which is next to Carmel Stadium (136th Street and Keystone Parkway).

April 11: Sacred Heart (Ky.), 4:30 p.m.  
 April 14: Center Grove, 10 a.m.  
 April 17: Guerin Catholic, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 18: at West Lafayette, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 19: Zionsville, 5 p.m.  
 April 21: Carmel Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 April 24: at Cathedral, 5 p.m.  
 April 26: North Central, 4:45 p.m.  
 May 2: Park Tudor, 5 p.m.  
 May 3: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.  
 May 3: MIC meet, 5 p.m. at Ben Davis  
 May 5: MIC meet, 8:30 a.m. at Ben Davis  
 May 8: at Columbus North, 5:30 p.m.  
 May 9: Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
 May 10: at Fishers, 5 p.m.

### FISHERS

April 11: Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 14: at Warsaw Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 April 17: New Palestine, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 18: TBA, 5:15 p.m.  
 April 24: Avon, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 25: at North Central, 5 p.m.  
 April 27: at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
 April 30: at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.  
 May 1: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.

May 5: HCC meet, 9 a.m. at Hamilton Southeastern

May 8: at Guerin Catholic, 5:15 p.m.  
 May 10: TBA, 5 p.m.  
 May 12: at Brebeuf Jesuit, 10 a.m.  
 May 15: Lawrence Central, 5 p.m.

### GUERIN CATHOLIC

April 3: Cathedral, 5 p.m.  
 April 16: at Noblesville, 5 p.m.  
 April 17: at Carmel, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 18: at Roncalli, 5 p.m.  
 April 19: at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.  
 April 20: South Bend St. Joseph, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 23: Lafayette Central Catholic, 5 p.m.  
 April 24: North Central, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 26: at Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.  
 April 30: Lawrence Central, 5 p.m.  
 May 1: at Heritage Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 2: Zionsville, 5 p.m.  
 May 3: at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
 May 5: Munster, 2 p.m.  
 May 7: at Bishop Chatard, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 8: Fishers, 5 p.m.  
 May 10: Brownsburg, 5 p.m.

### HAMILTON HEIGHTS

April 10: Alexandria, 5 p.m.  
 April 11: Taylor, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 12: Maconaquah, 5 p.m.  
 April 14: Lewis Cass, 11 a.m.  
 April 16: Tipton, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 18: at Frankton, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 19: at Northwestern, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 21: at Pendleton Heights, 11 a.m.  
 April 23: Western, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 24: at Heritage Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 26: Elwood, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 1-4: Hoosier Conference meet, 5 p.m. at

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## Royals drop opener to Cathedral

The Hamilton Southeastern girls tennis team lost its season-opening dual meet to Cathedral Wednesday 4-1.

The Royals picked up their win at No. 3 singles, where Tea Vrkic beat Cole Spau in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5. The No. 1 doubles team of Georgia Templin and Taylor Cleary took the Irish's Bella Montefalco and Cassie Kronenberger to a third-set super tiebreak before falling 0-6, 7-6 (4), 10-3.

Southeastern's next match is at Zionsville on April 11.

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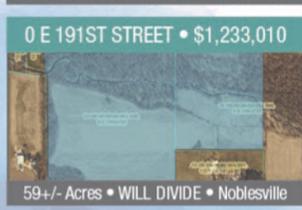
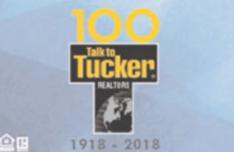
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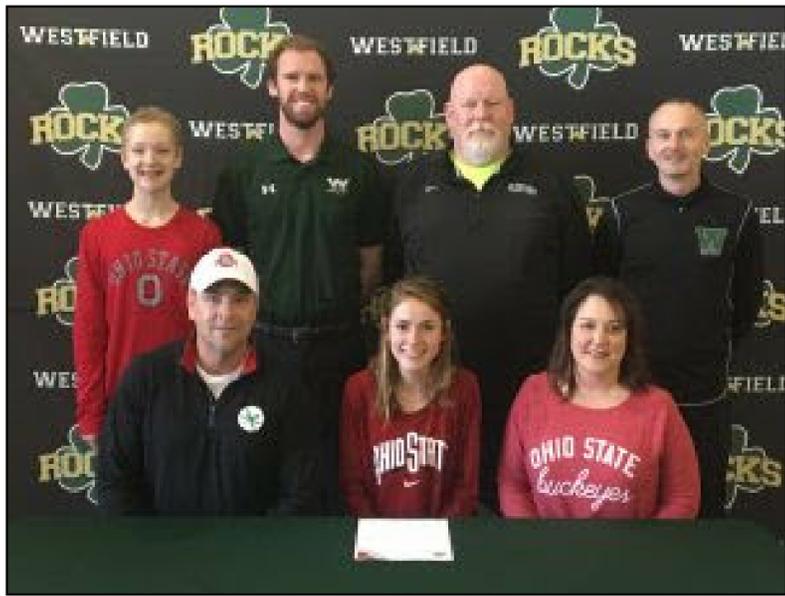


# Westfield college athletic signings

Photos courtesy Westfield High School



Margaret Wentz has signed her letter of intent to play Golf at Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. Margaret is a four-year varsity letter winner on the golf team. She helped lead the 'Rocks to four IHSAA state finals appearances with three IHSAA state runner-up finishes. Individually, she placed in the top 25 at the state finals her sophomore and junior year. Margaret is a member of the National Junior Honor Society at WHS and was Honorable Mention Academic All-State in Girls Golf her senior year. In college, Margaret plans to study Design and Business. Pictured in the front row sitting alongside Margaret are her parents, Roger and Dorothy Wentz. In back are Trevor Neu, varsity head girls golf coach and Josh Bryant, varsity assistant girls golf coach.



Gabrielle Dilick has signed her letter of intent to run track and cross country at the Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. Gabrielle is a four-year varsity letter winner in both track and cross country at WHS and earned Mental Attitude Awards for both sports. She was named Honorable Mention All Hoosier Crossroads Conference as well in both sports. In track, she has been a team captain her junior and senior years. At Ohio State, Gabrielle plans to major in Nursing. Pictured in the front row sitting alongside Gabrielle are her parents, Michael and Julie Dilick. In back are Luke Dilick, brother; Josh Wachtel, assistant cross country and track coach; Roger Wachtel, varsity head track coach and Shane Moore, varsity head cross country coach.

## SCHEDULES

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**Twin Lakes**  
 May 8: at Lapel, 5 p.m.  
 May 12: at Madison-Grant, 10 a.m.  
 May 14: at Eastern, 5 p.m.

**HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN**  
 April 11: at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 16: North Central, 5 p.m.  
 April 17: Noblesville, 5 p.m.

April 19: at Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 21: at Park Tudor Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 April 23: Avon, 5 p.m.  
 April 26: Westfield, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 27: Fishers, 5 p.m.  
 April 28: at Delta Invitational, 8:30 a.m.  
 May 1: at Lawrence North, 5 p.m.  
 May 3: Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.  
 May 5: HCC meet, 9 a.m. at Hamilton South-

eastern  
 May 9: at Carmel, 5 p.m.  
 May 12: at Brownsburg JV Invite, 9 a.m.

**NOBLESVILLE**  
 All home matches take place at Noblesville East Middle School (1625 Field Drive).  
 April 11: Lawrence North, 5:15 p.m.  
 April 12: at Zionsville, 5:15 p.m.  
 April 16: Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.  
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 May 10: Bishop Chatard, 5:15 p.m.

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 April 9: Shortridge, 5 p.m.  
 April 11: Western Boone, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 12: Zionsville freshmen, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 13: Tiger Tennis, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 17: Heritage Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 19: Cardinal Ritter, 5 p.m.  
 April 20: at Pioneer Conference Tournament, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 23: Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.

April 25: at Westfield, 5 p.m.  
 April 26: Brebeuf Jesuit freshmen, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 27: Indpls. Northwest, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 30: Crispus Attucks, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 2: Covenant Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 5: Pioneer Conference Tournament, 5:30 p.m. at Ball State  
 May 7: International, 5 p.m. at West Indy Racquet Club  
 May 9: Seecina, 4:30 p.m. at Ellenberger Park  
 May 10: at Guerin Catholic, 4:30 p.m.  
 May 14: Broad Ripple, 4:30 p.m.

**WESTFIELD**  
 April 9: at Zionsville, 5 p.m.  
 April 12: Lawrence Central, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 13: at Heritage Christian, 5 p.m.  
 April 14: at Noblesville, noon  
 April 16: Brownsburg, 5 p.m.  
 April 18: at Harrison, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 19: at Avon, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 21: at Crawfordsville Invitational, 9 a.m.  
 April 25: University, 5 p.m.  
 April 26: at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.  
 April 30: Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
 May 3: at Lebanon, 5 p.m.  
 May 5: HCC meet, 9 a.m. at Hamilton Southeastern  
 May 7: Pendleton Heights, 5:30 p.m.  
 May 8: at Cathedral, 5 p.m.  
 May 11: Park Tudor, 5 p.m.  
 May 12: at Brownsburg JV Invite, 9 a.m.  
 May 14: Lapel, 5:30 p.m.

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# NBA standings

Thursday's scores	
Detroit 103, Washington 92	
Miami 103, Chicago 92	
San Antonio 103, Oklahoma City 99	
Indiana 106, Sacramento 103	
Milwaukee 116, Golden State 107	

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Toronto	55	20	.733	-
x - Boston	52	23	.693	3.0
x - Philadelphia	44	30	.595	10.5
New York	27	49	.355	28.5
Brooklyn	24	51	.320	31.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Cleveland	45	30	.600	-
x - Indiana	45	31	.592	0.5
Milwaukee	40	35	.533	5.0
Detroit	35	40	.467	10.0
Chicago	24	51	.320	21.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	41	34	.547	-
Miami	41	35	.539	0.5
Charlotte	34	42	.447	7.5
Orlando	22	52	.297	18.5
Atlanta	21	54	.280	20.0

x - clinched playoff berth

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	46	29	.613	-
Oklahoma City	44	32	.579	2.5
Minnesota	43	33	.566	3.5
Utah	42	33	.560	4.0
Denver	40	35	.533	6.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
y - Golden State	54	21	.720	-
L.A. Clippers	41	34	.547	13.0
L.A. Lakers	33	41	.446	20.5
Sacramento	24	52	.316	30.5
Phoenix	19	57	.250	35.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
z - Houston	61	14	.813	-
New Orleans	44	32	.579	17.5
San Antonio	43	32	.573	18.0
Dallas	23	52	.307	38.0
Memphis	21	54	.280	40.0

y - clinched division

z - clinched conference

# MLB standings

Thursday's scores		Milwaukee 2, San Diego 1, 12 innings	
Chicago Cubs 8, Miami 4		Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 5	
N.Y. Mets 9, St. Louis 4		Chicago White Sox 14, Kansas City 7	
Baltimore 3, Minnesota 2, 11 innings		San Francisco 1, L.A. Dodgers 0	
Houston 4, Texas 1		Seattle 2, Cleveland 1	
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 1		Arizona 8, Colorado 2	
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 4		Pittsburgh at Detroit, postponed	
Oakland 6, L.A. Angels 5, 11 innings		Washington at Cincinnati, postponed	

## American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.00	-
N.Y. Yankees	1	0	1.00	-
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.00	-
Boston	0	1	.000	1.0
Toronto	0	1	.000	1.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	1	0	1.00	-
Detroit	0	0	.000	0.5
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1.0
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1.0
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	1	0	1.00	-
Oakland	1	0	1.00	-
Seattle	1	0	1.00	-
L.A. Angels	0	1	.000	1.0
Texas	0	1	.000	1.0

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	1	0	1.00	-
N.Y. Mets	1	0	1.00	-
Washington	0	0	.000	0.5
Miami	0	1	.000	1.0
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	1	0	1.000	-
Milwaukee	1	0	1.00	-
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	0.5
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	0.5
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	1	0	1.00	-
San Francisco	1	0	1.00	-
Colorado	0	1	.000	1.0
L.A. Dodgers	0	1	.000	1.0
San Diego	0	1	.000	1.0

## Plawecki 2-for-3 on Opening Day

Westfield's Kevin Plawecki had a sensational day as part of the New York Mets' Opening Day win over the St. Louis Cardinals, 9-4 at Citi Field on Thursday. The catcher Plawecki was 2-for-3 at the plate, scoring two runs and batting in one more. Plawecki scored his runs in the second and fifth inning, then singled in the Mets' final run of the game in the eighth inning, scoring Asdrubal Cabrera. The Mets are off today and will continue their series with St. Louis Saturday at Citi Field. The first pitch will be at 1:10 p.m.

## Oladipo's fourth quarter lifts Pacers to win over Kings

**BY WHEAT HOTCHKISS**  
**Courtesy nba.com/pacers**  
 The Sacramento Kings were eliminated from playoff contention a long time ago, but they provided a formidable challenge to the playoff-bound Pacers on Thursday night.

The Pacers, however, have one thing the Kings do not — an All-Star.

Victor Oladipo rose to the occasion down the stretch, scoring 13 of Indiana's final 19 points to lift the Pacers (45-31) to a 106-103 win over Sacramento (24-52).

"Credit them, they played really hard," Oladipo told FOX Sports Indiana's Jeremiah Johnson after the win. "They made some big shots down the stretch, some unbelievable shots. We did a good job of just staying poised and getting the shots we wanted."

With just five minutes to play, Indiana held a narrow 92-91 lead. But the Pacers seemingly pulled away, reeling off seven unanswered points to open up an eight-point lead with 3:02 to play.

The Kings, however, would not go quietly into the night. The Kings slowly clawed their way back, with Buddy Hield knocking down a pair of free throws with 30.1 seconds remaining to trim the deficit to 99-98.

Oladipo answered on the other end, coming off a Myles Turner screen and calmly knocking down a 3-pointer with 17.9 seconds to play. Hield answered with a long two on the other end, but Bojan Bogdanovic knocked down two free throws for Indiana to make it a four-point game.

Bogdan Bogdanovic (no relation) buried a deep three for Sacramento with 4.3 seconds remaining, but Oladipo hit two more free throws with 2.5 seconds left and the Kings — out of timeouts — could only manage a desperation heave that missed wide at the buzzer.

"The road is tough," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said. "These guys again found a way tonight to win another game on the road. Sacramento played good basketball tonight. They played loose, they hit some tough shots."

"We knew it was going to be a challenge

tonight, but our guys stayed with it."

Bogdanovic led the Blue & Gold with 25 points, while Oladipo added 24 points, five rebounds, and two steals as Indiana reeled off its fourth straight win. The Pacers remain in contention for a top-four seed in the Eastern Conference (and homecourt advantage in the first round of the playoffs), as they are currently in fifth place, just a game back of both Cleveland and Philadelphia in the loss column.

"We know it's going to be tough obviously with these road games," Oladipo said about chasing a top-four seed. "But if we take it one game at a time, we can accomplish it. That's what we're focused on."

Both teams got off to a fast start offensively in a back-and-forth first quarter that ended with the score knotted at 28. Oladipo led all scorers with nine points in the frame, going a perfect 4-for-4 from the field.

Sacramento scored the first five points of the second quarter and led by as many as seven in the period. The Pacers, however, dominated the latter half of the quarter, outscoring the Kings 26-14 over the final seven minutes of the first half to take a 61-56 lead into the break.

Both teams slowed down a bit in the third quarter, but the game remained closed. Cory Joseph's pullup jumper with 7.8 seconds remaining in the frame gave Indiana a 79-77 lead, but Frank Mason III answered on the other end with a stepback shot at the buzzer to tie game heading into the fourth.

Thaddeus Young joined Bogdanovic and Oladipo in double figures for the Pacers, finishing with 18 points on 8-of-13 shooting and eight rebounds.

Bogdan Bogdanovic led the Kings with 21 points, while Hield added 20 points, seven rebounds, and four assists off the bench. Willie Cauley-Stein scored 17 of his 19 points in the first half while also adding seven rebounds and five assists.

After two straight wins to start their four-game West Coast road trip, the Pacers have two days off before they take the court again on Sunday in L.A. against the Clippers at 3:30 p.m.

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