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Noblesville sued for parking ticket due process violation

The REPORTER

According to a class action lawsuit from attorneys William Webster, Joe Duepner and Andrew Dollard, the City of Noblesville has been violating the constitutional rights of every citizen who has been issued a parking ticket in the last several decades.

According to Webster, there is no procedure in place to dispute a parking ticket issued by the City of Noblesville. The City issues a ticket, they charge you fines, and if you do not pay the fines they will immobilize your vehicle with a 'boot' or tow it.

If your unpaid tickets result

in booting your vehicle, under the current traffic code, you have to sign a contract agreeing to pay the tickets. If you refuse to sign the contract they tow the vehicle.

"This is a violation of due process," Webster said. "The government is not allowed to take your property without affording you due process."

Attorney Carla Garino, Webster's law partner, spear-



Webster



Garino

headed the research and drafted the class action suit. She noted that this is based on research in other jurisdictions where there were no procedures in place to dispute parking violations.

"The Noblesville traffic code needs to be changed in order to afford people due process rights before their property interests are taken away," Garino said.

The suit, which was filed in Hamilton County Superior Court 3 under Judge William Hughes, asked for both injunctive relief and an award of damages to people who were issued tickets or had their vehicles either immobilized or towed without the possibility to dispute or appeal the action.

The injunction requested that the City of Noblesville stop issuing parking tickets until they change their procedure to account for due process.

The lawsuit reads in part that the enforcement of Noblesville's traffic code, "dating

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Commissioners repeal, replace sign ordinance

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Commissioners on Tuesday conducted an emergency meeting with the primary topic being the recently passed controversial sign ordinance.

During the meeting, Commissioners Altman and Heirbrandt voted to repeal the ordinance passed in February that prompted county council candidate Rick Sharp to file a lawsuit.

Sharp and his attorney, Timothy Stoesz, allege the ordinance violated Sharp's First Amendment right to free political speech.

Immediately following the vote, the commissioners then put in place a new ordinance that more clearly defines a county right-of-way, information on how the public can obtain specific right-of-way information, outlines how sign owners can retrieve signs collected from rights-of-way and provides an appeal process.

County Attorney Mike Howard explained that any person seeking information about a right-of-way may call the Hamilton County Highway Department at 317-773-7770 or email county.highway@hamiltoncounty.in.gov. The ordinance states requests must specifically identify the location of the right-of-way by street location.

Commissioner Christine Altman indicated rights-of-way are also available on the county's website GIS mapping service.

The new ordinance now identifies a county-owned right-of-way as:

- The area between a Hamilton County street and the furthest edge of a public trail or sidewalk.
- The edge from the Hamilton County street to above-ground utility poles or other utility structures, which are installed parallel to the Hamilton County street.

The ordinance indicates a sign owner
See Sign Ordinance . . . Page 2

Easter disrupted by fire in Cicero

The REPORTER

Dan and Terri Strong noticed a column of thick, black smoke and fire coming from the corner of a neighbor's garage around 12:21 p.m. Sunday. Terri Called 911 and Dan rushed to ensure that any occupants were out safe.

When first crews arrived, flames were rolling from the front and side doors of the garage with smoke puffing from the eaves. The fire spread quickly into the attic area of the garage and into the attached living area on the second floor. The residence, owned by the Beale family, sustained heavy fire damage to the garage and second floor of the home. The entire house suffered smoke and water damage because of the fire.

In addition to the Cicero Fire Department, fire crews responded from Jackson Township, Noblesville, Westfield, Sheridan and the City of Tipton Fire departments. The aggressive fire response allowed for an equally aggressive fire attack as the fire was marked under control within 45 minutes, saving most of the structure.

The cause of the fire is considered undetermined and under investigation at this time. There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians.

On Saturday, a garage fire caused smoke damage to another home in Cicero.

Betty Deguire called 911 at 1:08 p.m. Saturday. She had noticed that she lost power in a portion of the house after attempting to use an electrical



Photo provided

A fire on Easter Sunday at a home in Cicero caused extensive damage, but no injuries.

outlet. She then noticed that the clock had also stopped and proceeded to the attached garage to investigate at the breaker box. She was then surprised by a flash near the breaker box and saw flames. She ran back in the house to alert her hearing-impaired daughter, Teresa Deguire, who also resides there.

Cicero Fire Department promptly responded and extinguished the fire with the assistance of crews from Noblesville Fire and Jackson

Township Fire departments.

The fire was contained to a small area, at the back of the garage. The fire did not extend into the house; however, there was some smoke damage. The fast recognition of the fire and quick call to 911 is credited for prompt extinguishment of the fire.

The Cicero Fire Investigator has determined that this fire was accidental and electrical in nature. Damage to the house is estimated at \$5,000. The

Cicero Police Department also assisted with a quick response and then redirected traffic away from the incident to ensure a smooth operation.

There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians because of this fire.

Cicero Fire Department reminds everyone to know two ways out of your home in case of fire and to have working smoke detectors by testing them monthly and changing batteries every six months.

Noblesville Easter Egg Hunt rescheduled for this Saturday

The REPORTER

Winter weather and snow caused the City of Noblesville to postpone its annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 24. Officials are excited to announce that the Egg Hunt has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 7 at Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road.

Children are invited to come and enjoy lots of fun activities beginning at 10 a.m. at Shelter 5 including bounce

houses, a DJ and vehicle tours from the Noblesville Fire and Police Departments. The Easter Bunny even rescheduled its vacation plans to be in attendance and greet children.

The Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. sharp and includes four age groups for children up to 10 years old (1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-10). No registration is required to participate. The annual event is sponsored by

Hare Chevrolet with additional assistance from Walmart and KidZone Party Rentals.

"Although the weather hasn't cooperated this year, we still want to hold an enjoyable event for the children and provide them an opportunity to hunt eggs, win prizes and of course get their photo taken with the Easter Bunny," Noblesville Parks Director Brandon Bennett said.

The Noblesville Sunrisers Kiwanis annual pancake breakfast also has been rescheduled and will take place prior to the Egg Hunt in the Forest Park Inn from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk. Cost is \$5 per person and all proceeds will benefit a children's charity.

For more information, contact the parks department at (317) 776-6350.

Good and bad news from Kroger

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com



The Kroger Company issued a news release last Friday with both good and bad news for Fishers. First, the bad news.

Kroger will not be building a new store across the street at Allisonville Road and 116th Street as originally planned.

The good news is that the Cincinnati-based grocer plans a multi-million dollar upgrade to the current store in that area.

In the release, the company is clear that the new store at 116th and Allisonville will not be constructed.

"The decision to remodel at 7272 Fishers Crossing Drive ends the discussion of building a new store across the street," the Kroger release said.

Kroger does cite the fact that the corporation has invested \$42 million in building and expansion in its stores around Fishers.

It should be noted that when Amazon announced it was buying the grocery chain Whole Foods in 2017, Kroger stock took a hit in market

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or their designee may retrieve signs removed by the county by paying a \$5 fee for each sign six square feet or less or \$25 for each sign larger than six square feet. According to commissioners the fee offsets the cost of removing signs in violation of the ordinance.

“These changes really help address what could have been valid citizen concerns,” says Mark Heirbrandt, president of the Hamilton County Commissioners. “It can be difficult to know exactly where County right-of-ways begin and end. These clarifications

should help citizens better navigate this new law.” The ordinance also eliminates penalties for the improper placement of signs. Last week, Hamilton County Superior Court 3 Judge William Hughes conducted a hearing on Sharp’s complaint. Hughes is ex-

pected to announce a ruling as early as today. Sharp told the Reporter he is concerned by the county’s actions. “It’s obvious they [the commissioners] want to get this in play before the election. I just don’t understand why they would be so eager to stifle free speech.”

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LAWSUIT

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Get involved

You can become a member of this class action lawsuit if you have been issued a parking ticket or had your vehicle either immobilized or towed for alleged parking violations in Noblesville.

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- In person at Webster Law, 104 N. Union St., Westfield
- Online by filling out the contact form at websterlegal.com
- By phone at (317) 565-1818
- By email at webster@websterlegal.com

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back to at least 1989, violate their rights and the rights of all those similarly situated to due process of law as guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, Article 1, Section 12 of the Indiana Constitution and Article 1, Section 21 of the Indiana Constitution.”

If you have been given a parking ticket or if you have had your vehicle either booted or towed in the City of Noblesville for alleged parking violations, you can join this class action lawsuit.

According to Webster, anyone who has been

issued a parking ticket should contact Webster Law, 104 N. Union St., Westfield, IN 46074. You can stop by the office, call (317) 565-1818, fill out the contact form at websterlegal.com, or email webster@websterlegal.com.

Since the current procedure for paying parking tickets involves turning in the ticket to pay it, you are asked to provide some basic information regarding when you received your parking ticket. If you attempted to dispute your ticket, Webster Legal would also like to know what you were told in response to that request.

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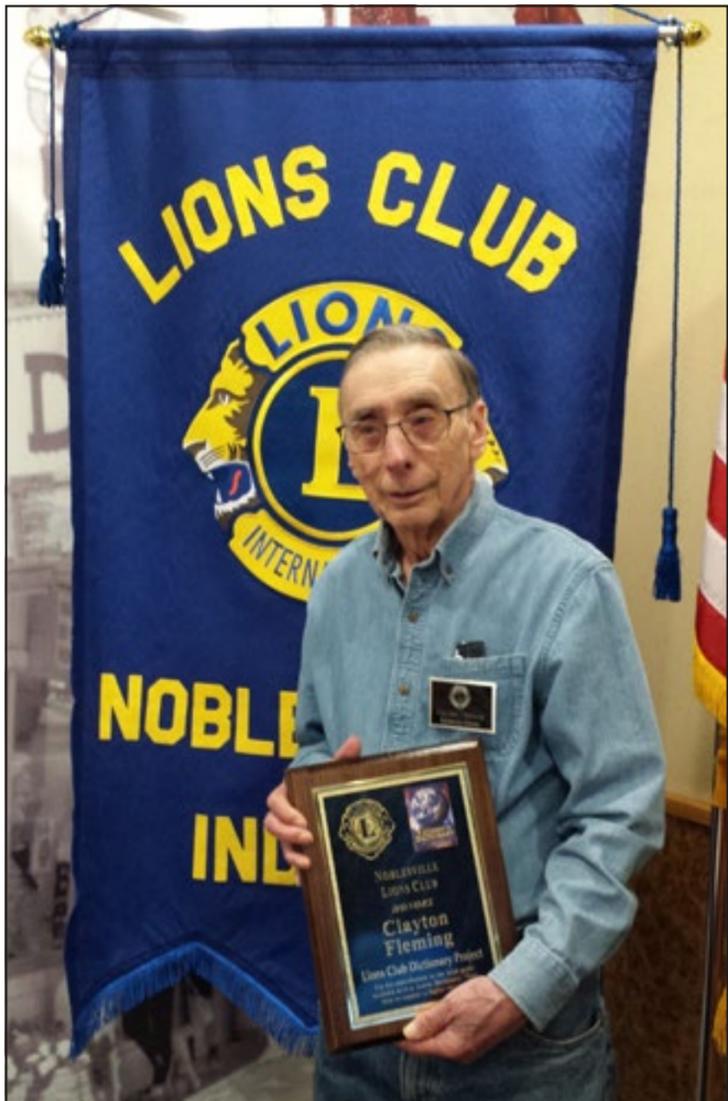


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Every third-grade student at Hazel Dell Elementary School received a dictionary from the Noblesville Lions Club thanks to a suggestion from club member Clayton Fleming. Clayton has chaired the dictionary giveaway event since 2010 and was honored at a recent Noblesville Lions meeting.



Lane restriction on 96th Street

Effective on or after Monday, April 9, the right turn lane on eastbound 96th Street turning onto Knights Bridge Boulevard will be restricted while Specialties Company, LLC installs a new impact attenuator. Traffic control will be in place during this restriction from the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and should be expected for just this one day. Please drive with caution through this area.

KROGER

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trading. There is no way of knowing whether that had an impact on this decision, but note the following passage from the Kroger news release:

“In today’s business climate, refreshing the present building is the most logical decision and will still allow Kroger to provide even better service to our customers.”

Kroger announced no timeline or other details on the remodeling of the Fishers store.

With this announcement, that leaves open the question of what will happen to the demolished building site just across Allisonville Road, where the new Kroger was to be built. I asked the City of

Fishers for comment on how the Kroger decision may impact their economic development planning for that area, and received the following response:

“The City will continue to identify ways to reinvigorate that intersection and the west side of Fishers to ensure all areas of the city are vibrant and sustainable.”

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Award-winning Bru Burger Bar opens in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Cunningham Restaurant Group opened its seventh Bru Burger Bar Monday at 350 Westfield Road, Suite 100, Noblesville. Bru promises to provide guests with a unique dining experience that compliments the recent growth in Noblesville and neighboring Hamilton County cities.

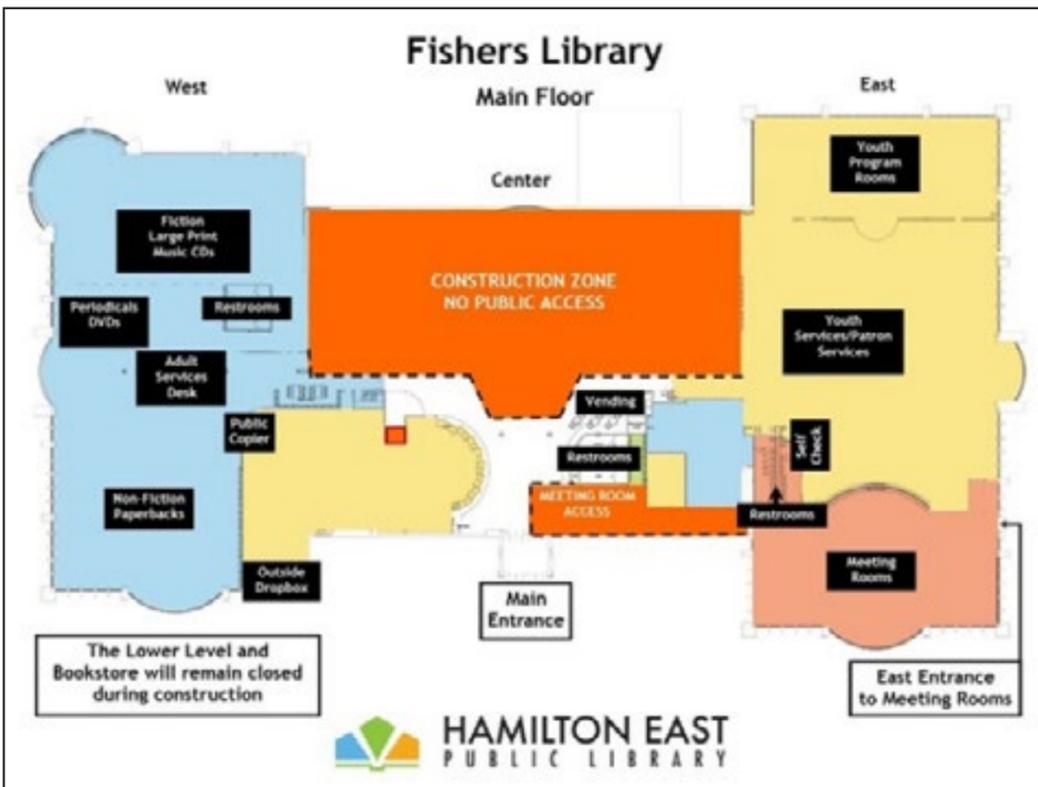
Bru features seating for approximately 140 guests with comfortable, contemporary décor. The family-friendly, high-energy restaurant serves lunch and dinner, seven days a week in an environment everyone can enjoy. During the warmer months, guests can enjoy outdoor dining space as well.

Bru's menu features an array of signature burgers, classic sandwiches, appetizers, beer-battered onion rings and hand-cut French fries served with their house made ketchup. Bru also offers a number of vegetarian options. An extensive drink menu features everything from hand-dipped milkshakes to handcrafted

cocktails, locally brewed beer and a wide selection of wines and bourbons. Bru supports many local breweries as well as local farms.

The original BRU Burger Bar on Mass Ave. in downtown Indianapolis has received numerous accolades, including "Top 25 Indianapolis Restaurants" (Indianapolis Monthly), "Best Burger" (Indy A-list contest) and "Best Burger" (NUVO Newsweekly Best of Indy issue). Esquire magazine named BRU's decadent, but delicious, honey chipotle BBQ burger Indiana's most outrageous burger.

In addition to the BRU Burger Bar concept, Indianapolis-based Cunningham Restaurant Group owns and operates 24 locations in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, including Mesh, Stone Creek Dining Company, Boulder Creek Dining Company, Charbonos, Union 50, Moerlein Lager House, Café 251, Vida, Livery, Provision, Rize, CRG Event Center and CRG Grow Greenhouse.



Graphic provided by the Hamilton East Public Library – Fishers

Fishers library main entrance to open Friday

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

Patrons of the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers will once again be able to use the main entrance starting Friday, April 6. The building has been recovering from damage caused by the bursting of a sprinkler pipe in January.

In the past few weeks, those using the library have been entering through the east entrance near the main meeting rooms, and only a small part of the building

could be accessed.

According to an announcement released by the library on Tuesday, here are the changes you will see as of Friday:

- The front doors will be re-opened.
- Access to the Adult Services section, which will allow for the following:
 - Eight public computers with printing capability
 - Scanner services to email and USB
 - Copy machine services
- Browsing for:
 - Fiction
 - Non-fiction
 - Large Print
 - Audio books
 - Graphic novels
 - Paperbacks

- Music CDs
- DVDs
- All new materials
- Youth Services collections, services, and programs, including Teen Programs (see below) will continue.
- Previously reserved meeting rooms – please use the East Entrance and parking lot to more easily access these rooms.
- Holds, checkouts and card services will continue to be available primarily in the Youth Services section.
- Vending machine services will resume.

There will continue to be restrictions even as of April 6. Here is how the library officials describe those restrictions:

- All private study rooms outside of the Youth

Services section remain unavailable for the duration of the construction.

- Fishers Teen materials and space will be offline during this construction phase.
- Teen materials will be limited to items from the Noblesville location and retrievable using the holds process.
- Access and use of the lower level of the Fishers Library will remain closed for the duration.

The library expressed its appreciation for the patience Fishers residents have shown during this difficult period. If you have any feedback or suggestions, direct them to Beth Meyer at 317-579-0311 or at meyerb@hepl.lib.in.us.

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Two Cicero readers endorse Chris Miller

Dear Editor:
We want to go on record as endorsing Chris Miller for the office of Trustee of Jackson Township in Hamilton County.

Chris has worked tirelessly to completely turn around the office of Trustee and the Jackson Township Fire Department. She has worked efficiently and effectively to improve public safety by expanding, improving training, response times and modernizing the Jackson Township Fire Department. She promotes and maintains a Food Rescue Program, working with the support of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. Chris works closely with Angel's Attic in Arcadia and has improved the Food Assistance Program in Jackson Township.

Chris brings excellent experience to this position upon successfully completing her second term in office at the end of this year. Chris has addressed many



Photo provided
(From left) Chris Miller, Donna Zell and Steve Zell.

of the serious township issues she inherited upon taking office regarding fire protection and ambulance services with now having nine full-time fire fighters in the department, compared to three when she originally took office. She has built many great relationships in the township and in all areas of local, county and state government which were simply not there when she took office.

Chris exemplifies hon-

esty, fairness, hard work and thoughtfulness for the citizens of Jackson Township along with her well-known commitment to accountability in government. We have found Chris to be totally trustworthy and incorruptible and a strong person of faith in God. With proud enthusiasm, we continue to support Chris Miller as Jackson Township Trustee.

Steve & Donna Zell
Cicero

Bosma defends General Assembly

Dear Editor:
President Dwight Eisenhower once said that farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from a cornfield. That quote leapt to mind when I read recent articles featuring sharp criticism of this year's General Assembly. In defense of all 150 members of the legislature, I felt the record had to be set straight.

The last few hours of the legislative session were less than glamorous, but to say that nothing of substance happened this year is far from reality.

House Republicans declared our agenda at the start of the session and delivered results for Hoosiers. For starters, we added nearly \$100 million to the school formula to fully fund public schools that received a spike of new students.

Exempting the sales tax on software as a service provided Indiana's tech sectors with an additional tool that will help this critical portion of our economy grow exponen-

tially. Because of policies adopted by the General Assembly, Indiana is now second in growth in the nation in high-paying software jobs, a far cry from our status as the only state to lose technology jobs from 1996 to 2002.

All Hoosier students will soon receive computer training, we greatly expanded access to mental health and addiction treatment services, adopted legislation to downsize state and local government and worked to reduce Indiana's infant mortality rate.

We even passed legislation allowing the 9,000 young people who are here legally under the Federal DACA program to be eligible for professional licenses as nurses, engineers and other professional licensees.

In addition, we legalized the use of cannabidiol or CBD oil for all Hoosiers to use as a natural herbal remedy so long as it contains less than 0.3 percent THC and meets certain labeling and testing requirements. Can-

nabidiol has given relief to those suffering from a range of ailments including epileptic seizures.

Finally, we passed legislation to move Indiana into a new era of workforce preparation. Indiana ranks first in the Midwest and in the top handful of states in the nation in tax environment, economic potential, business climate, small business regulatory atmosphere, cost of living and fiscal stability. Because of this, jobs are coming here in droves. Now Hoosiers have the tools to "skill up" and take advantage of these unprecedented opportunities.

A one-day special session - I'm certainly not happy about it and wish it could have been avoided. But we will make it right for Hoosiers, complete the job of adopting a few important bills and continue to make Indiana the best place in America to work, raise a family and create a job. Hoosiers deserve nothing less.

Brian Bosma
Indiana House Speaker
R-Indianapolis

Milam campaign questions Altman's motives in sign issue

Dear Editor:
The Matt Milam for Commissioner campaign questions Attorney Altman's violation of a 2015 Supreme Court ruling. How was she unaware of one of the most important Supreme Court cases of 2015? One of the very few decided unanimously? Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Ariz.

Milam is running against Altman in the Republican primary for the First District Commissioner seat.

Christine Altman's decision to enact an illegal ordinance in her role as County Commissioner is truly stunning. The ordinance was quickly recognized by nearly all citizens with a casual knowledge of law to be a contradiction to the constitutionally protected right to free speech.

Ms. Altman stated on Feb. 13, 2018, in the IndyStar: "Candidates can put their signs on private property, with permission from the owners."

County Councilman Rick McKinney stated in the same article that: "The commissioners have all of the money, and they don't need signs," he said. "They can pay for billboards. They can pay for TV. They can do mailers."

The same article noted that: "At the start of 2018 Commissioner Altman had in excess of \$158,000 in her campaign war chest."

We believe there was ill-intent to interfere with the fair and ethical election process in the ordinance. The Commissioners, who were fully aware, knew their competitors had already committed substantial percentages of their campaign funds to signage and they would thus be less able to compete.

It really comes down to one fundamental question: Were Commissioner Altman's actions the result of incompetence or maliciousness?

Matt is running to prevent a Mass Transit Income Tax, to eliminate the current conflicts of interest in the Commissioner's Office, improve transparency, and better collaborate and co-

ordinate with the county councilors and the citizens of Hamilton County.

Matt has a career in the logistics industry where his responsibilities include managing a team responsible for the marketing, pricing, facilitation of transit while maintaining customer communication and satisfaction throughout the process on international and domestic shipments.

Matt's commitment to the service of others was demonstrated in his 14-year voluntary fight to keep Home Place from being annexed by the City of Carmel, saving millions of dollars for Hamilton County taxpayers. Matt's actions led

to a change in Indiana State Law regarding annexation. Matt serves others first, not himself. He is the conflict-free candidate.

Matt has been Precinct Committeeman since 2008.

He is a past member of the Carmel Clay Fire Board. He attends East 91st Street Christian Church and has been Committee Chair for Boy Scout Troop 733 since 2012.

Matt has been married 25 years and had two children in Carmel Clay schools.

Please direct inquiries to Matt Milam at 317-975-0281. Visit the campaign at Matt4HC.com.

Rick Smith
Noblesville

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 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 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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GOP candidates forum comes to Carmel April 19

The REPORTER

Voters in the Carmel area will have an opportunity on April 19 to meet and hear from candidates running in the all-important May 8 Republican Primary.

All candidates for Congressional, state, county and township offices have been invited to appear at the public forum to be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Carmel City Hall council meeting room. Particular emphasis will focus on contested races for state legislature, Superior Court judge, county sheriff, county commissioner, county council

and township board. Winners in the Hamilton County GOP primary historically win election in November, thus making the primary of great importance.

Contested primary races feature incumbent Mike Delph and Corrie Meyer for State Senate; Tom Linkmeyer and Jerry Torr for State Representative; and Mike Casati, Will Riley and Jeff Heinzmann for Judge of Superior Court 1.

Also, Bill Clifford, Eddie Moore, Dennis Quakenbush and Mitch Russell for Sheriff; Christine Altman and Matt Milam for Commissioner; Fred Glynn

and Sue Maki for Council District 1; Ken Alexander, Sheldon Barnes, Christine Pauley and Rick Sharp for Council District 4; and Paul Bolin, Mary Eckart, Paul Hensel and Matt Snyder for Township Board.

The forum, to be moderated by Abdul-Hakim Shabazz, will include statements from the candidates, followed by questions from the audience and brief closing remarks. Those attending may then meet with the candidates one-on-one with refreshments provided by the Carmel Clay Republican Club and Federation of Republican Women.

Legacy Fund supports Chaucie's Place

The REPORTER

The Legacy Fund, an affiliate of Central Indiana Community Foundation, is supporting Chaucie's Place with a 2018 programming grant in the amount of \$20,000 to support youth and teen suicide prevention programming.

"Chaucie's Place is grateful for the continued support of The Legacy Fund to further our mission of ending child sexual abuse and youth suicide in Hamilton County," said Melissa Peregrin, Executive Director of Chaucie's Place. "We are committed to making the world a safer and better place for Hoosier children. Our work is made possible through the generosity of community partners like The Legacy Fund."

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Legacy Fund awarded grants to eight other not-for-profits in Hamilton County in March of 2018. They awarded a total of \$123,000 in March of 2018 to exceptional nonprofits in Hamilton County.

For more information on Chaucie's Place, please visit chauciesplace.org and 'like' them at [facebook.com/ChauciesPlace](https://www.facebook.com/ChauciesPlace).

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For more information, please visit legacyfund.org.

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Elizabeth Brown
December 9, 1951 – March 30, 2018



Elizabeth Brown, 66, Carmel, passed away March 30, 2018. She was born in Monticello, Ky., on December 9, 1951, daughter of the late Raymond and Chola Branscum Morrow. Elizabeth was a 1969 graduate of Wayne County High School. She also received her Associates degree from Ivy Tech. Elizabeth worked in customer service for 25 years before retiring from AT&T. In addition to her parents, Elizabeth was preceded in death by brothers, Raymond and Fred Morrow. Survivors include her husband, Clint; daughters, Tamara (Mark) and Tyla (Brian); grandsons, Easton, Nolan and Brady; siblings, Jewel, Charlene, Betty, Joe, Daniel, Manuel, Sharon, Linda, Kathy, Judy and John.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 5 at Northside Baptist Church with the funeral service following at noon. Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Elizabeth's complete obituary and share a memory. Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield.

Arrangements
Calling: 10 a.m. to Noon, April 5
Service: Noon, April 5
Location: Northside Baptist Church
Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Tamara "Tammy" Townsend-Fleenor
August 13, 1958 – April 1, 2018



Tamara "Tammy" Townsend-Fleenor, 59, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, April 1, 2018 at Riverview Health in Noblesville with her family by her side. She was born on August 13, 1958 to in Connersville, Ind. Tammy loved classic movies, crossword puzzles and baking, and was very artistic. Most of all, she was a loving wife, mother and nana. Tammy is survived by her husband, Gary Fleenor; daughters, Krystal Fleenor Duvall and Elizabeth (Andrew) Benton; sister, Rhonda (Bob) Brame; grandchildren, Owen, Macie, Gaige and Carly; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Isaac R. Townsend; mother, Anita June (Gulley) Isom; sister, Melanie Lynn Townsend; and granddaughter, Rynne Lenee Duvall.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the funeral home, with additional visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements
Calling: 5 to 8 p.m., April 5; Noon to 1 p.m., April 6
Service: 1 p.m., April 6
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Naomi 'Nona' Louise Blaising
December 17, 1929 – April 2, 2018



Naomi 'Nona' Louise Blaising, 88, returned to her Heavenly Father on April 2, 2018. Nona was born December 17, 1929 in Seattle, Wash. She was a beautiful, kind woman with a deep faith and a fun spirit who found an interest in everyone. She married Reverend Mark Blaising on June 26, 1954; Nona and Mark were married for over fifty years. Nona's loving devotion to her husband continued long after his death in 2004. Nona was an important partner in their ministry in the United Methodist Church for more than 40 years, serving churches throughout Indiana. Together they lived a life of service through their Christian faith including mission work in South America and Africa. Nona introduced her family to the love of nature, including the Pacific Northwest where she was raised (Seattle and Port Angeles, Wash.) and Siesta Key, Fla.

Nona was graduated from Western Washington University (1951) and after two years of teaching third grade, bravely crossed the country to attend what is now Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary on the campus of Northwestern University. She later received a Master's degree from Ball State University in Special Education and worked for several groups that supported the disabled, disadvantaged and homeless (ADEC in Elkhart, Ind., Fletcher Place in Indianapolis, and Feeding the Homeless in Sarasota, Fla.). She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Nona was a loving, strong and devoted mother to her children, who modeled the Christian faith, authenticity and compassion, and she was a loving grandmother to her beloved grandchildren.

Nona is survived by her three children: Janilee (John Wimmer) Blaising, Zionsville; Stephen (Terri) Blaising, Indianapolis; and Anne (Todd) Bidelman, Tampa, Fla.; as well as six grandchildren: David Blaising-Wimmer, Megan Blaising, Nicholas Blaising, Taylor Bidelman, Erica Bidelman and Charles Bidelman. She is also survived by her sister, Pat Jonas; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; her nephew, Jared (Naomi) Jonas and son, Desmond, Seattle, Wash.; and niece, Shalem Jonas, Seattle, Wash.

Preceding her in death was her granddaughter, Kathryn Blaising-Wimmer, and her husband, Mark Blaising.

A worship service celebrating the life of Nona Blaising will be held at 11:30 a.m. on April 5, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, with visitation prior beginning at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be at 1 p.m. the following day in New Haven, IN at the IOOF Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Marcus J. & Naomi L. Blaising Scholarship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201.

Final arrangements have been entrusted to Randall Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements
Calling: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., April 5
Service: 11:30 a.m., April 5
Location: First United Methodist Church
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Miriam Frances (Millikan) Haskett
November 1918 – April 1, 2018



Miriam Frances (Millikan) Haskett, 99, Westfield, passed away on April 1, 2018 at Summer Trace of Carmel. Frances was born to Arza and Mary Boone Millikan in November 1918 at home in the family farmhouse in Sheridan. Frances and her older sister, Margaret, were so inseparable that when Margaret went to first grade Frances went too. She graduated in 1936 from Sheridan High School. They had a hard but also idyllic country life – feeding chickens, gathering eggs, helping in the big garden and picking wild berries. Church and school functions were highlights.

Frances was an exceptional student and won a scholarship to Ball State College. Although the hard times of the Depression prevented her from completing her degree, Frances was a lifelong learner and a voracious reader. On January 7, 1939, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Haskett, Jr., and they enjoyed almost 65 years of marriage. Frances and Bob and their children moved to Westfield and shared a home with Bob's parents. Frances was the clerk-treasurer for the town of Westfield. She then worked at the Westfield Gas Company for 30 years as a bookkeeper. During retirement, she volunteered as secretary for the Hamilton County Horseman's Association.

Frances's love of God was the bedrock of her life. She was a member of the Westfield Friends Church through which she touched many lives. She taught Sunday school, was a member of the United Society of Friends Women, and quietly helped so many who were in need. Frances and Bob aided with resettlement and housing to families from Latvia and from Vietnam. Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, her many nieces and nephews and all those who know her have all been influenced by the compassionate and caring way Frances lived her life.

Frances is survived by daughter, Kae Haskett Andry (Bob), Ocala, Fla.; sons, Daniel Haskett, Westfield, and Sam Haskett (Janet), Carmel. Frances is also survived by six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings; Margaret Millikan McKinley, Betty Millikan and Clark Millikan; and by her husband Bob on January 4, 2004.

We are all so blessed to have known and been loved by a very special lady. The family is especially grateful for the caring support from the staff at Sanders Glen where she lived over 10 years, Assisted Living of Summer Trace, and Great Lakes Hospice.

Donations can be made in honor of Frances Haskett to the United Society of Friends Women c/o the Westfield Friends Meeting.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Westfield Friends Meeting, 324 S. Union St., Westfield, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will immediately follow at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Arrangements
Calling: 10 to 11:30 a.m., April 7
Service: 11:30 a.m., April 7
Location: Westfield Friends Meeting
Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

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Arthur "Jack" Mendell
November 12, 1952 – April 1, 2018

Arthur "Jack" Mendell, 65, Westfield, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018.



Jack was born on November 12, 1952 to the late Donald and Kathleen Mendell in Aurora, Ind. Jack graduated from Westfield High School. He then drove a semi and was a CDL examiner for 10 years. For 30 years he was an electronics technician and retired from Midwest Systems & Services in 2015. He became a ham radio operator while in high school and eventually held the highest class license. He learned to play acoustic guitar in high school and it became a lifelong passion to sing, play guitar and jam with his friends. He loved spending time with family and watching his grandchildren grow up. He was also a nature lover.

Jack leaves behind his wife of almost 40 years, Linda Mendell. Jack is also survived by two sons: Eddie (Amy) and Todd (Susan) Yant; three grandchildren: Zach (Lena) Yant, Shae (Luke) Barker and Zane Yant; great-grandchildren: Violet and Silas Barker, Rylan and Lochlan Yant; siblings: Georgia Marcum, Donald (Carolyn) Mendell and Michael (Claudia) Mendell; and three nieces and five nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Kathleen Mendell, grandson Kory Yant, and brother-in-law, Bill Marcum.

A celebration of Jack's life will be held at noon on Saturday April 7, 2018, at Sheridan Church of God, 707 W. 2nd St., where family and friends are invited to gather from 11 a.m. till time of services. A luncheon will be provided following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Sheridan School Band and Orchestra, or to the Sheridan Elementary School Library in Jack's memory. Online condolences can be made at fisherfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Mendell family.

Arrangements

Calling: 11 a.m. to Noon, April 7
Service: Noon, April 7
Location: Sheridan Church of God
Condolences: fisherfunerals.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Matthew 23:27-28 (KJV)

Cindy Lynn Tyler

September 27, 1958 – March 31, 2018

Cindy Lynn Tyler, 59, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on September 27, 1958 in Lafayette.



Cindy was a homemaker and was very compassionate and understanding, with a fiery, but easy-going personality. She enjoyed organizing memories through photo albums and was an avid movie watcher who also liked to sew. Her grandchildren meant the world to her!

She is survived by her father and stepmother, John and Tish Hernandez; children, Crystal (Shad) Painter, April (Adam) Landel, William Parkhurst and Amanda (Mike) Lakin; siblings, Tammy Hernandez, Joe Hernandez and Ronnie Hernandez; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley (Rance) Malchow; daughter, Melissa Alsup; and sister, Mary Louise.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements

Calling: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., April 5
Service: 1 p.m., April 5
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Barbara Jo "Bobbi" Hannon

February 2, 1938 – March 30, 2018

Barbara Jo "Bobbi" Hannon, 80, passed away on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 at IU Health Saxony in Fishers. She was born on February 2, 1938 to Herbert and Mildred (Hughey) Boswell.



Bobbi was a free spirit. Since early childhood, she was a voracious reader with wide-ranging interests and a former library of over 4,000 books. A graduate of Anacostia High School, she became the first female EMT in Washington, D.C., but spent most of her career as a legal secretary, retiring in 2003 from Staas & Halsey, LLP. With a sense of humor as great as her vocabulary, Bobbi thought outside the box and walked to her own beat.

She is survived by her son, John Thomas Pierson, Sr.; daughter, Laurie Anne (Hannon) Baggatts; grandchildren, Kevin (Bethany) Gorham, John (Stephanie) Pierson, Jr., Brandon Pierson, Nicholas Pierson and Alexander Pierson; great-grandchildren, Dakota, Ethan, Chloé, Mekailah, Orianna and Mia; best friend, Lin Hering; countless cousins; and her cat girls, Rose and Vennon.

As was her wish, she was returned to Mother Earth on Tuesday, April 3.

In lieu of arrangements or gifts please donate, in her name, to either a no-kill shelter (nokillnetwork.org) or Doctors Without Borders (donate.doctorswithoutborders.org).

The family has entrusted the care of Bobbi to Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

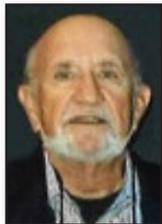
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Bob Gerdenich

April 1, 2018

Bob Gerdenich, 75, died Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Bob was fighting cancer, and his death was unexpected but understandable.



Bob came into this world as Maten G. Gerdenich, II. He lived in Hamilton County for most of his life, graduating from Cathedral High School and Butler University. Bob had a successful career in real estate appraising, property management and land acquisition. He worked with Will Stump & Associates and participated in the rapid growth and development of Hamilton County. Bob was instrumental in well field property acquisition for the former Indianapolis Water Company, and for right-of-way acquisitions for many State and County highway projects. He also served on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) tax board.

Bob had two adult children from his marriage to Linda Jane Gerdenich, of Aspen, Colo: son Mat, Indianapolis, and daughter Wendy Kay (Schrepferman), Indianapolis. In 2017, Bob married his long-time friend and companion, Linda McGraw, and they lived in Noblesville. He has two step-children, Jacob (Laci) McGraw, Attica, and Molly McGraw, California; several grandchildren; and brother, Joe (Shirley) Gerdenich, Toledo.

Bob Gerdenich was a strong personality and colorful guy. He was a decisive, opinionated man who knew what he liked and was firm in his beliefs. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, NASCAR and spirited conversations. He favored Conner Prairie where he served as the Headless Horseman for several seasons.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville.

A gift in his memory to Indiana Turn-In a Poacher can be sent to Chase Bank, Account No. 192882579, Routing No. 074000010, In Memory of Bob Gerdenich.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements

Calling: 2 to 4 p.m., April 8
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
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Saturday at Martinsville High School...

Kiser, Taiwo, Hansen to play at North/South Classic



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Noblesville's Emily Kiser (above) and Carmel's Tomi Taiwo (right) will be playing for the North team at the girls North/South Indiana All-Star Classic, which takes place Saturday at Martinsville High School.

Three Hamilton County senior basketball players are among those that will play at the 30th annual North/South Indiana All-Star Classic, which takes place Saturday at John R. Wooden Gymnasium at Martinsville High School.



Hansen

Hansen playing for the North boys team.

The North/South Indiana All-Star Classic is sponsored by Martinsville High School, Hoosier Basketball Magazine and Pacesetter Sports in Terre Haute.

Twenty-four girls will compete in the first half of this doubleheader, including 10 players that have been named to the 2018 Indiana All-Star team. The second game, the boys, features three future Big Ten basketball players as well as the state's leading scorer.

Kiser and Taiwo are among the five Indiana All-Stars on the North girls team. Kiser, a Michigan recruit, averaged 21.0 points and 13.4 rebounds per game in her senior season. Taiwo, an Iowa commit, scored 16.4 points per game and was a 41 percent 3-point shooter.

Among the other North All-Stars are one of the state's leading scorers, Leigha Brown

of DeKalb. The Nebraska commit averaged 28.0 points per game. The remaining Indiana All-Stars for the North are Jenasae Bishop of East Chicago Central (Boston College) and Cassidy Hardin of Center Grove (Purdue).

More Division I talent is showcased by Ellen Ross, Fort Wayne Dwenger (Butler) and Ajah Stallings, North Central (Purdue-walk-on). Two other North high scorers are Cameron Cardenas of Beech Grove and Kendall Fisher of Tindley, both averaging 22.5 points. The North girls will be coached by Eric Kundich of East Chicago Central and Mark Hurt of Mooresville.

The South girls' roster also includes five Indiana All-Stars. Two are 20+ point per game scorers—Angel Baker (21.7 ppg) of Pike (Wright State) and Kayana Traylor (21.4 ppg) of Martinsville (Purdue). The other three are Mackenzie Blazek of Whiteland (Illinois), Anna Newman of Evansville North (Evansville) and Michaela White of Pike (Indiana State). The South also features Kyra Whitaker of 2018 class AAA state runner-up Greensburg and Division I signee Sadie Hill of Perry Meridian (Murray State). The South girls will be coached by Vince Cerbone of Martinsville and Kyle Shipp of Whiteland.

Twenty-four boys compete in the second game of this doubleheader, including Guerin Catholic's Hansen, an IUPUI commit. Hansen averaged 17.6 points and 9.0 rebounds this season for the Golden Eagles.

Hansen will play on a North squad that is led by two future Big Ten Rivals—Eric Hunter (27.8 ppg) of Tindley (Purdue) and Damezi Anderson (19.1) of South Bend Riley (Indiana). Three others are committed to Division I colleges: Hansen, Jamal Harris of Indianapolis Crispus Attucks (New Orleans) and Myja White of Brebeuf Jesuit (Miami-Ohio). The North also boasts the state's top scorer in Jalen Moore of Cloverdale, who scored over 1,000 points this season with his 36.8 average. Two more high scorers are Tyler Watson of Tri-West (26.8) and Jared DeHart of Indian Creek (23.3). Warren Central's Antwan Cushingberry is an IHSAA state champion. The North boys will be coached by Criss Beyers of Warren Central and Patrick Rady of Cloverdale.

The South roster features Aaron Henry of the Class 4A 2017 IHSAA state champion Ben Davis, a Michigan State recruit, along with Mekhi Lairy (26.2 ppg) of 3A runner-up Evansville Bosse (Miami-Ohio) and Hayden Langkabel (26.6) of class 1A state champion Morristown. Additional high scoring support for the South team comes from two Division I-bound players: Gavin Bizeau (22 ppg) of Plainfield (Duquesne) and De'Avion Washington (20.3) of Terre



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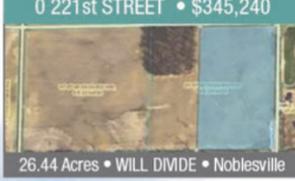


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Hamilton County Reporter's 2017-18 Wrestling Team

Wrestler of the Year
Jack Eiteljorge, Carmel

Jacob Simone
Alexander Strueder
Jack Williams

Southeastern
Fishers
Carmel

Jake Shafer

Carmel Sophomore

First Team

Suhas Chundi	Carmel	Sophomore
Justin Delph	Sheridan	Senior
Jack Eiteljorge	Carmel	Senior
Carson Eldred	Westfield	Sophomore
Logan Hart	Carmel	Senior
Kyle Holman	Carmel	Junior
Dalton Huffman	Noblesville	Junior
Andrew Irick	Southeastern	Sophomore
Brandon Mattingly	Carmel	Sophomore
Noah Robinson	Westfield	Senior

Second Team

Ethan Blake	Southeastern	Senior
Luke Brogan	Westfield	Senior
Jeff Dunasky	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore
JD Farrell	Fishers	Sophomore
Teegan Heiniger	Fishers	Senior
Justin Johnson-Sparks	Noblesville	Junior
Gary Kitko	Noblesville	Junior
Crae Kunkleman	Southeastern	Junior
Ryan Mahoney	Westfield	Junior
Kyle Saez	Westfield	Junior

Third Team

Cameron Bacon	Carmel	Junior
Dylan Driver	Westfield	Freshman
Dreiken Dunn	Heights	Junior
Collin Ells	Sheridan	Senior
Blake Forbes	Southeastern	Senior
Joey Kitko	Noblesville	Freshman
Korbin Lane	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Milo Merkel	Westfield	Sophomore
Garret Sharp	Carmel	Sophomore
Nathan Shuey	Southeastern	Senior
Haakon Van Beynen	Carmel	Sophomore



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Jacob Thieman awaits a pickoff throw during the Millers' game with Cathedral last Monday.

Baseball

Millers jump to fifth in coaches poll

The Noblesville baseball team's upset of Cathedral got some immediate notice from the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association's pollsters.

The Millers jumped to No. 5 in this week's Class 4A poll, which was released on Monday. Noblesville is 3-2, after beating the No. 1-ranked Irish last Monday, then going 2-2 on its annual Tennessee trip and playing some of the best teams in the Volunteer State.

Cathedral remains ranked No. 1 in the 4A poll. Fishers is ranked No. 2; the Tigers beat Homestead in their opener before also going 2-2 on their annual Tennessee trip.

Hamilton Southeastern is ranked sixth and will play at the Louisville Preps event this week. Carmel and Westfield are both receiving votes. In the 3A poll, both Guerin Catholic and Hamilton Heights are receiving votes.

Here's a complete list of the Class 4A poll, courtesy of the IHSBCA's website:

1. Cathedral
2. Fishers

3. Kokomo
4. Roncalli
5. Noblesville
6. Hamilton Southeastern
7. Zionsville
8. Penn
9. Jeffersonville
10. Fort Wayne Carroll

Receiving votes: Avon, Carmel, Chesterton, Homestead, Huntington North, Jasper, New Albany, Terre Haute North, Westfield.

ROYALS SOFTBALL RANKED

Hamilton Southeastern's softball team is ranked No. 5 in Class 4A in this week's Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association polls.

Crown Points is rated No. 1, followed by Lake Central, Center Grove, Castle, then the Royals.

GAMES POSTPONED

The Noblesville baseball team's Tuesday game with Frankfort was postponed to April 24 due to rain.

The Guerin Catholic softball team's Monday game with Pike and Tuesday game with Brebeuf Jesuit were both canceled.

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Haute South (Indiana State). Chance Coyle (20.0) of Bloomington South and Glen Rouch (22.6) of Boonville will both play for Division II Southern Indiana next fall. Sean East was a member of 4A New Albany's 2016 IHSAA state championship team. The South boys will be coached by Mark James of Ben Davis and Maynard Lewis of Terre Haute South.

The 2018 Classic Game Director is Athletic Director Kip Staggs of Martinsville. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Martinsville High School by calling (765) 342-5571, ext. 4026.

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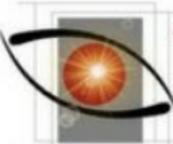
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NBA standings

Tuesday's scores	
Cleveland 112, Toronto 106	Milwaukee 106, Boston 102
Philadelphia 121, Brooklyn 95	Golden State 111, Oklahoma City 107
Miami 101, Atlanta 98	Dallas 115, Portland 109
Orlando 97, New York 73	Denver 107, Indiana 104
Chicago 120, Charlotte 114	Utah 117, L.A. Lakers 110
Houston 120, Washington 104	Phoenix 97, Sacramento 94
	L.A. Clippers 113, San Antonio 110

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Toronto	55	22	.714	-
x - Boston	53	24	.688	2.0
x - Philadelphia	47	30	.610	8.0
New York	27	51	.346	28.5
Brooklyn	25	53	.321	30.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Cleveland	48	30	.615	-
x - Indiana	46	32	.590	2.0
Milwaukee	42	36	.538	6.0
Detroit	37	40	.481	10.5
Chicago	27	51	.346	21.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Miami	42	36	.538	-
x - Washington	42	36	.538	-
Charlotte	34	45	.430	8.5
Orlando	23	54	.299	18.5
Atlanta	22	56	.282	20.0

x - clinched playoff berth

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Portland	48	30	.615	-
Utah	45	33	.577	3.0
Oklahoma City	45	34	.570	3.5
Minnesota	44	34	.564	4.0
Denver	43	35	.551	5.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
y - Golden State	57	21	.731	-
L.A. Clippers	42	36	.538	15.0
L.A. Lakers	33	44	.429	23.5
Sacramento	25	54	.316	32.5
Phoenix	20	59	.253	37.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
z - Houston	63	15	.808	-
San Antonio	45	33	.577	18.0
New Orleans	43	34	.558	19.5
Dallas	24	54	.308	39.0
Memphis	21	56	.273	41.5

y - clinched division z - clinched conference

MLB standings

Tuesday's scores	
Kansas City 1, Detroit 0	Atlanta 13, Washington 6
N.Y. Yankees 11, Tampa Bay 4	Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 4
Seattle 6, San Francisco 4	Houston 10, Baltimore 6
Boston 4, Miami 2, 13 innings	Arizona 6, L.A. Dodgers 1
Toronto 14, Chicago White Sox 5	Texas 4, Oakland 1
N.Y. Mets 2, Philadelphia 0	L.A. Angels 13, Cleveland 2
	San Diego 8, Colorado 4

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	5	1	.833	-
Toronto	4	2	.667	1.0
N.Y. Yankees	3	2	.600	1.5
Baltimore	1	4	.200	3.5
Tampa Bay	1	4	.200	3.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	2	2	.500	-
Minnesota	2	2	.500	-
Cleveland	2	3	.400	0.5
Kansas City	1	3	.250	1.0
Detroit	1	4	.200	1.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	5	1	.833	-
Seattle	3	1	.750	1.0
L.A. Angels	4	2	.667	1.0
Oakland	2	4	.333	3.0
Texas	2	4	.333	3.0

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	4	1	.800	-
N.Y. Mets	3	1	.750	0.5
Atlanta	3	2	.600	1.0
Miami	2	4	.333	2.5
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	2.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Pittsburgh	4	0	1.00	-
Milwaukee	4	1	.800	0.5
Chi. Cubs	2	3	.400	2.5
St. Louis	2	3	.400	2.5
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	3.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Arizona	4	1	.800	-
Colorado	2	3	.400	2.0
San Francisco	2	3	.400	2.0
L.A. Dodgers	2	4	.333	2.5
San Diego	1	4	.200	3.0

Denver ends Pacers' five-game win streak

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers brought plenty of fight on Tuesday night in Denver, but came up just short in their quest for a 4-0 road trip, falling to the Nuggets, 107-104.

The loss snapped a five-game win streak for Indiana (46-32) and thwarted their bid for a perfect Western Conference road trip. Still, the Blue & Gold will return to Indianapolis with their heads held high after beating the Warriors, Kings, and Clippers in their buildings over the course of the last week.

While Tuesday's game was important for

the Pacers, who are still chasing Cleveland and Philadelphia for a top-four seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs, it meant even more to Denver. The Nuggets improved to 43-35 by beating the Pacers and are now just a half-game back of New Orleans for the final postseason spot in the West.

"We did some good things on this trip," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win tonight and I thought (we had) a couple of mental mistakes down the stretch, (Denver) made some baskets that cost us this game."

The Nuggets dominated the opening minutes of Tuesday's contest, with Will

Barton scoring nine points in the first 2:10 to spark a 15-5 Denver run to open the game.

The Pacers, however, immediately answered with an 11-3 run of their own. A later 12-1 spurt spanning the end of the first and beginning of the second quarters allowed Indiana to take a 32-27 lead.

Both teams endured prolonged slumps in the middle of the second quarter, with the Blue & Gold managing only one field goal over a nearly seven-minute span. Jamal Murray's floater at the buzzer gave the hosts a 49-46 lead heading into the break.

The Nuggets created some separation again to open the third quarter, knocking down three straight 3-pointers and scoring the first 11 points of the second half to open up a 14-point lead.

The Pacers answered with a 10-0 run, only for Denver to reel off 10 unanswered points immediately afterwards. Indiana clawed its way back once again, eventually using a 9-2 run over the final 1:30 of the third quarter to trim its deficit to 77-73.

The Nuggets held the visitors at bay for much of the fourth quarter, though the Blue & Gold eventually made it a two-point game after two free throws by Thaddeus Young with 3:55 to play.

But Murray knocked down a three from the left corner to push Denver's lead back to 94-89. Paul Millsap came up with blocks on the Pacers' next two possessions and Barton

got two points on the other end both times to help the Nuggets pad their cushion and effectively seal the win.

"I mean, we've been in those types of games many times and we've won, just tonight we kind of came up short," Pacers All-Star guard Victor Oladipo said after the loss. "Confidence is still high, swagger is still high, we just have to continue to keep getting better."

A Pacers rally in the final minute which finished with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Darren Collison made the final margin appear closer than it actually was.

Oladipo led Indiana with 25 points, six rebounds, seven assists, and four steals in the loss. Young added 15 points and 10 rebounds, Collison had 16 points and five assists, and Domantas Sabonis scored 14 points off the bench.

Nikola Jokic led Denver with 30 points on 11-of-17 shooting (including 4-of-6 from 3-point range) to go along with six boards, seven assists, and four steals. Barton added 26 points, 10 rebounds, and five assists for the Nuggets, who have now won three straight.

The Pacers will return to Indianapolis to host the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the first half of a difficult back-to-back. Indiana visits East-leading Toronto on Friday night.

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