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Nickel Plate's Dagny Zupin is riding the irony express . . . **Learning to do the grandparent juggle**

On track for holiday success

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Dagny Zupin did not grow up with a love of trains and did not imagine her life would follow the tracks of the Ayn Rand character she was named for. But five months after graduating from college, she is now half of the Nickel Plate Express team.

The protagonist in Ayn Rand's magnum opus *Atlas Shrugged* was a woman named Dagny Taggart, Vice President in Charge of Operations for Taggart Transcontinental Railroad.

Dagny Zupin is the Nickel Plate Express Communications Coordinator. She and Executive Director Dea Holt are together responsible for Hamilton County's excursion rail service.

To add more irony, Nickel Plate express may be the only excursion railroad using Santa Fe passenger cars, which were manufactured in the 1950s. *Atlas Shrugged* was first published on Oct. 10, 1957.

The Reporter sat down with Zupin to talk about Nickel Plate Express and the improbability of her career.

"My dad is a huge reader who teaches high school government, psychology and U.S. history," Zupin said. "His favorite thing to teach was a history through literature class. He said it was the ideal way to learn - through a story rather than just facts and dates. He had his high school students read Ayn Rand."

Zupin's father used Rand as a component of teaching economic theory and she was a student in several of his classes. Her father told her he does not agree with all of Rand's views, but what he was always impressed with were the characters.

"They were always such strong people who had such strong values," Zupin explained. "They did what they thought was right and for the right reasons. He was always very impressed by how strong her characters were and that's why I was named Dagny. He thought she was impressive in the way she stuck to her guns, didn't take anything from anybody and just did what needed to be done."

She said the number of people who



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Executive Director Dea Holt (left) and Communications Coordinator Dagny Zupin are the Nickel Plate Express team.

make the connection between her name and the Rand character are, "Few and far between" and she is mildly surprised when someone does ask about it.

The path to Nickel Plate Express

"Growing up my family never did anything with trains and neither of my parents were train enthusiasts," Zupin said. "Now I am working with trains. For me to be named after a character who does that and to be working for a train company - especially in 2018 when train travel isn't the norm - I think that's incredibly ironic. It's very odd when I think about it."

During her junior year in college, Zupin took an internship with Hamilton County Tourism and said she loved it.

"Tourism is such a great industry to

work in. It is easy to promote amazing experiences for families because it's fun for them," Zupin said. "I did that my junior year, then went back to school. In September that year Brenda Myers and Sarah Buckner called about the Nickel Plate Express project asking me to be an intern."

Originally from Winamac, Ind., Zupin majored in public relations and minored in marketing at Ball State University, the same college both her parents attended. She now lives in Fishers, near the Noblesville border, and her job involves far more than just PR.

"We are a two-person staff running year-round train excursions, so I do it all," Zupin said. "I help with programming, I do

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I raised two very busy children, both socially and athletically. Life was crazy ... so I thought. Then my nest got empty and quiet. I wasn't a fan of the peace and quiet.

In 1997 I became a grandmother. In 2014 I married Chuck. What a whirlwind ride it has been!

Keeping up with the sports schedules and activities with six of mine and four of Chuck's grandchildren, in three states, is a mental and physical full-time job. But wait, I have a full-time job.

And so I juggle and even Grand Chuck has learned to juggle.

Sports is the main attraction for five of the 10. This starts with 16-year-old Emma in softball and golf in Tampa. Then 15-year-old Abby who plays traveling soccer and school soccer and basketball for Noblesville.

Jake is in the seventh grade at Noblesville East Middle School and plays baseball, football and basketball. Last year he even wrestled. Nine-year-old Aiden plays lacrosse, football and basketball in Tampa.

Five-year-old Leah made the Tampa gymnastics team and also plays soccer.

And then there are those times when we are "helping out."

By helping out, I mean dropping off and picking up from practices. Showing up at games where the bleachers seemed to have gotten harder over the years. We find ourselves taking one of them to a friend's after we stop at their house to change clothes, after they are fed.

There is always a "Grandma, I'm hungry" request. I know the favorite fast food places of each grandchild. All are different.

The real challenge is when Charles and I are in charge. We juggle cars, kids and equipment. Heaven forbid we show up with missing uniform pieces or equipment.

All have mastered changing clothes in the car.

For some reason it seemed simple when Brandon and Emily were little. I guess they lived with me and there were only two of them.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

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New faces join Hagerman team in Fishers

The REPORTER

The Hagerman Group, a construction solutions provider, adds to its team in their Fishers and Fort Wayne offices and promotes Steve Meier to Preconstruction Manager.

Kevin Sexton has joined Hagerman's Fishers office as a project estimator. Sexton will work closely with the chief estimating officer and preconstruction manager to assemble accurate, well-organized estimates and provide detailed quantity take-offs. Sexton has 21 years of similar ex-



perience and has managed a full spectrum of projects, services and functions in the construction industry. His

alma mater is Vincennes University where he obtained a degree in Building Materials Technology.

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New Noblesville Parks programs beginning in late October

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department will begin offering a variety of new programs beginning Monday, Oct. 22. Topics range from creative fun for the little ones and outdoor fall activities to classes designed for active adults.

"As fall approaches, we are excited to offer new and seasonal programming for all ages," said Recreation Director Nichole Haberlin-Medaris. "From families with young children with our 'Littles' program to our new Oasis classes for adults, we encourage

all residents to get out and enjoy the cooler weather or try a new class this fall."

Little Pumpkins and Little Turkeys

Bring your little one for seasonal themed fun. Each program will celebrate the season with crafts, games and fun activities with a fall pumpkin theme in October and turkey theme in November. Registration is required. The events are for ages 2 to 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 31 and Nov. 14 in the Forest Park Lodge

Basement. Cost is \$10 (resident) and \$12 (non-resident).

Fireside Fun

Bring your family for a fun night at the fireside in Forest Park. We will have a campfire, corn hole and candy apple bar at Shelter No. 5. Participants are welcome to drop in any time between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 and are asked to bring a light for the flashlight scavenger hunt. There is no admittance fee for this event.

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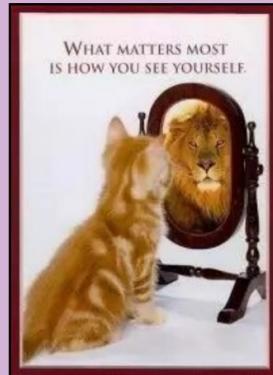
Be confident! There are going to be people who come in your life who undermine your abilities. Never undermine yourself! Don't question your passion. Just follow it!

Failure happens. Not a single one of us has succeeded at everything we have done the very first time. Failures and mistakes provide us with opportunities to learn and grow.

What others think of you does matter sometimes, but what you think of yourself matters ALL the time. Always stay true to who you are and others' opinions won't matter as much.

This world has a ton of opportunities. Go out, be you, don't be afraid of failure, and follow those dreams!

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DAGNY ZUPIN

all the PR and marketing and I work on the train every weekend. I basically do whatever needs to be done. That's what happens with a non-profit. We have a board that is very helpful, but they all have full-time jobs and can only do so much.”

According to Zupin, Hamilton County Tourism was the steward of Nickel Plate Express before they had the equipment here and before there were any full-time employees. Now Nickel Plate Express is a separate entity with its own staff and board of directors. Hamilton County Tourism does provide some grant support, as they do for several organizations in the county.

All aboard!

Each Saturday and Sunday in October Nickel Plate Express is running three excursions a day. The Pumpkin Express runs at noon and 3 p.m., the Ghost Express runs at 6:30 p.m.

“For the Pumpkin Express we are working with Hamilton Heights FFA,” Zupin said. “They have a pumpkin patch planted near their soccer field. You ride the train for about 20 minutes after your board in Atlanta. We let you off at the pumpkin patch. They have created a mini-fall festival for passengers with a hay ride, fall games and the pumpkins. FFA has been awesome to work with and all the proceeds from the Pumpkin Express benefit Heights FFA.”

The Ghost Express is an



Photo provided

Nickel Plate Express had enough funds to repair more tracks sooner than it had hoped, and its excursion trains now run across Morse Lake and through Cicero.

erie, hair-raising evening instead of the kind of jump-and-scare experience you get at a theme park.

“You go to downtown Atlanta where there will be mediums helping you connect with the departed,” Zupin said. “You will board the train and go about 30 minutes to hear a ghost story before you come back. The mediums will be on the train interacting with the passengers and giving them readings on both legs of the

trip. When you get back to Atlanta you go to the Roads Hotel.”

Roads Hotel has a rich history and has been called one of the most-haunted locations in Indiana.

Mike Couch started the Lost Limbs Foundation to help encourage and provide monetary support to families of amputee children. Lost Limbs purchased the Roads Hotel location with assistance from supporters of the charity. Money col-

lected from events, investigations and tours will go to keep the location available to the public, help amputee children and to pay back the initial investment in the property.

“Mike has been great to work with,” Zupin told The Reporter. “He is willing to try anything to help make this successful. I don't think he expected to be giving tours for 200 people every weekend, but he always says, ‘If it's going to help

the charity, I'll do it.’”

Thanksgiving and Christmas Nickel Plate will have the Reindeer Express, their festive holiday ride.

“We will have carolers in downtown Atlanta to make the atmosphere fun,” Zupin said. “When you get on the train there will be elves there to lead you in carols. Of course Santa will be there. Kids will have a Christmas craft to do on the train.”

For their first year of operation, Nickel Plate Ex-

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press is hosting an impressive number of events with only two employees.

“The logistics are challenging,” Zupin said. “You have to be very organized. Even though Dea and I are hard workers and there are seven days a week, you have to know when to delegate and when to lean on people for support. That's where our board has been very helpful. It is about thinking two steps ahead as well as knowing and utilizing your ‘life rafts.’”

Excursions currently go through Cicero, but eventually, Nickel Plate Express should travel all the way to Noblesville.

“Our contract is to go to Logan Street in Noblesville, near where our train car is parked right now,” Zupin said. “We go to the Cicero/Noblesville line. We cross Morse Reservoir and into Cicero. Once we get outside Cicero we stop and come back.”

Winter projects in the off-season after the Reindeer Express include painting, a new sound system, adding more restrooms and making the train more accessible to people with limited mobility. That would involve adding a few seats and a window to the lower level for people who would not be able to climb the stairs to the upper level.

More information about the Nickel Plate Express excursions, including ticket prices, is available at NickelPlateExpress.com.

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Elise Meredith has joined Hagerman as a project coordinator based in the Fishers office. Meredith's responsibilities include working closely with project managers and project executives to prepare comprehensive action plans, including resources, timeframes and budgets. Meredith majored in Electrical Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and recently worked at Gaylor Electric as a project administrator.

Lee Emenhiser has a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management Specialization with a minor in Organizational Leadership and Supervision from Purdue University. Emenhiser is based in Hagerman's Fort Wayne office and serves as a project engineer. As a project engineer, Emenhiser will support the project manager on contract administration matters related to trade/subcontracts. He will also prepare trade/subcontracts, administer change processes, maintain and update schedules and communicate with the designer. Additionally,



Meredith

he will prepare RFIs, administer progress payments, assist in implementing quality control procedures, manage the submittal process, and initiate claims management controls.

Maranda Taylor serves as business development coordinator and works out of the Fishers office. Taylor is responsible for new business, as well as coordinating BD efforts with the director of business development. Taylor obtained a Bachelor of Corporate Communications from IUPUI in Indianapolis and most recently worked for a local developer.

Nick Kortepeter, a Purdue University graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Building Construction Management, has joined Hagerman as an assistant project manager. Having worked in the construction industry for the past 20 years, Kortepeter is well-versed in contract negotiations, project estimation, document preparation, building codes and regulations, material purchasing, site management and CPM scheduling.



Emenhiser

Trent Meyer has joined Hagerman as a project engineer and is based out of the Fishers office. Meyer is a 2016 graduate of Ball State University with a minor in Business Administration and a major in Construction Management. As project engineer, Meyer will work in the office and on-site to assist the project manager with construction administration.

Hagerman's senior estimator of just over a year, **Steve Meier**, has been promoted to preconstruction manager. Meier is responsible for overseeing projects, evaluating the site, developing itemized expense lists based on personnel and materials and collaborating with owners and designers to explain cost findings. Meier has nearly 20 years of experience in the construction industry.

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JUGGLE

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But you know what, I may get tired and feel challenged to keep it all straight, but I love it. I'll speak for Chuck and say he loves it as well.

You may see Chuck and me at a game with his Hamilton Southeastern Royals seat pad and me with my Noblesville Millers seat pad, but we will be cheering on OUR grandchildren.

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LEAH MOORMAN
Sheridan High School Student

My favorite chapter doesn’t exist inside of a novel. Rather, my favorite chapter is the Sheridan FFA. Through FFA, I’ve found my passion for helping others. I discovered my love for writing and research because of FFA as well. Through the organization, I have developed a plethora of skills, ranging from Parliamentary Procedure to tree identification and grain grading. FFA has helped me grow as a person in so many ways. Not only has my involvement with FFA given me the skills to succeed in the future with my career and education, but I have also learned how to step out of my comfort zone. Without FFA, I never would have made friends from across the nation, like the kids I met from South Dakota and Washington. I’ve made my closest friends through FFA. My chapter is my second family.

FFA isn’t just for farm kids. Members do a whole lot more than judge livestock and farm, though many people don’t see that. Many people believe that FFA simply stands for Future Farmers of America. In reality, the name was changed to the National FFA Association before 2000. The name change accentuates the fact that FFA isn’t just for farmers or people who live in the country. FFA teaches people to be self-sufficient and responsible and allows for their growth into the leaders of tomorrow’s world. Joe Martin from the Indiana FFA Association, a man whom I have had the pleasure of meeting on multiple occasions, puts it this way: “The organization has grown to be more than cows, sows, and plows; the modern FFA is about beakers, speakers, and job seekers.” FFA is about agriculture, science, mechanics, career readiness, leadership and the future of America.

I started FFA in the sixth grade, through my school’s junior chapter. That year I had the pleasure of serving as Vice President. I served as the junior chapter President my seventh-grade year and was re-elected as President my eighth-grade year. I was not an officer during my freshman year, because first-year members of my high school’s FFA can’t be officers. It gives first-years a chance to get their roots set in the organization and use the year as a learning experience before taking on a leadership position. In the spring of my freshman

year, I ran for 2018-2019 Treasurer, where I serve currently (we elect officers in the spring to serve for the next year’s term). In the spring of 2019 I am going to run for district Secretary and chapter Vice President.

The first time I wore an FFA jacket, I was trying on my dad’s. I probably looked like a child playing dress up, but I knew that one day I would get my own, and I would make a name for myself within the organization. It is a dream of mine to serve as a state officer and eventually make it to the national officer team. The first time I wore my own jacket, I immediately felt right at home. I knew at once that I was born to wear that jacket. It is one of my most prized possessions. I know that I will always have the friends I’ve made from FFA, who are now like my second family.

My favorite FFA memory is getting to go to National Convention my freshman year. Anyone who has been in Indianapolis during Convention week knows what I’m talking about when I say there are blue jackets EVERYWHERE. I had heard and seen where people say there’s nothing like seeing the “sea of blue” for the first time. I had always thought that was an exaggeration. It is not. I will never forget how I felt when I went to National Convention for the first time. I was mesmerized when I got off the bus and walked from the Convention Center to Bankers Life Fieldhouse and all I could see were kids, just like me, wearing the blue corduroy jacket of the FFA. There were over 60,000 FFA members and advisors gathered in Indiana, all of us together and united through one organization. Whether the member is from Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Alaska, Texas, or Maine, we were all together wearing the same jacket, a symbol of unity and respect. All of us come from different backgrounds, but when we put on that jacket, we are brothers and sisters, friends and family, and we have each other’s backs and support each other.

FFA has become my passion. I’m so thankful that I joined the organization and that I can serve an active role in my chapter. The Sheridan FFA has become my second family over the years, and for that, I am extremely grateful. The experiences and skills I have gained through FFA are irreplaceable. In years to come, my blue corduroy jacket may become too small for me to wear, but I will never forget the memories I have made through the wonderful organization.

PARKS

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Teen Enrichment

This class will prep your teen for the workforce with advice on their job application, resume building and interviews. For ages 15 to 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Recreation Annex. Cost is \$50.

Oasis Lifelong Adventure

Join our partners at Oasis for healthy aging and lifelong learning programs for active adults. Classes and times are available at oasisindy.org. Programs will be held in the Recreation Annex. Costs depend on the class and range from free to \$40.

Stress Relief Hike

Participants will take a light hike, discuss stress relieving techniques and learn tips on how to be more mindful and how to cope with stress. All ages welcome from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at Forest Park Shelter No. 5. Cost is \$3.

Bird Watching Drop-In (All Ages)

Drop-in anytime during the program from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at Forest Park Lodge to learn about the birds that

are staying in Indiana for the winter, discuss what types of food is best for them and create a simple craft. Cost is \$5 per person.

Ballroom Basics

Perfect for adults new to Ballroom dancing or for anyone wanting to brush up on their fundamentals. Class will focus on partner connection, lead and follow techniques, and beginner dance patterns for several dance styles. Classes are 8 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 22 through Nov. 26 at Forest Park Inn. Cost is \$51 (residents) and \$59 (nonresidents).

Beginner/Intermediate Ballroom

This class is for adults who have had some ballroom dance experience, or who have completed the Ballroom Basics class. Focus will be on beginner/intermediate dance patterns, while continuing to develop and improve partners’ connection and lead and follow techniques. Classes are 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 22 through Nov. 26 at Forest Park Inn. Cost is \$51 (residents) and \$59 (nonresidents).

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Registration opens for second annual Stay Home for HAND fundraiser

The REPORTER

HAND Inc.'s unusual fundraiser is back for a second year, offering supporters the chance to stay home to support HAND's central Indiana housing programs. The inaugural Stay Home for HAND non-event raised more than \$10,000.

Instead of asking donors to attend an upscale event in a rented venue, HAND invites the community to stay home on the evening of Nov. 10 – enjoying the kind of warmth and comfort that the organization provides our low- and moderate-income neighbors.

This year's fundraiser is scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, but participants can stay home whenever it fits their schedule. Tickets cost \$75 for a household, \$150 for a VIP household, or \$450 for a block party. Register now



at bit.ly/StayHomeforHAND18.

Ticket holders will have exclusive access to an online silent auction, which closes at 9 p.m. on Nov. 10.

Participants who share photos and videos of their home-based activities on Facebook that evening also will have a chance to win prizes.

“It's a different kind of ‘event,’ but people seemed to really embrace the idea that they could stay home,” said HAND Executive Director Jennifer Miller. “And we couldn't ask for a better tie-in with our mission.”

Proceeds from Stay

Home for HAND support the organization's housing-development, home-repair and community-building programs. HAND works to ensure that the suburbs remain livable, with homes that are affordable for all residents.

Since 2003, HAND has invested nearly \$20 million in Hamilton County housing, developing seven affordable apartment communities. This year, HAND acquired Hickory Commons, its first development in neighboring Boone County.

Learn more at handincorporated.org.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Oct. 22

The REPORTER

Boo Bash

Fishers Parks & Recreation will host its annual Boo Bash celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 on the Central Green. A Sensory Friendly Hour will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. for children with special needs.

Road closures will begin at 3 p.m. along Municipal Drive from North Street to Fishers Center Drive and along the Central Green to 116th Street. Closures will be in place for the duration of the event. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, vendors will be unloading in the outside lanes and parking spots on Municipal Drive along Central Green, so please drive with caution. All street parking along Municipal Drive will be restricted beginning at 6 a.m. on Friday.

Event parking is available in the Flats at Switch parking garage located to the east of City Hall (must

enter from North Street), as well as in the new Police Station and Meyer Najem garages, and in the back Nickel Plate District AMP lots. There is also free parking located throughout the Nickel Plate District.

Allisonville Road & 131st Street

131st Street at Allisonville Road will be closed to all traffic beginning on or after Nov. 2. Signs will be installed with detour information. This is an active construction site with reduced speed limits.

136th Street & Southeastern Parkway

The traffic pattern has changed in this area. Please drive with caution.

Florida Road

Florida Road between Luxhaven Road and Martha Street is closed for the rehabilitation of Bridge 192 (Florida Road over Fall Creek) by the Hamil-

ton County Highway Department. The road will be closed to all thru traffic and will tentatively re-open before Nov. 3.

Florida Road & 113th Street

The intersection of 113th Street and Florida Road is closed for the realignment and construction of a new roundabout at the intersection. The closure is expected to last approximately 90 days. See the [Detour Map](#).

106th Street

106th Street is closed to through traffic from Eller Road to Allisonville Road and from Allisonville Road to Hague Road for the 106th Street Infrastructure Project. 106th Street is also closed to through traffic between Hague Road and the Crosspoint Boulevard/Lantern Road roundabout. An updated [project timeline](#) and [Detour Map](#) are [now available](#).

Anderson Museum of Art to hold antique appraisal fair

The REPORTER

The Women's League of the Anderson Museum of Art is sponsoring an event called “An Antique Appraisal Fair,” which is very similar in many ways to the classic TV show, “Antiques Roadshow.”

It will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28, in the Art Museum's facilities at 32 W. 10th St. in downtown Anderson. There will be several appraisal experts available to assess any item whose value you would like to know. The cost is \$5 for each item with a maximum of five items per person. No

firearms or weapons are allowed.

Be sure to tell your friends about this chance to evaluate their antiques. The appraisers and their field of expertise are Larry Beard – Depression Glass, Crystal and Cut Glass; Dennis Jackson – Art; Bob Lenhart – Antique Toys; Curtis Ploughman – Jewelry, Coins, Game Cards and Comics; Bob Post – Furniture and Collectibles; and Harley Sheets – Postcards.

Supplementing the appraisal portion will be the famous Casserole Kitchen. Those casseroles, made by a group of women from the

Women's League, are for sale in different sizes and flavors such as wild rice and chicken, meat loaf and vegetable lasagna. Also available will be soups such as chicken noodle, broccoli, etc. There will be containers of barbecued pulled pork with extra sauce.

A sincere thank you goes to the Central Christian Church for allowing the use of their kitchen facilities to prepare the items. There will also be a book sale at the fair.

Hope to see you on Oct. 28. Please contact Maureen Kirchenbauer at 765-734-1495 with questions.

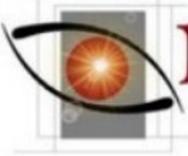
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Indiana unemployment rate remains below national level

The REPORTER

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.5 percent for September and remains lower than the national rate of 3.7 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for nearly five years.

The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 4,564 over the previous month. This was a result of a 337 decrease in unemployed residents and an increase of 4,901 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.39 million, and

	September 2017	August 2018	September 2018	Monthly change	Yearly change
Indiana	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%
U.S.	4.2%	3.9%	3.7%	-0.2%	-0.5%
Illinois	5.0%	4.1%	4.1%	0.0%	-0.9%
Kentucky	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%	0.1%	-0.2%
Michigan	4.7%	4.1%	4.0%	-0.1%	-0.7%
Minnesota	3.3%	2.9%	2.8%	-0.1%	-0.5%
Ohio	5.0%	4.6%	4.6%	0.0%	-0.4%
Wisconsin	3.3%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	-0.3%

Graphic provided

the state's 65.1 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.7 percent.

In addition, the number of Indiana's ongoing regular unemployment insurance claims is the lowest since 1976, when UI claims were first recorded.

[Click here](#) to learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated.

Employment by sector

Private sector employ-

ment has grown by more than 26,400 over the year, and has increased by 2,500 over the previous month, primarily due to gains in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (2,400) and the Other (1,700), which includes Mining and Logging, IT and Other Services sectors.

Gains were partially offset by losses in the Manufacturing (-1,300) and the Private Educational and Health Services (-1,000) sectors.

Total private employment stands at 2,710,900 and is 22,000 above the December 2017 peak.

Data are sourced from *September Current Employment Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics - U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. September employment data for Indiana Counties, cities and MSAs will be available at noon on Monday, Oct. 22 pending U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics validation.*



What First Lady is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery?

The REPORTER

1869 - Janet Scudder was born in Terre Haute. A talented sculptor known for lovely fountains in gardens and parks across the nation, she was one of three Hoosier women chosen to create statues for the Indiana Building at the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

1892 - First Lady Caroline Scott Harrison, wife of President Benjamin Harrison, died of tuberculosis at the White House. Services were held in Washington and Indianapolis before her burial at Crown Hill Cemetery.

1928 - Evangelist Billy Sunday preached to a large crowd at Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis. He said that prohibition was "the greatest moral question of the century." Sunday and his family had a home at Winona Lake in Kosciusko County.

1929 - One person was

killed and seven injured in Madison when a cannon exploded during a reception for President Herbert Hoover. The president was visiting the city on the U.S. Coast Guard Greenbrier, a paddlewheel steamboat. Others on the boat included Indiana Governor Harry G. Leslie and Mrs. Leslie.

1950 - Thousands of bells rang throughout Indiana as the state participated in the United Nations world-wide "Message of Freedom" celebration. At the Statehouse, Governor Henry Schricker rang the Liberty Bell replica in the rotunda.

1978 - The legendary "House of Blue Lights" was set for demolition by the Indianapolis Board of Parks and Recreation. The home on the northeast side of the city had belonged to millionaire Skiles Test. For many years it had been the subject of mysteries and urban myths.

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Boxwood blight found in Indiana

The REPORTER

The DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology has discovered that a shipment of boxwood plants infected with boxwood blight was shipped to Indiana in May.

This is important because boxwood blight (*Calonectria pseudonaviculata*) is a fungal disease that infests members of the popular Buxaceae family, and is often transported through the nursery trade. Hosts include Buxus (boxwood), Pachysandra (Japanese spurge) and Sarcococca (sweetbox).

In total, 23 stores in Indiana received infected material in early spring (particularly “Graham Blandy” cultivar), and it’s possible that members of the public inadvertently purchased

some plants.

The fungus, which can lay dormant in drier conditions, can be found on all above-ground portions of the plant and presents itself as dark leaf spots. It causes rapid defoliation, which typically starts on the bottom of the plant and moves toward the top. This fungal pathogen can move through sporulation in water and from dropped leaves. As a result, infection can spread to surrounding plants from a single infected plant.

If you suspect one of your plants shows signs and symptoms of boxwood blight, please call (866) NO EXOTIC (866-663-9684) use the information at dnr.IN.gov/entomolo.

For more information on this pathogen, [click here](#).

A DNR inspector found the plants at a national chain home and garden store in early October. The shipment originated at a nursery in Oregon. It was also sent to stores in 11 other states.

Upon confirmation of boxwood blight on these plants by the Purdue Plant and Pest Diagnostic Lab, the DNR required that the chain remove all boxwood from their shelves for disposal and that the stores mitigate the area through disinfection to ensure that the pathogen is no longer present and able to infect further shipments of plants.

The DNR is currently surveying for boxwood blight in Indiana. To date, the DNR has not found the pathogen, except for a few interceptions like this one.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

Mark 10:46-52 (KJV)

Taking a look at the top 10 largest jackpots in U.S. history

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Lottery players will have a chance at winning an estimated \$1.6 billion jackpot in Tuesday night’s Mega Millions drawing, which would tie the largest lottery prize in U.S. history.

Here is a look at the 10 largest U.S. jackpots that have been won and the states where the winning tickets were sold:

1. \$1.6 billion, Powerball, Jan. 13, 2016 (three tickets, from California,

Florida, Tennessee)

2. \$758.7 million, Powerball, Aug. 23, 2017 (one ticket, from Massachusetts)

3. \$656 million, Mega Millions, March 30, 2012 (three tickets, from Kansas, Illinois and Maryland)

4. \$648 million, Mega Millions, Dec. 17, 2013 (two tickets, from California and Georgia)

5. \$590.5 million, Powerball, May 18, 2013 (one ticket, from Florida)

6. \$587.5 million, Pow-

erball, Nov. 28, 2012 (two tickets, from Arizona and Missouri)

7. \$564.1 million, Powerball, Feb. 11, 2015 (three tickets, from North Carolina, Puerto Rico and Texas)

8. \$559.7 million, Powerball, Jan. 6, 2018 (one ticket, from New Hampshire)

9. \$543 million, Mega Millions, July 24, 2018 (one ticket, from California)

10. \$536 million, Mega Millions, July 8, 2016 (one ticket, from Indiana)



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Cross country

Fishers boys win semi-state, multiple schools qualify for state

For the first time in over a decade, the Fishers boys cross country team is a semi-state champion.

The Tigers dominated the field at the New Haven semi-state, which took place Saturday at The Plex at Purdue Fort Wayne. Fishers scored 63 points, well ahead of runner-up Concordia Lutheran's 148. The Tigers also earned the first of six qualifying spots for next Saturday's state meet at Terre Haute.

Fishers had its top three runners all finished in the top 11. Ethan Meyer led the Tigers by taking fourth, followed by Drew Smith's 10th-place finish, and Alex Meyer's 11th-place result.

In the team scoring, Ethan Meyer scored two points, with Smith scoring eight and Alex Meyer nine. While Concordia Lutheran had two runners finish in the top five (scoring one and three points), the Tigers had its top six runners place in the top 34, and all of them finished before Concordia Lutheran's third runner did, thus clinching the title early.

The semi-state title is the second for Fishers. The Tigers' first semi-state came in 2007, the same year they won the state championship. Fishers will be making its fifth consecutive state appearance and eight overall.

Hamilton Southeastern also qualified for the state meet, finishing in fifth place with 165 points. Grant Wilson led the Royals by taking 27th. Southeastern will participate in its 13th state finals next weekend at Terre Haute's LaVern Gibson Cross Country Course.

In the girls meet, HSE placed second with 98 points, while Fishers was third with 117; both schools advance to state. Fort Wayne Carroll dominated the meet, scoring 44 points to take the championship.

The Royals' Lulu Black finished in third place to lead her team, while freshman Vera Schafer took 13th to lead the Tigers. Southeastern qualified for its seventh state meet, while Fishers made it to state for the fifth time.

At the Shelbyville semi-state, three teams and three individuals qualified for



Photo provided

The Fishers boys cross country team easily won the New Haven semi-state Saturday, scoring 63 points. Its the first semi-state title for the Tigers since 2007 and second overall.

state after their performances at Blue River Park.

In the girls meet, Carmel placed third and Noblesville finished fourth, thus sending their teams to Terre Haute. Zionsville won a close meet by scoring 76 points to Brebeuf Jesuit's 82. The Greyhounds scored 95 points and the Millers totaled 141.

Phoebe Bates was back for Carmel, and

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Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Carmel's Phoebe Bates finished second in the girls race at the Shelbyville semi-state on Saturday. Bates led the Greyhounds to a third-place finish and another trip to the state meet.

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CROSS COUNTRY

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Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Carmel's Ben Myers (713) and Noblesville's Billy Gregory (934) and Cole Kimmel (937) keep pace with the field during the Shelbyville semi-state meet.

she cruised to a runner-up finish in a time of 17:43.4. The race winner was Greencastle's Emma Wilson, the defending state champion, who clocked in at 17:31.0. Wilson and Bates were the only girls runners to break 18 minutes at the meet.

Noblesville was led by Madison King, who placed 24th. Meanwhile, Hamilton Heights' Maria Mitchell qualified for state as an individual; she took ninth place. The top 10 individuals not on an advancing team also earn a ticket to Terre Haute.

The Greyhound girls continued their remarkable streak of qualifying for state to 38 years - Carmel has participated in every state meet since the IHSAA began the tournament in 1981. The Millers will make their ninth appearance at state.

In the boys meet, Carmel finished a close second to Cathedral, with the Irish scoring 78 points and the Greyhounds' 90. Carmel extended its record state qualifying streak to 43, and its 45th state appearance overall. Patrick Campbell led the 'Hounds by placing 10th.

Noblesville finished seventh, just missing a state qualifying spot by five points. The Millers will have an individual at state, as Travis Hickner placed sixth, easily earning one of the 10 individual places.

Westfield finished 12th as a team, with Mahamat Djour leading the Shamrocks by taking 57th.

Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallagher qualified as an individual, placing fifth. Gallagher was the highest-finishing Hamilton County runner at Shelbyville and will return to state for a third consecutive year.

AT NEW HAVEN GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Fort Wayne Carroll 44, Hamilton Southeastern 98, Fishers 117, Bishop Dwenger 123, Homestead 150, Penn 184, Mishawaka 268,

Concordia Lutheran 271, Pendleton Heights 297, Norwell 310, Elkhart Memorial 310, Bishop Luers 336, Elkhart Central 337, Leo 351, Oak Hill 354, Northridge 418, Delta 447, South Adams 447, Yorktown 497, Huntington North 520.

Race winner: Meagan Hathaway (Carroll) 18:04.0. **Southeastern runners:** 3. Lulu Black 18:28.6, 18. Lilly Cummins 19:12.6, 26. Halle Hill 19:38.4, 28. Maddie Mirro 19:40.8, 35. Lilly Patrick 19:52.6, 42. Ellie Pedersen 20:02.9, 100. Brooke Ratliff 21:14.6. **Fishers runners:** 13. Vera Schafer 19:02.5, 22. Abigail Carter 19:26.9, 25. Miya Wai 19:38.1, 34. Debbie Shera 19:51.4, 38. Teresa Kraft 19:57.5, 38. Elizabeth Barrett 19:57.5, 76. Emma Gillespie 20:50.3.

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Fishers 63, Concordia Lutheran 148, Homestead 153, Westview 155, Hamilton Southeastern 165, West Noble 169, Fort Wayne Carroll 183, Wabash 191, Penn 256, Goshen 262, Pendleton Heights 267, Belmont 275, South Bend Riley 321, Huntington North 368, Oak Hill 383, Elkhart Memorial 400, Elkhart Central 420, New Haven 432, Lapel 507, Frankton 594. **Race winner:** Jesse Hamlin (Fort Wayne Snider) 15:29.4.

Fishers runners: 4. Ethan Meyer 15:51.6, 10. Drew Smith 16:09.8, 11. Alex Meyer 16:11.0, 31. Quintin Goldman 16:40.1, 33. Max McCollum 16:40.8, 34. Thomas Brelage 16:42.6, 123. Jared Halamka 17:48.4.

Southeastern runners: 27. Grant Wilson 16:37.3, 37. Jacob Wiggers 16:46.6, 38. Eric Swinson 16:47.1, 61. Eric Carothers 17:03.1, 73. Nolan Satterfield 17:08.7, 98. James Rathbun 17:24.1.

AT SHELBYVILLE GIRLS MEET

Team scores: Zionsville 76, Brebeuf Jesuit 82, Carmel 95, Noblesville 141, Pike 165, Franklin Central 168, New Palestine 186, Cardinal Ritter 186, Cathedral 196, Brownsburg 233, Center Grove 339, Avon 344, Batesville 365, Greensburg 374, Franklin Community 410, Roncalli 462, Southport 481, Whiteland 521, Rushville 531, Mount Vernon 555.

Race winner: Emma Wilson (Greencastle) 17:31.0.

Carmel runners: 2. Phoebe Bates 17:43.4, 13. Jamie Klavon 18:44.1, 28. Lindsey Roper 18:58.2, 32. Abby Parker 19:13.2, 35. Brooke Waldal 19:22.2, 38. Lily McAndrews 19:30.4, 54. Roni Ledezma 19:55.4.

Noblesville runners: 24. Madison King 18:54.3,



Hamilton Heights' Maria Mitchell finished ninth in the girls race and qualified for state as an individual.

29. Sophie Reichard 19:05.8, 33. Isabella Sharples-Gordon 19:21.5, 34. Aubrey Swart 19:21.9, 45. Aubrie Deal 19:37.4, 53. Taylor Gregory 19:52.7, 64. Sophie Stahl 20:11.2.

Guerin Catholic runners: 19. Elizabeth Schroeder 18:52.4, 84. Elizabeth Museck 20:31.3. **Hamilton Heights runner:** 9. Maria Mitchell 18:33.1.

Westfield runner: 72. Christyann Delahunty 20:17.1.

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Cathedral 78, Carmel 90, Zionsville 102, Avon 159, Franklin Community 159, North Central 174, Noblesville 179, Brownsburg 182, Ben Davis 293, New Palestine 318, Cardinal Ritter 321, Westfield 328, Franklin Central 344, Center Grove 364, Roncalli 384, Greenfield-Central 395, Warren Central 409, Whiteland 410, Batesville 510, Mooresville 585.

Race winner: Cole Hocker (Cathedral) 15:05.2. **Carmel runners:** 10. Patrick Campbell 15:59.8, 17. Calvin Bates 16:06.0, 19. Grant Moon 16:07.3, 26. Will Murphy 16:21.4, 43. Cameron Harless 16:38.5, 55. Thomas Gastineau 16:46.0, 56. Ben Myers 16:46.0.

Noblesville runners: 6. Travis Hickner 15:57.6, 40. Billy Gregory 16:36.1, 42. Justin Amburgy 16:37.0, 49. Cole Kimmel 16:44.0, 78. Nick Dombroski 17:02.4, 122. Kolby Kazmierski 17:38.9, 134. Seth Koszyk 17:52.6.

Westfield runners: 57. Mahamat Djour 16:49.3, 58. Samuel Novak 16:49.4, 93. Maxwell Gutwein 17:18.2, 96. Kai Connor 17:20.6, 110. Kyler Koning 17:26.5, 125. Joseph Barnett 17:42.6, 148. Noah Douthit 18:10.0.

Guerin Catholic runners: 5. Quinn Gallagher 15:57.3, 45. Joseph Barrett 16:39.9.



Carmel's Patrick Campbell (left) placed 10th at semi-state, while Guerin Catholic's Quinn Gallagher finished fifth.

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Dixon and Lloyd reach doubles final...

Carmel's Presley Thieneman wins state singles tournament

Presley Thieneman picked up another state championship for the Carmel tennis program on Saturday.

The junior cruised to victory in the boys singles state tournament, which took place at Park Tudor. Thieneman beat Evansville Mater Dei senior Aaron Thompson 6-1, 6-1 in the morning semi-finals, then took care of Park Tudor senior Aidan Harris 6-0, 6-3 in the windy afternoon championship.

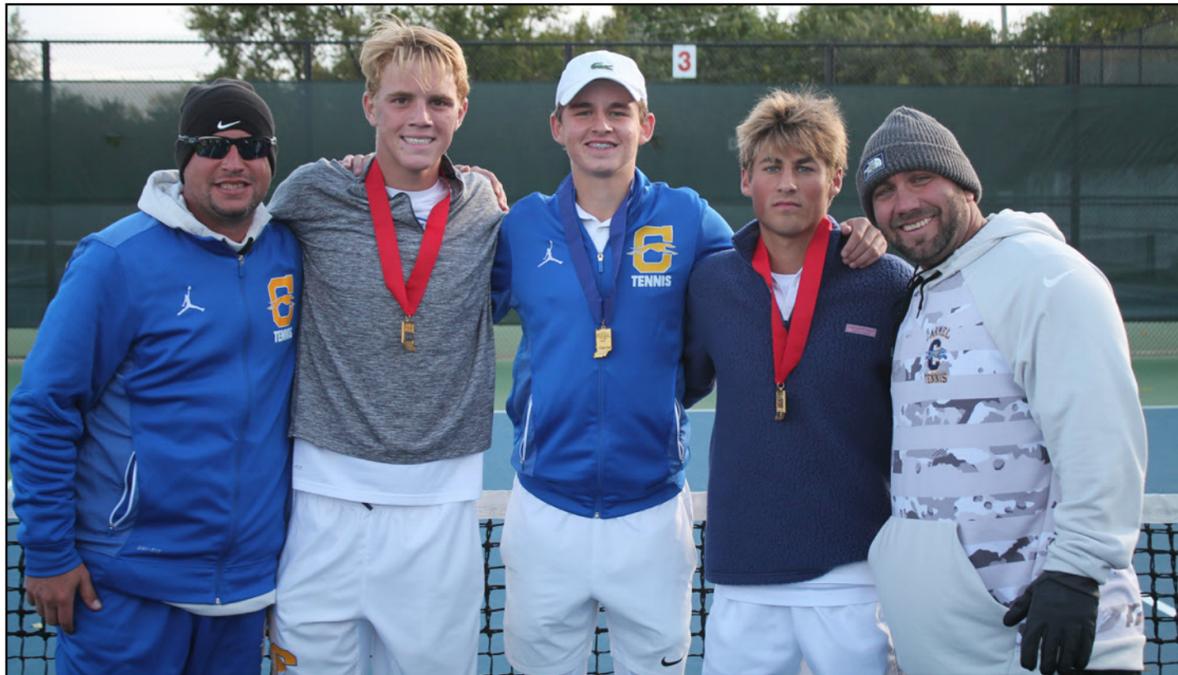
"I played really well," said Thieneman. "I moved my feet. I had a lot of forehands. I didn't really give Aidan anything. I stepped into the court well and I think I played the best I could have."

Thieneman became the fifth Carmel player to win the singles state title, and his victory puts him in impressive company. The Greyhounds' other state winners were Todd Witsken (1980), Rick Witsken (1987-88), Rajeev Ram (1999) and Patrick Fletchall (2016-17). Thieneman finished the season 21-1.

"We worked really hard this season and I thought I deserved to win today," said Thieneman. "I've wanted to win this since I was real young, so it feels amazing to win this."

Carmel's senior doubles team of Timmy Dixon and Garrett Lloyd advanced to the championship match by beating Munster seniors Zach Schmidt and Frank Wolf 6-4, 6-1 in the semi-finals. In the final, the Greyhounds played Leo seniors Eli Herran and Isaac Steiner.

Dixon and Lloyd won the first set 7-5, but Herran and Steiner won the next two sets



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel boys tennis team had both its singles and doubles team play in the individual state tournament Saturday at Park Tudor. Junior Presley Thieneman won the singles tournament while the senior team of Garrett Lloyd and Timmy Dixon reached the final of the doubles tournament.

Pictured: Carmel coach Bryan Hanan, Lloyd, Thieneman, Dixon, assistant coach Josh Farley.

6-2, 6-3 to win the doubles title. Both teams were undefeated going into the final; the Leo team finished the season 19-0 while Dixon and Lloyd finished 22-1. This marked the fifth time in nine years that a Carmel team played in the doubles title match.

Volleyball

Tigers reach final, fall to No. 1 Yorktown

By RICHIE HALL

The Fishers volleyball team's terrific season came to an end on Saturday, and it took the best to beat the Tigers.

Fishers fell to No. 1-ranked Yorktown in three sets, 25-16, 25-23, 25-17, in the championship match of the Class 4A Noblesville regional. The win kept Yorktown undefeated at 33-0, while Fishers' final record was 25-5.

The Tigers played well, but Yorktown's big hitting and tenacious defense kept Fishers at arm's length. Yorktown steadily built a lead in the first set, which ended with consecutive kills by senior Kenzie Knuckles.

In the second set, the Tigers came close to doing something that only one other team has done all season: Take a set off Yorktown. Fishers trailed 18-10 in the set, but roared back to score eight straight points and tie things up at 18-18.

Bryn Roberts and Audrey Haworth started the run with kills. Haworth hit another kill to make the score 18-15 out of a Yorktown timeout, then Rose Duffy tipped a ball over for a Fishers point.

Roberts served an ace, forcing another timeout by Yorktown. Camryn Haworth put down a kill on the next point, and the score was tied.

A couple points later, Haley Soper's block put the Tigers ahead 20-19. The back and forth continued, with Roberts spiking a kill to get Fishers ahead 23-22. But that would be all, as Yorktown won the next three points.

"We had some success on a couple attacking balls in the first set," said Tigers coach Steven Peek. "But when you see it at six or seven different points in 49 rallies, it's not going to stick out to you. We started getting streaks and going on some runs."

Yorktown seized the momentum in the third set, leading 13-7, then 19-8. The Tigers made one last run, scoring five straight



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

Fishers' Jada Allen (7) and Bryn Roberts (4) go up to block a Yorktown hit during the championship match of the Class 4A Noblesville volleyball regional on Saturday. Yorktown beat the Tigers in three sets to win the regional.

points to cut a 23-12 Yorktown lead to 23-17. Audrey Haworth hit two kills, Camryn Haworth had one and Soper made another block.

"One thing we've talked about, especially the last five weeks, is we can never have a point or a rally where we are

giving up or don't think we can win," said Peek.

Yorktown took a timeout at that point, and then won the next two points. Knuckles ended the match with a successful block.

Audrey Haworth hit 12 kills for the Tigers, with Jada Allen putting down eight. Camryn Haworth hit seven kills, Roberts

had four and Duffy hit two, in addition to 27 assists. On defense, Emma Rosenberg collected 16 digs, while Camryn Haworth had 10 and Audrey Haworth five.

In the semi-finals, Fishers beat Zionsville in three sets, 25-15, 26-24, 25-17. The Tigers cruised through the first set, with Roberts hitting back-to-back aces late in the set, and Camryn Haworth finishing things with a kill.

The second set was very tight. The Eagles led 7-2, then Fishers came back to lead 10-9. Neither team led by more than one point until the Tigers got ahead 21-19, then 23-20. Zionsville came back to tie the set at 24-24, then Allen hit back-to-back kills to close the set.

Fishers had an easier time in the third set, scoring five straight points to lead 22-14 late in the set. Camryn Haworth was the finisher again, hitting a kill to give the Tigers the match.

"I thought it was a really, really, really great start from us," said Peek. "We have not always been the best team at starting matches, coming out strong, coming out right away and creating the big gap. But we did that and I do think that that allowed us to have some struggles and still win."

'BLAZERS FALL AT MORRISTOWN University lost its semi-final match at the Class 1A Morristown regional on Saturday, falling to Indianapolis Lutheran 25-18, 25-15, 25-20.

The Trailblazers finished the season with an 18-8 record.



Rose Duffy (13) and the Fishers team were celebrating a semi-final win over Zionsville on Saturday.



NBA standings

Saturday's scores		Detroit 118, Chicago 116	
Indiana 132, Brooklyn 112	Toronto 117, Washington 113	Dallas 140, Minnesota 136	Denver 119, Phoenix 91
Boston 103, New York 101	Philadelphia 116, Orlando 115	Portland 121, San Antonio 108	Houston 124, L.A. Lakers 115
Charlotte 113, Miami 112			

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	3	0	1.00	-
Boston	2	1	.667	1.0
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	1.0
New York	1	2	.333	2.0
Brooklyn	1	2	.333	2.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	2	0	1.00	-
Detroit	2	0	1.00	-
Indiana	2	1	.667	0.5
Cleveland	0	2	.000	2.0
Chicago	0	2	.000	2.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Charlotte	2	1	.667	-
Miami	1	2	.333	1.0
Orlando	1	2	.333	1.0
Washington	0	2	.000	1.5
Atlanta	0	2	.000	1.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	2	0	1.00	-
Portland	2	0	1.00	-
Utah	1	1	.500	1.0
Minnesota	1	2	.333	1.5
Oklahoma City	0	2	.000	2.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	2	0	1.00	-
Phoenix	1	1	.500	1.0
L.A. Clippers	1	1	.500	1.0
L.A. Lakers	0	2	.000	2.0
Sacramento	0	2	.000	2.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
New Orleans	2	0	1.00	-
Houston	1	1	.500	1.0
San Antonio	1	1	.500	1.0
Memphis	1	1	.500	1.0
Dallas	1	1	.500	1.0

Girls soccer semi-state

Carmel cruises past Trojans, heads back to state

The Carmel girls soccer team is going back to state.

The No. 4-ranked Greyhounds won the Class 3A Seymour semi-state on Saturday, taking care of No. 8 Center Grove 3-0. Carmel will play the state championship game at IUPUI's Carroll Stadium next weekend; the date and time will be announced later today by the IHSAA.

"It was a happy bus ride back to Carmel this evening as the girls moved one step closer to their goal of winning a state title," said Greyhounds coach Frank Dixon.

Carmel scored its first goal in the ninth minute. Kelsie James found the back of the net, finishing a cross by Olivia Fray off the right flank. That would be the only goal of the first half.

James struck again for the 'Hounds early in the second half, in the game's 45th minute. This time, James put in a cross by Morgan Parker from the center flank. Carmel added one more goal with 1:15 left in the second half, when Emily Speidel scored on a header from a corner kick by Elizabeth Hargis.

Goalkeeper Erin Baker had one save. "This game was decided by our team defense with a few timely goals helping finish the contest," said Dixon. "We jumped off to a quick lead on a goal by Kelsie James in the ninth minute but we were not very composed the rest of the half with our finishing, directing only five of our 14 first half shots on goal. After a halftime reminder that we were playing really well in every area except scoring, Kelsie James added her second goal of the day in the 45th minute. Since we have not allowed a goal in the first

five tournament games, we all felt fairly confident that we would prevail. Our last goal came on a corner kick served by center back Elizabeth Hargis to the head of right back Emily Speidel late in the game and after that the celebration was on."

Carmel is now 19-1-2 for the season and won its 11th semi-state title. The 'Hounds will play seventh-ranked Homestead in the state championship game. The Spartans beat No. 12 Valparaiso 2-1 to win the South Bend St. Joseph semi-state on Saturday.

Pacers find another gear, pull away from Nets

By GREG RAPPAPORT

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

There was a moment when it appeared the visiting Nets might climb back into the game and spoil the Pacers' second home game of the season.

Luckily for Indiana, the moment was brief.

After Brooklyn cut the lead down to seven in the fourth quarter, Indiana found another gear on offense, easily dispatching of the Nets as the lead ballooned to over 20 points on route to the 132-112 victory at Bankers Life Fieldhouse on Saturday night.

"We just shared the ball, I think everybody was involved tonight," said Myles Turner "We had nine guys score in double figures and any time we get a win like that, it's always more fun with everybody involved."

The Pacers (2-1) were without the services of Domantas Sabonis, who banged knees during the previous night's game against the Milwaukee Bucks and was unable to suit up.

In his absence, Victor Oladipo and Turner both stepped up big, as the pair combined for 39 points and were able to fend off frequent runs of offense from a Nets team unafraid to let it fly from beyond the arc.

While the Pacers didn't unleash the same volume of 3-point shots as Brooklyn (37 attempts), they were accurate when they did, connecting on 16-of-24 shots from three to keep the charging Nets (1-2) at arm's length.

Indiana led by 10 as the fourth quarter began, but saw their lead shrink to just seven when Joe Harris (19 points) broke through the paint and scored at the rim.

But minutes later, the Pacers showcased killer instinct, putting the game out of reach with an overpowering 13-2 run, featuring six points from Kyle O'Quinn, who played 19 minutes in Sabonis' absence and finished with 16 points and eight boards.

"We started to make some mistakes defensively and we allowed them to start getting downhill," explained Nets guard Joe Harris. "Kyle O'Quinn had a big fourth quarter. (Victor) Oladipo hurt us most of the

game but had a good fourth quarter as well."

By the time Nets coach Kenny Atkinson called timeout, the Pacers led by 20 with just over six minutes remaining in the contest.

From there, Indiana was able to close out the game without drama as the home crowd was treated to its second #PacersWin of the young season.

The Nets began the night on fire from 3-point range, drilling four of their first five shots from deep to start the game.

The Pacers were able to withstand the early run from Brooklyn, answering back with a three of their own from Cory Joseph, forcing a Nets timeout 3:54 left in the first quarter and Indiana leading by two.

Indiana's offense continued to hum to close out the quarter as Oladipo — who finished with 25 points and seven rebounds — buried a three in transition, putting the Pacers up 33-29 to end the first quarter.

With the reserves on the floor, Indiana began the second quarter on a tear, opening up a 45-36 advantage and holding the Nets without a field goal for the first 3:30 of the period.

The Nets, however, were not ready to call it a night, unleashing another barrage of long-range shooting to retake the lead. The 14-3 run from Brooklyn featured four threes, putting the visiting Nets on top 50-48 and triggering a timeout from Pacers head coach Nate McMillan with 5:57 to play in the half.

From there, it was all Pacers to close the frame as a late flurry of offense from Indiana — including a steal and slam from Oladipo — helped put Indiana up 67-58 at the break.

In the second half, the starting unit of the Pacers started to take full control of the game, opening up an 88-74 lead as the Nets struggled to find their footing. But late in the third, another Brooklyn run helped the visitors close the gap, bringing the score to a 10-point Pacers lead going into the final quarter.

Despite a brief run from Brooklyn, the Pacers were able to comfortably hold onto the lead for the entire fourth quarter as Oladipo and company continued to score at will on offense, allowing Indiana to notch its second victory of the season.

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Noblesville's Madison King was the top finisher for the Millers girls cross country team Saturday at the Shelbyville semi-state.