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Several local fire departments recently participated in ice and cold-water rescue certification training.

Jackson Fire keeping you safe in fire and ice

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

Your local fire departments get calls for a variety of emergencies throughout the year. One of the less common types of calls is also the most dangerous: Ice and cold-water rescue. Thanks to Firefighter Paramedic Sean Dayton at Jackson Township Fire Department, all of Hamilton County is now a little safer in winter emergencies.

Dayton is the Training Coordinator for Jackson Fire, and he recently became a training instructor for ice and cold-water rescue, so he was able to provide training to several fire departments in the area. He and others spoke to The Reporter about the importance of this level of training.

"It started the year before last," Dayton said. "I had attended an ice rescue class in Bloomington, Ind. While I was down there, I learned about fire departments in Indiana and Ohio that had been involved in ice rescue where they had used programs where they worked off standard operating procedures (SOPs) and

standard operating guidelines (SOGs). Unfortunately, one of their rescues didn't go so well and a teenager died from the event. It did not appear to be any fault of the fire department. They had the equipment and their own training program, but nobody was actually certified. The family sued and won a tort claim against the fire department because they simply did not carry a certification."

That prompted Jackson Fire to ask how they could become a technically certified fire department for ice and cold-water rescue. Indiana does not provide certification for ice and cold-water rescue. That's done through the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Indiana is not an NFPA state, but departments can be sued to NFPA standards.

"We started looking through the NFPA guidelines," Dayton explained. "A lot of states on the west coast are NFPA states and have to adhere to those rules and guidelines. Indiana is an OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) state, so we only have to abide by OSHA



Photo provided

Jackson Township Training Coordinator Sean Dayton demonstrates some of the equipment used for ice and cold-water rescues.

standards because for us, OSHA is the law."

NFPA standards cover more ground and are specific to firefighters.

"Since Indiana did not provide a certification course for ice and cold-water rescue standards, I attended the course in Wisconsin," Dayton told The Reporter. "I attended it during the polar vortex we

just had. It was -55 with the wind chill and the ambient temperature was -26 degrees. It was interesting because water can't get any colder than 32.5 degrees. When you are standing in air temperatures of -26 degrees, when you get in water at 32.5 degrees it is like getting in a sauna."

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Fishers releases Rails and Trails engineering study

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com



The city of Fishers, in planning the Nickel Plate Trail, decided not to pursue a plan to construct a trail and a train operation at the same time along the Nickel Plate. Proponents of preserving the line as a train operation have argued the city did not properly consider allowing both a trail and a train to operate simultaneously along the Nickel Plate.

Friday afternoon, the City of Fishers released a study conducted by the Indianapolis engineering firm of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, dated Feb. 11.

That assessment shows that there were two possible options in combining a train and trail along the Nickel Plate. One option would cost an additional \$20.5 million over what the trail alone would cost. The other option would add \$39.8 million over the expense of just a trail.

"Due to the continued inaccuracies shared to the media by train advocate groups, the city is responding to their assertions that alternative designs were not considered through a feasibility study," according to a city of Fishers news release. "For purposes of the study, the city of Fishers and its retained consultant analyzed the rail corridor to determine the feasibility of keeping the existing Nickel Plate Rail in place throughout the corridor, with the new trail being placed alongside." The engineering study specified

what would need to be done with the \$20.5 million additional cost option. According to the city, this includes:

- \$16,900,000 for 82 property acquisitions (whole or partial) along the rail corridor with 13 buildings to be demolished
- \$1,200,000 for the addition of a 6-foot safety fence between the trail and the tracks
- \$300,000 for retention wall construction
- \$900,000 for additional pedestrian bridges over major waterway

The city added that all this would be contingent on the "willingness of adjacent property owners to accept the encroachment of the trail onto their property, and for some land owners and businesses willing to relocate."

Click here to access the full engineering study document.

In sickness and in health

It was an attack of the winter crud germs. They won. I am down for the count.

I take probiotics. I wash my hands constantly. I tried to stay away from my sick husband but here I am on my second day feeling like I was hit by a Sasquatch germ.

Zicam. Flonase. Mucinex. Aleve. Those have been my drugs of choice. I carry around a box of tissues.

I have slept with rice bags, heated in the microwave, to help with the chills.

I don't know what I have but it is mean and evil.



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

As I drove home from work on Thursday night I kept thinking, "I can't be getting sick. I don't have time to be sick." But I am sick.

I took Ny-Quil the first night, hoping it would help me sleep. Between 2 and 5 a.m., I was wide awake. The Sasquatch germs were having a party. I wish I had not been invited.

I had just made the comment the other day that I had been very lucky not to have been sick this winter. Well, my luck ran out.

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Hamilton County Garden Network to discuss climate change in the garden

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Garden Network will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairground Annex Building, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The meeting will cover what one can do in the garden to best adapt and mitigate the coming climate changes. Specific plants that are native to Indiana and where to purchase them will be discussed.

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Garden Network's mission is to sustain a vibrant urban and community agriculture movement in Hamilton County. The meetings are open to the public, especially community gardeners and leaders, backyard gardeners, small farmers and/or those interested in gardening.

Light refreshments will be available in addition to a raffle prize. RSVPs are encouraged. Contact Andrew Fritz at Andrew.fritz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or call 317-773-2181.

Help fight food insecurity with Harvest Food Bank

The REPORTER

The public is invited to the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank annual meeting to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 at Ivy Tech Noblesville, 300 N. 17th St. Ginger's Cafe will again provide delicious appetizers from 6 to 7 p.m. Then you can mingle in the atrium before going into the auditorium for the annual meeting at 7 p.m.

This year, the annual meeting will be a panel discussion with community leaders, pantry affiliates, clients and the public seeking out and answering some of the tough questions, unlocking the puzzles and digging deeper about hunger and food insecurity here in Hamilton County. Come see and hear how local partnerships and community participation help in the solution for ending hunger right here in Hamilton County. There are more ways than just giving food that will help alleviate hunger.

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TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Turn to Page 2 to read today's message from the folks at Prevail Inc.

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February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Telling someone about our experiences can be difficult. Knowing how to respond to someone when they share their truth is even more challenging.

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Of course, Chuck and I had a full weekend of plans that have now been canceled or rearranged.

This is our fifth wedding anniversary and we will be hunkered down watching the golf tournament, Purdue Men's Basketball and the Girls' State Basketball Finals with the Hamilton Southeastern girls playing Lawrence North.

Go Royals!

It's a good thing that five years ago Chuck made a vow to love me in sickness and in health because he's definitely proved his love and caring the past few days.

I wish it were as simple as "plop, plop, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is," but apparently the Sasquatch germs don't understand. I

have every symptom on the drug packages. Congestion, runny nose, coughing, sneezing and yet there is no rest with the medicine.

I'll close now and ask the good Dr. Leonard to bring me some more orange juice and meds.

Happy Anniversary, Chuck! I'm so thankful that you love me ... in sickness and in health.

FOOD BANK

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This year's panel includes numerous community leaders:

- Christine Altman, President of the Hamilton County Commissioners
- Lisa Samuels, Sheridan Youth Assistance Early Intervention Advocate and Coordinator for Sheridan School Pantry, Summer Lunch, and School Week-end BackSacks
- Jayne Slaton, Director of Merciful Help Center. Merciful Help has offered full wraparound services for families and children for over 30 years
- Food Pantry and Meal Program Clients, a couple that receives needed assis-

tance at one of our Hamilton County food pantries

• Ryan Nelson, Acclaimed Owner/Chef of Late Harvest Kitchen and North End Barbecue Restaurants in Indianapolis and longtime donor/volunteer/advocate for HCH Food Bank

Please [click here](#) to register for this free event, or contact Board President Mary Lou Finchum for more details at ced.1umc@gmail.com. Please park in the west lot from 16th Street and come in Door 9 or 10. There you will sign in and have the opportunity to interact with board members and

key leaders.

Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCH), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, supports over 40 food pantries and meal programs in neighborhoods all across Hamilton County with nonperishable food, fresh, locally grown produce, locally grown meat and network support. Since 2009, HCH has given over half a million meals into the Hamilton County food support network. HCH's goal is to *Work Together with YOU to Feed Hamilton County*. Please visit HCHFoodBank.org and Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank on [Facebook](#).



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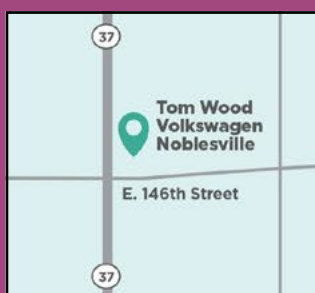


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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault - it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about.

But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.)

Prevail is strictly confidential, and since their core values include integrity and respect, they provide their services at no charge. Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

You can drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, located at 14701 Tom Wood Way. You can also donate directly to Prevail of Central Indiana by visiting Prevailinc.org.



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ICE

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Dayton said the suits they have to protect them from cold water do an outstanding job and fire fighters can spend hours in the water without any problem.

According to Dayton, NFPA standards that cover Ice and Cold-water rescue are NFPA 1006 and NFPA1670. They define the training standards for awareness, operations and technician levels of certification. The recent class taught both operations and technician certification.

Not everyone who wanted to attend was able to because the class needed to be rescheduled for a time when ice was present.

The Reporter was unable to confirm by press time that Dayton may be the only certified instructor in the area, but Dayton and Chief Jeff Muszar had not heard of anyone else in the area offering this level of training and certification.

“What I have found out when reaching out to the larger departments is that they have been more than

willing to offer any services that we need to help us fulfill our training obligations,” Chief Muszar said. “Especially Noblesville, our closest neighboring department, has been more than willing to help and we are exceptionally grateful to them and everyone in the area.”

Dayton echoed Muszar’s gratitude to other departments in the area, saying this training could not have been accomplished without them.

“I would like to thank the department who attended and the departments who wanted to attend, as well as a very special thank you to Indianapolis, Cicero and Sheridan Fire Departments for allowing us to borrow their ice rescue suits,” Dayton said. “By ourselves, we did not have enough suits for everybody who attended.”

Everyone on the Jackson Township Fire Department is now a certified technician, while Dayton is the only certified trainer.

“When you are looking

at ice and cold-water rescue, you are literally looking at 10 minutes or less before your victim may be unconscious and go sub-surface,” Dayton said. “We need to be on scene within minutes and that is what this program allows us to do.”

Another aspect of this training that can indirectly save human lives is when the department is called out to save an animal on the ice.

“We often get calls for animal rescue because we are a farming community,” Dayton explained. “A horse, cow or dog may fall through the ice. Some people may ask, ‘Why would you even go out there after it?’ At the end of the day, if you do not go after the family pet, that homeowner will. That’s human nature. That’s a family pet – that’s a loved one to them. We go out and get those animals off the ice, too.”

If the fire department will not go out there, they are passively risking the life of a person who may go after their animal without the

training or equipment.

“When assessing your risk versus benefit, your risk is high and the benefit is not great for that animal, but in the bigger picture you do not want that homeowner going out on that ice because you did not help their pet,” Dayton said. “It is best to go get that pet and not risk anybody else who may go out there.”

According to Battalion Chief James Carter, the program was very well received by other fire departments in the area.

“We had very positive feedback,” Carter said. “Tipton Fire came down. They do not have an ice rescue team or the suits, so this was their very first time experiencing it. It is something they are looking into. Those guys took home a lot of knowledge and Sean is going to continue to work with them to help them get that program up and running.”

Recertification for ice and cold-water rescue is required annually.

“These guys sacrifice a lot,” Carter said about the level of work and training involved. “They work hard. They are doing everything within their power to ensure everyone in Jackson Township and the surrounding areas are getting the best quality service. That says a lot for the guys who are doing this.”



Photo provided Jackson Township’s Battalion Chief James Carter (left) and Training Coordinator Sean Dayton get ready for cold-water rescue training.

Unless Hamilton County’s Hometown Weatherman, Paul Poteet, calls from another cold snap, it will be next winter before Jackson Township can hold another training program. For safety, they need at least three inches of ice present during ice rescue training.

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<p>When: Wednesday, March 6 6-7 p.m.</p>	<p>Location: Riverview Health 395 Westfield Rd. Noblesville, IN 46060 Krieg DeVault Conference Room (Entrance 3, Lower level of Women's Pavilion)</p>	<p>Registration: Visit riverview.org/classes or call 317.776.7999. <i>The program is free, but registration is required.</i></p>
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Westfield Kiwanis Key Club donates \$1,000 to Open Doors Food Pantry

The REPORTER

Westfield High School junior Cecilia Leber, Vice President of the Westfield High School Key Club, updated Westfield Kiwanis members on the success of their most recent campaign, which raised over \$1,000. This money will be donated to Open Doors Food Pantry of Westfield.

Key Club International is a high school service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. Key Club assists Kiwanis in carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. High school student members of Key Club perform acts of service in their communities, such as cleaning up parks, collecting clothing and organizing food drives. They also learn leadership skills by running



Westfield High School teacher Alicia Howrey (right) sponsors the program at WHS.

meetings, planning projects and holding elected leadership positions at the club, district and international levels.

About the Westfield Kiwanis Club
The Westfield Kiwanis Club defines its purpose to be the uplifting of all

children and families within its reach that they may be enabled in their faith, patriotism and pursuit of prosperity.

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Noblesville Lions Dodgeball Tourney fast approaching

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Lions Club Dodgeball Tournament is only 20 days away and tickets are on sale now.

The tournament will take place at noon on Saturday, March 16 in the gym at Ivy Tech Noblesville, 300 N. 17th St. This event promises to be an active, rambunctious and lively competition, which serves as a fundraiser for 31 community charities the Noblesville Lions Club supports. Funds go to groups focusing on children's vision, leader dogs, scholarships, cancer and heart disease research, and the Boys and

Girls Club.

Concessions will be available and a 50/50 drawing will take place with tickets selling for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. You can also buy an arm's length of tickets for \$10. The Lions Club mascot Stanley usually makes an appearance at the tournament as well.

Tickets for the tournament are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children and \$5 for families. Preschoolers are free.

Please plan to attend. You can contact Lion Jerry Graham with questions or to request information at 317-435-4752 or geraldgraham@gmail.com.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Feb. 25

The REPORTER

Fawnsbrook Drive

Access to Fawnsbrook Drive from Allisonville Road will be closed beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 26 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 for storm sewer work.

Allisonville Road

Southbound and northbound traffic on Allisonville Road has moved onto the newly constructed pavement as part of Phase 3 of the project. This will be the

traffic configuration moving into the spring of 2019. The posted speed limit will remain 30 mph. For more info on this project, view the **Fact Sheet**.

State Road 37

Drainage work for State Road 37 is in progress. Construction vehicles will be using the construction entrance on Lantern Road, between 126th and 131st streets, and may cause some short delays. There are no scheduled lane restrictions or closures along SR 37 at this time.

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Nickel Plate Express to offer Dinner Express

The REPORTER

The Nickel Plate Express is serving up more than just a train ride with its Dinner Express, scheduled for March 2.

Boarding in downtown Atlanta, the Dinner Express will feature four locally-owned Cicero restaurants. Passengers aboard the train can dine at Cicero establishments 10 West Restaurant & Bar, DeLullo's Trattoria, Big Dog's

Barbecue and a fast-growing favorite, the Boathouse Kitchen and Swan Dive.

Passengers will board in downtown Atlanta and enjoy a 30-minute ride into Cicero, where they will disembark on Cicero's quaint Jackson Street. 10 West, DeLullo's, Big Dogs and the Boathouse are all a short jaunt from the railroad crossing on Jackson Street. Passengers can purchase cocktails and beer on

board the train before and after dinner.

With the addition of the Boathouse in November, Cicero is fast becoming a foodie destination. The sleepy lake town has established a reputation for great eats, all within a mile radius.

"Cicero has an incredible restaurant scene tucked away in northern Hamilton County," said Nickel Plate Express Communications

Coordinator Dagny Zupin. "The Cicero community has been really supportive of the train and we are excited to bring them new customers via rail. Once you taste the food at 10 West, DeLullo's, Big Dogs or the Boathouse you're hooked. I think the Dinner Express will create some new repeat customers for our partners here in Cicero."

"Cicero is becoming a culinary destination,"

said 10 West co-owner and founder Brett Morrow. "All the restaurant owners want to see Cicero thrive and grow. It's a combined team effort; we all support each other. It's great that the train can aid in that growth."

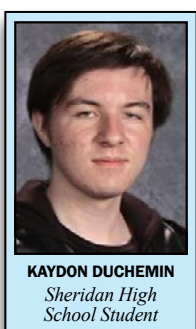
Tickets for the Dinner Express are available at NickelPlateExpress.com/tickets, with 125 tickets available for the event. Tickets for the Dinner Express are all inclusive, covering the cost of the train ride as well as dinner at the corresponding restaurant.

About Nickel Plate Express

The Nickel Plate Express is managed by non-profit Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc. The organization provides themed, year-round train excursions in northern Hamilton County. Nickel Plate Express seeks to educate and entertain all ages through moving historical experiences.

Dungeons and Dragons: A world enjoyed by some but shunned by many

Editor's Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abigail Williams.



KAYDON DUCHEMIN
Sheridan High School Student

A tabletop game that is extremely well-known and beloved both by nerds and geeks alike is the game known as "Dungeons & Dragons."

We saw the first ever version of the game back in January 1974, designed by Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson and published by Tactical Studies Rules. Throughout the years of the game's existence, we've gotten to see about six different kinds of editions to the game, including the original version. The game itself is comprised of roughly five to seven people (this is more of my personal preference); one person is the infamous Dungeon Master while the others are the group of players, who are referred to as the Party. Now, there are multiple ways to play this tabletop game as well as many perspectives as to how you should play the game.

Before I get into that, I should probably share my first ever experience with the game. Winding up say about three years, the idea of playing the game was first brought up in an after-school club I went to every Monday, known as "Nerd Herd." I can't get an exact date, however, it's just important to know that a couple of buddies and I were grouped together at my friend Gabe's house. Gabe decided to try his hand at being our Dungeon Master while Carter, Micheal, Griffin, Alexia and I were the party of prophecy. Let's be straight here,

we had absolutely NO idea what we were doing. We could barely figure out how to make characters (a thing I'd become an expert in later on). I played a character who was classified as a Paladin, a holy knight on his conquest to vanquish any evil that stood before him. A paladin who threw Bibles at people. Yeah. You heard me. This became one of the biggest inside/running jokes my pal Carter and I carry on to this day.

At first, I figured the game was exactly what everyone who hasn't played thought it would be: A game comprised of a few people who rolled dice for a couple of hours for a day each or every other week. And to a certain extent that is exactly what it is. On paper, D&D is a game that requires players to roll dice that determines certain actions by a player, while the DM (Dungeon Master) runs them through a story, known as a Campaign.

Who knew a game like this would eventually change my life? In the years I have been playing, D&D has shown me that the game is so much more than what I just said. In my eyes, D&D is... more of a story book than an actual game, if that makes any sense. The DM is the author, housing several ideas as well as the overall base of the Campaign, while the players are the DM's utensils. The players go and actually help write out the story as the game goes on. Weird perspective, I know. And not every group who plays D&D sees it that way.

The game, though, allows for every creative mind out there to flourish in a pretty much infinite

space of ideas. Whoever is DM'ing really has no limit when it comes to crafting a world and a story set in that world, regardless if it's their own original ideas or taken from the lore of D&D. The same goes with creating a character to play, as the only limit really is the rules to the game, which are also very forgiving and allow certain freedom for the players.

A big thing that's helped teach me this is the extremely popular D&D podcast, known as Critical Role. It's basically a group comprised of nerdy voice actors playing Dungeon and Dragons, DM'd by the widely renowned Matthew Mercer and played by Liam O'Brien, Marisha Ray, Taliesin Jaffe, Sam Rigel, Travis Willingham and Laura Bailey, with the addition of a few guest stars, of course.

This group helped teach me the ways I view D&D and understand what you all can do with it. Not only does Matthew Mercer show us the worlds he creates and his breathtaking ability of improvisation and role-playing as the characters he makes, but the party shows us what it's like to create and embody a character. Just by watching an hour of an episode (an episode lasting two to six hours apiece each Thursday), you can just see how much they love and enjoy the game.

I find it pretty breathtaking that, in a world fully enveloped by the internet when it comes to entertainment, a simple tabletop game like this is still breathing and being enjoyed by people around the globe. But it also saddens me too, because a game that brings so much out of simple game mechanics and people who play is still a world that will only be enjoyed by some and shunned by many.

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When was Indiana's state motto adopted?

The REPORTER

1779 – George Rogers Clark and his small army of frontiersmen captured Fort Sackville at Vincennes, marking the end of British influence on the United States western frontier. The George Rogers Clark Memorial stands at the site of the old fort.

1888 – The Ball Brothers began glass production in Muncie. The company had relocated to Indiana to take advantage of the abundant natural gas in the area. The firm became famous for their glass canning jars.

1894 – Two of the most popular authors of the era, Mark Twain and James Whitcomb Riley, appeared together on stage at Madison Square Garden in New York. The New York Times reported that the audience had "an evening of laughter." Riley, the "Hoosier Poet," received three encores.

1920 – Three-year-old Morrison Marshall died in the Vice Presidential Suite of the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C. He was the adopted son of Vice President and former Indiana Governor Thomas Marshall and his wife Lois. The little boy, a favorite



at the White House, died of acidosis. His father described him as "beautiful as an angel, brilliant beyond his years."

1937 – The Indiana General Assembly adopted a resolution which declared "The Crossroads of America" to be the official motto or slogan for the state. The Hoosier State has historically been at the hub of travel across the nation, from the Old National Road to railroad lines to modern interstate highways.

1940 – Harold Jones was born in Richmond. As a professional drummer, he has become a legend, appearing with such artists as Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, B. B. King, Ray Charles, Count Basie and Oscar Peterson. He still teaches drumming at college workshops and recently toured with Tony Bennett.

Spartz's bill to enhance pension oversight passes State Senate

The REPORTER

A bill authored by State Sen. Victoria Spartz (R-Noblesville) that would provide lawmakers with more relevant pension-related information recently passed the Senate by a unanimous vote.

Senate Bill 545 would require the executive director of the **Indiana Public Retirement System** and trustee of the **Indiana State Police Pension Trust** to report any stress tests as well as sensitivity and risk analyses performed each year to the **Interim Study Committee on Pension Management Oversight**.

"Indiana appropriates over \$1 billion per year for pensions. Additionally, state and local governments contribute millions each year," Spartz said. "Unfunded pension liabilities represent almost one-fourth of state



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personal income. These calculations involve a lot of estimates and assumptions. Understanding risks is extremely important for legislators to make better-informed decisions for the long-term success of pension plans."

The Interim Study Committee on Pension Management Oversight meets annually during the summer and fall months.

SB 545 will now move to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

NDC disappointed with changes to bias crimes bill

To Whom It May Concern:

The Noblesville Diversity Coalition appreciates the Senate Public Policy Committee's strong bipartisan support for bias crime legislation. They approved Senate Bill 12 by a vote of 9-1 after NDC joined Central Indiana's business, community and faith leaders to testify on the need for stricter sentencing of convicted offenders who target victims based on their race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity or sexual orientation.

Unfortunately, the full Senate then amended SB 12 and removed law enforcement training and the list of immutable characteristics that is critical to protecting ALL Hoosiers.

NDC was disappointed to see that Noblesville's representative, Senator Victoria Spartz, voted in favor of the amendment stripping the bill of the very language that made it clear, inclusive and effective.

But all is not lost thanks to the continued leadership of Gov. Eric Holcomb and the Indiana Forward coalition. The NDC calls on all members of the Indiana House, including Representative Chuck Goodrich of Noblesville, to restore the effectiveness of this bill.

The problem of hate is very real for local communities such as Noblesville. Some of our coalition members have experienced hate first hand. Others are worried for their children. In November, our high school was vandalized with racist threats of violence meant to intimidate people of color. This type of repulsive behavior is happening more frequently across Indiana, and it's time to do something about it.

Meanwhile, the business community is concerned that without an effective bias-crime law, Indiana will struggle to recruit young professionals while companies that offer high-wage, high-tech jobs will likely go elsewhere.

However, the NDC is not interested in merely "checking the box" on this issue with the passage of just any hate crime bill. We respectfully call upon the Indiana House to pass bias-crime legislation that is clear, inclusive and effective – and that means by listing the immutable characteristics that cover all Hoosiers.

That means every race. Every ethnicity. Every religion. Every national origin.

Every age. Every disability. Every sex. Every gender identity. Every sexual orientation. Everyone is covered – consistently across the state, in accordance with the U.S. Constitution and without any room for doubt among prosecutors and judges, whether the bias crime law would apply if the crime is motivated by a bias of any one of these characteristics.

Join us in sending a clear message that Indiana will not stand by and tolerate cowardly acts of violence and intimidation. By extending protections to every Hoosier, we can all feel safe – no matter where we live, work, learn and worship.

Sincerely,

Noblesville Diversity Coalition

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Hamilton County home prices remain highest in area

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Monthly real estate stats from F.C. Tucker Company indicate that the housing market started 2019 strong with a home sales increase. January 2019 pending sales increased 6.5 percent compared to January 2018 while the average year-to-date sale price for the 15-county Central Indiana region increased 6.9 percent to \$205,534.

The new year began on a high note for sellers with more homes sold and an increase in sale prices. In January 2019, 2,594 central Indiana homes were purchased, up from 2,435 sold in January 2018. Specifically:

- Decatur County showed the most growth in homes sold with a significant 42.9 percent increase in January 2019 compared to January 2018.
- Brown County pending

sales, however, decreased the most at 31.6 percent compared to January 2018.

Continuing the 2018 trend, homes spent less time on the market and most counties saw price increases.

• Of the 15 counties F.C. Tucker tracks, all but three showed an increase in average year-to-date home prices. Brown County decreased the most with a 34.5 percent lower sale price compared to January 2018.

• **Hamilton County maintains the highest average home price in the region at \$335,943.** Putnam County experienced the highest price increase at 43.4 percent compared to this time last year.

• Homes sold in 50 days on average in January 2019, 14 days and 21.9 percent faster than January 2018. Jennings County's homes were the fastest-selling in

the market at only 29 days.

Inventory decreased in all but two counties, with 1,107 fewer homes listed than January 2018. In January 2019, inventory stood at 5,247 homes, a decrease of 17.4 percent compared to the same month in 2018.

• Hancock County experienced the highest increase in inventory, with 4.9 percent more listings than January 2018.

• Jennings County's inventory dropped the most at 46.9 percent compared to January 2018.

"Despite January's weather conditions, pending home sales and prices still outpaced last January," said F.C. Tucker Company CEO Jim Litten. "The amount of inventory continues to fluctuate; however, considering all factors we expect 2019 to be another healthy year for the housing market."

Continued access to Lake Michigan beaches serves the public interest

The REPORTER

After the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday declined to hear a case involving access to Lake Michigan's beaches, Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill expressed satisfaction that the ability of the general public to enjoy the natural beauty of Indiana's shoreline remains protected.

In February of 2018, the Indiana Supreme Court ruled that the State of Indiana under existing law possessed "public trust title" to the bed of Lake Michigan up to the ordinary high water mark (OHWL). The ruling rejected challenges by

former owners of beachfront land who claimed the state's ownership extended only to the water's edge at any given time. The plaintiffs petitioned for certiorari at the U.S. Supreme Court.



Hill

"Legally determining Indiana's portion of the Lake Michigan shoreline is rooted in a centuries-old English common law that predates Indiana's existence as a state," Hill said. "Subsequent state law has consistently upheld the principle that the 'ordinary

high water mark' is a better boundary than the ever-shifting line in the sand where the water meets the shore. The practical benefit of this principle is that everyone retains the right to walk along the shoreline of this great natural wonder in Indiana's northwest corner."

Click here to read the Indiana Supreme Court's February 2018 decision, and click here to read Indiana's brief in opposition to the challenge of that decision.

Centier Bank makes \$50K donation to Indiana United Way

The REPORTER

As a longstanding tradition, Centier Bank supported various United Way organizations throughout the state of Indiana with a \$50,000 donation as a result of their annual contribution campaign.

Over 600,000 individuals throughout the state will benefit from the dollars donated by Centier Bank through its associates and corporate gifts. These funds will help serve over 100 local United Way programs.

"Our associates truly stepped up this year to support the United Way agencies throughout the state," said Mike Schrage, President and CEO of Centier Bank. "As a community bank, we are only as strong as the communities we serve and this donation is a testament to the Servant Heart Culture that every Centier associate embodies throughout the year."

The donation supports the United Way organizations in the 11 counties in which Centier serves, including Hamilton County.

"Centier Bank has been a longtime believer in the United Way's mission and programs," said Anthony



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Centier Bank President and CEO Mike Schrage (left) and Centier Bank Vice President of Community Relations and Business Development

Contrucci, Vice President of Community Relations and Business Development for Centier Bank. "We believe that, as a community bank, it is our duty to support organizations like the United Way through assisting in any way we can, whether it is through time, talent or treasure."

The United Way contribution highlighted a peak year of giving from Centier Bank and its associates, who totaled over 20,000 hours of volunteerism to over 1,000 organizations throughout the state.

"We truly appreciate

organizations like Centier Bank who, through corporate and employee donations, work to better their communities," said Kim Olesker, Executive Director for the United Way of Porter County, who accepted the donation on behalf of Indiana United Way Agencies along with Lisa Daugherty of the Lake Area United Way.

For more information on Indiana's United Way agencies, visit unitedway.org/local/united-states/indiana. For more information on Centier Bank, visit centier.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

Luke 8:34-39 (KJV)

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Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball

State champions!



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team won its first-ever state championship Saturday at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. The No. 1-ranked Royals broke away from No. 10 Lawrence North in the fourth quarter to beat the Wildcats 55-44. Southeastern finished with a 27-1 record.



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	Noblesville City Council Regular Meeting Live		7:00 pm 
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Sat March 2	Sectional Championship Boys Basketball Sectionals at Carmel HCTV Sports		7:00 pm 

By RICHIE HALL
INDIANAPOLIS - Everything that the Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team had been playing for was funneling down to just eight minutes.

The discussion between the coaches and the players right before the fourth quarter was intense. "Let's go!" "Leave it on the court!"

The Royals did just that. After battling with Lawrence North for three quarters, No. 1-ranked Southeastern broke the game open in the fourth period. A spectacular 13-0 run propelled the Royals to their first ever girls basketball state championship, as they took the Class 4A title 55-44 over the No. 10 Wildcats Saturday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

"We just realized, no matter what, it's our last eight minutes together, and we just wanted to give it all we got," said senior Amaya Hamilton. "We knew that we had to just hustle and give everything we got, so we just went out there and did that."

Southeastern finished the season 27-1, easily a school record for most wins. Royals coach Chris Huppenthal called the victory an affirmation. "How good our kids are, how good the program is. It's wonderful for them and the community."

"This community just jumped on these

girls backs and rode it the whole way," said Huppenthal, as he praised the support his team got from a large fan base that was dressed in blue.

Southeastern beat the Wildcats by 11 points earlier in the season, but nobody was expecting the re-match to be an easy game, and it wasn't. While the Royals took a big lead early in the second quarter, LN stormed back to go up by two at halftime, then held the lead for most of the third period, which ended with the Wildcats up 35-34.

Lawrence North scored a basket to open the fourth quarter, increasing its lead to 37-34. How would HSE respond? With a roar. Literally.

Forty-nine seconds into the quarter, Tayah Irvin put a rebound into the basket while being fouled, then let out a scream, as did many HSE players and fans. Irvin sank the free throw to tie the game.

"That definitely gave us the boost of energy we needed to get back into the game and get our heads straight and know where we were," said Irvin. "And that's definitely when we started to calm down and realize we had it under control."

All of a sudden, the run began. Senior Malea Jackson nailed a 3-pointer to get the Royals up 40-37. It was technically the game-winner, as Southeastern would never trail again.

But the Royals were just getting started. Sydney Parrish pushed the lead up to five with a jumper, then hit a 3-pointer and a layin. With under 3:30 to go, HSE now led 47-37.

The Wildcats made one last push, cutting the lead to 49-44 with 1:46 left after making back-to-back layins. But Lawrence North was in the bonus by then, and was forced to foul. Jackie Maulucci, who had earlier made two foul shots, drained two more to get the lead up to 51-44. Parrish then hit 4 of 4 free throws in the game's final 62 seconds.

As a team, the Royals were 15 of 16 from the free throw line, a percentage of .938, a new record for a 4A state finals game.

At first, it seemed as if the 3-pointer would be the deciding factor in the game. Jayla Smith hit two 3s early in the first quarter to give the Wildcats a 6-2 lead.

Southeastern answered in a big way, going on a 16-2 run that lasted well into the second quarter. Lydia Self made a free throw, then Molly Walton's 3 tied the game. After an LN basket, Parrish scored off a rebound while being fouled, and her result-

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Royal Nation was out in full force Saturday at Bankers Life Fieldhouse for the Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team victory.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Tayah Irvin scored five points for Hamilton Southeastern, including a crucial three-point play in the first minute of the fourth quarter that sparked a 13-0 run.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Sydney Parrish scored 30 points for Hamilton Southeastern during its state championship victory.

ROYALS

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ing free throw put HSE on top 9-8.

Hamilton drained a 3 with seconds remaining to end the first quarter with the Royals up 12-8. The second quarter began with the Sydney Show: Parrish scored three straight baskets for six points, and an 18-8 Southeastern lead.

The Royals still led 20-12 when the Wildcats ended the first half by scoring 10 straight points for a 22-20 lead. Lawrence North hit back-to-back triples, one each from Katie Davidson and Smith. After the break, Southeastern and the Wildcats played a tight third quarter, where three points was the biggest lead.

Davidson's layin got LN up 29-26, but the Royals answered with two free throws each from Jackson and Parrish. After Davidson scored again, Parrish found the basket to get the Royals up 32-31. Another Smith 3 and a free throw from Lauren Gunn put the Wildcats up 35-32, but Walton's putback ended the quarter, getting the Royals within 35-34 and poised for their big fourth quarter.

Parrish played a superb game, and made it evident why she is a highly-recruited Division I player. She finished with a double-double of 30 points and 10 rebounds. Parrish was easily the high scorer among both teams.

Meanwhile, the four seniors - Jackson, Hamilton, Irvin and Walton - each scored five points. Hamilton collected eight rebounds and handed out four assists, as did Maulucci. Parrish also blocked two shots.

"They meant everything and more to me," said Parrish of the senior class. "It crushes my heart that that's the last time I'm going to ever play with them. But I wish them the best of luck in college and I'm so excited to see them play in college."

There were plenty of historical notes to Southeastern's win. It was the first girls basketball state title by a Hoosier Crossroads Conference team. Noblesville, of course, won state in 1987, but that was back when

the Millers played in the Olympic Conference, and the HCC wasn't even a figment of anyone's imagination.

The Royals also picked up their 11th state championship with this win. While this was the first state title for Southeastern in girls basketball, it marked the seventh different sport in which the Royals have won state.

Hamilton Southeastern 55, Lawrence North 44

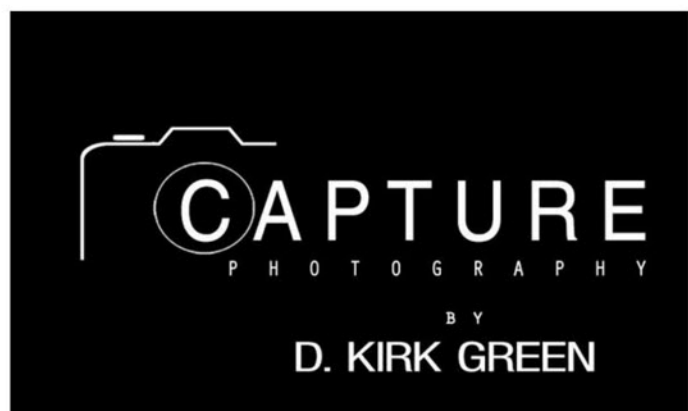
	FG	FT	TP	PF
Southeastern	1-3	2-2	5	2
Malea Jackson	2-10	0-0	5	3
Amaya Hamilton	0-3	4-4	4	0
Jackie Maulucci	2-4	1-1	5	3
Tayah Irvin	11-16	7-7	30	2
Sydney Parrish	0-0	1-2	1	1
Lydia Self	2-4	0-0	5	2
Molly Walton	0-0	0-0	0	0
Makayla Hinshaw	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bri Baker	0-0	0-0	0	0
Ryan Viele	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lauren Morris	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bailee Poore	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	18-40	15-16	55	13

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lawrence North	1-4	0-0	3	4
Maddie Howe	2-5	3-5	7	1
Lauren Gunn	5-11	0-0	15	2
Jayla Smith	1-7	0-0	2	5
Kristian Young	6-10	2-2	15	2
Katie Davidson	1-2	0-2	2	0
Shamaria Walker	0-1	0-0	0	1
Kalyn Ervin	0-0	0-0	0	0
Montasia McAllister	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aniyha Graves	0-0	0-0	0	0
Atiana Smith	0-0	0-0	0	0
Justis Odum	0-0	0-0	0	0
Aerial Miller	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-40	5-9	44	15

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lawrence North 3-point shooting (7-16)	Smith 5-9, Howe 1-4, Davidson 1-1, Young 0-2			
Lawrence North rebounds (17)	Young 4, Davidson 3, Smith 2, Howe 1, Gunn 1, team 6			
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	12	8	14	21 - 55
Lawrence North	8	14	13	9 - 44

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Boys state swimming



Photos by Bret Richardson

The Carmel boys swim team won its fifth consecutive state championship Saturday at the IU Natatorium. The Greyhounds scored 353.5 points to claim its 19th overall title and won seven events, three in new state record time.

Greyhounds win fifth straight state title, set three new records

The Carmel boys swim team continued its dominance on Saturday, as the Greyhounds won their fifth consecutive state championship at the IU Natatorium.

Carmel scored 353.5 points to claim its 19th overall state title. This is the second time that the 'Hounds have won state five years in a row; Carmel picked up five state championships between 1990 and 1994. Franklin Community scored 178 to finish as runner-up for the second consecutive year.

The Greyhounds won seven events, including three in new state record time. Jacob Mitchell swept the 200 and 500 freestyles, establishing a new state record of 4:16.72 in the longer race. Wyatt Davis lowered the backstroke state record while winning that event to 46.66 seconds; Davis had earlier won the individual medley.

Carmel swept all three relays, finishing with a victory in the 400 free relay. The team of Mitchell, Augustus Rothrock, Griffin Hadley and Davis set a new record in that event of 2:58.75. Earlier, Davis and Hadley teamed with Ryan Malicki and Alec DeLong to win the medley relay, and William Kok, DeLong, Rothrock and Mitchell placed first in the 200 free relay.

The Greyhounds claimed 16 medals at state on Saturday. Rothrock placed second in the 200 and 500 freestyles, with DeLong taking third in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Hadley placed fourth in both the 100 free and the backstroke. In the breaststroke, Andrew Rafalko took fifth and Malicki finished seventh. Jota Iwase finished seventh in the IM.

Fishers placed sixth as a team with 113 points. Aaron Frolo led the way with a third-place finish in the 500 free and a seventh-place result in the 200 free. Kyle Ponsler was fifth in the 500 free. William Jansen took seventh in diving and Drake Stallworth placed eighth in the butterfly. The Tigers started the meet with a medal in the medley relay: Ponsler, Cory Jacocks, Stallworth and Trevor Adcock finished eighth.

Hamilton Southeastern took seventh place, scoring 110 points. The Royals had two medal-winning relays: Zack Bostock, Donald Rogers, Andrew Christopher and Keegan Street placed fourth in the 200 free relay, while Blake Ratliff, Streett, Marcus Eden, Evan Sellers were seventh in the 400 free relay. Earlier, Streett placed fifth in the 200 free, giving him three medals. Nathan Barr took third in diving, with Angelo Ricafort placing 10th.

Noblesville and Hamilton Heights both had one swimmer earn a medal. The Millers' Jack Wolfred placed seventh in the 50 free, while the Huskies' Holder was eighth in the backstroke.

Westfield's Cameron Clayton placed 16th in the breaststroke. Complete results now follow.

Team scores (Top 10 and all county): 1. Carmel 353.5, 2. Franklin Community 178, 3. Fort Wayne Carroll 173, 4. Chesterton 165.5, 5. Munster 160, 6. Fishers 113, 7. Hamilton Southeastern 110, 8. Penn 95, 9. Homestead 80, 10. Lake Central 74, T25. Hamilton Heights 20, 28. Noblesville 19, T52. Westfield 1.

200 medley relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Wyatt Davis, Ryan Malicki, Griffin Hadley, Alec DeLong) 1:29.21, 8. Fishers (Kyle Ponsler, Cory Jacocks, Drake Stallworth, Trevor Adcock) 1:35.89.

"B" Final: 11. Southeastern (Blake Ratliff, Charles Truxall, Connor Harrison, Andrew Christopher) 1:35.43.

200 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Jacob Mitchell (C) 1:34.24, 2. Augustus Rothrock (C) 1:39.07, 5. Keegan Streett (HSE) 1:41.6, 7. Aaron Frolo (F) 1:42.21.

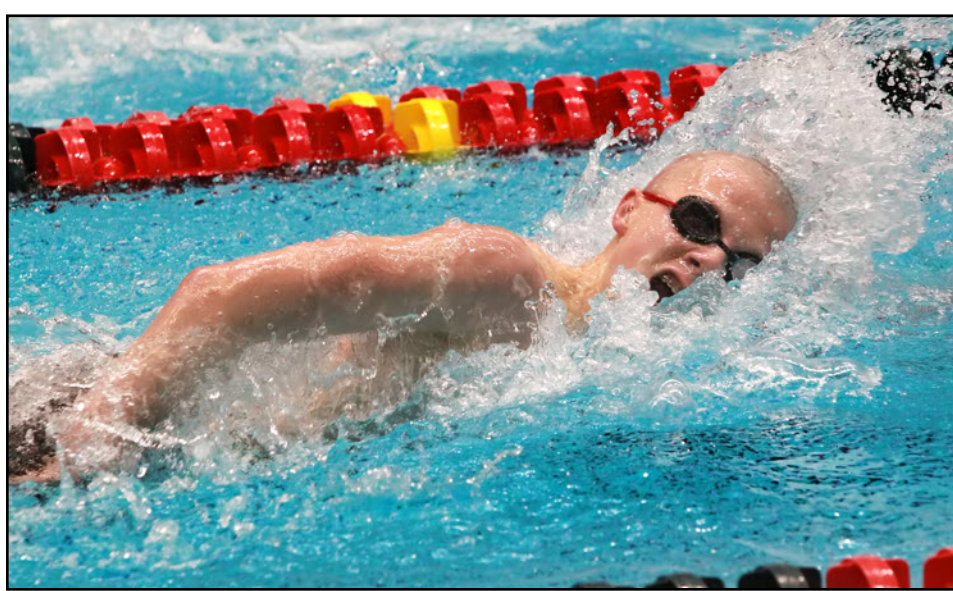
200 individual medley
"A" Final: 1. Davis (C) 1:45.63, 7. Jota Iwase (C) 1:51.37.

"B" Final: 9. Andrew Rafalko (C) 1:51.91, 16. Ratliff (HSE) 1:54.35.

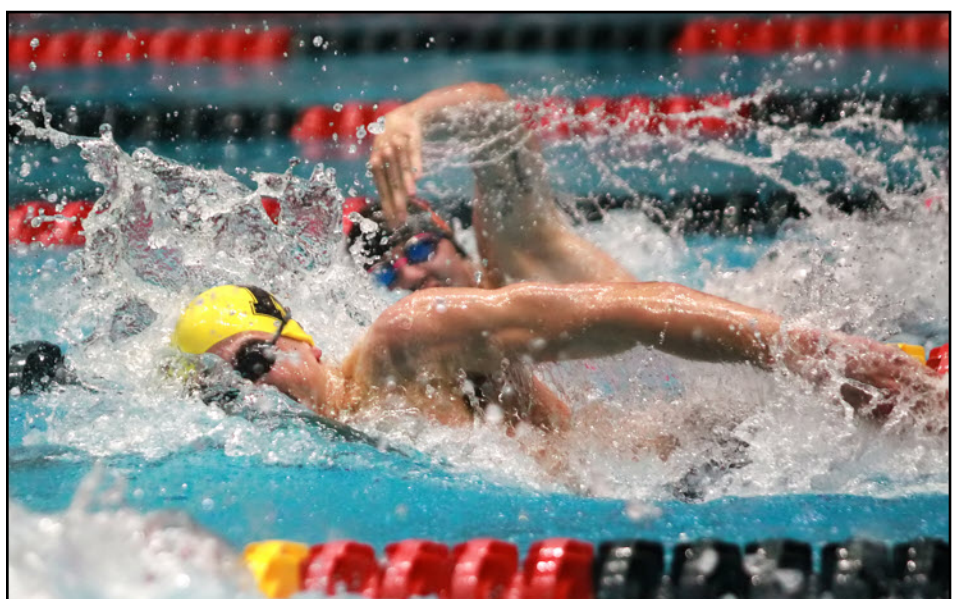
50 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Jacob Destrampe (FC) 20.54, 3. DeLong (C) 20.71, 7. Jack Wolfred (N) 21.05.

One-meter diving
Finals: 1. Caiden Lake (Oak Hill) 525.85, 3. Nathan Barr (HSE) 488.40, 7. William Jansen (F) 442.25, 10. Angelo Ricafort (HSE) 420.65.

100 butterfly
"A" Final: 1. Tristan DeWitt (FWC) 47.53, 8. Stallworth (F) 50.12.
"B" Final: T10. Iwase (C) 50.06.



Fishers' Kyle Ponsler finished fifth in the 500 free for the Tigers. Fishers placed sixth overall in the team standings.



Noblesville's Jack Wolfred (bottom) and Hamilton Heights' Jared Holder race to the wall in the 100 free in Saturday's state finals. Wolfred also finished seventh in the 50 free and Holder eighth in the 100 backstroke. Both will swim for Ball State in the fall.

100 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Destrampe (FC) 44.78, 3. DeLong (C) 45.22, 4. Hadley (C) 45.34.
"B" Final: 9. Jared Holder (HH) 46.50, 10. Wolfred (N) 46.56.

500 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Mitchell (C) 4:16.72, new state record, 2. Rothrock (C) 4:31.02, 3. Frolo (F) 4:32.33, 5. Ponsler (F) 4:33.65.
"B" Final: 16. Streett (HSE) 4:43.42.

200 freestyle relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (William Kok, DeLong, Rothrock, Mitchell) 1:22.71, 4. Southeastern (Zack Bostock, Donald Rogers, Christopher, Streett) 1:25.10.
"B" Final: 11. Fishers (Adcock, Jacocks, Frolo, Stallworth) 1:27.04.

100 backstroke
"A" Final: 1. Davis (C) 46.66, new state record, 4. Hadley (C) 49.14, 8. Holder (HH) 50.29.
"B" Final: 12. Ratliff (HSE) 51.01.

100 breaststroke
"A" Final: 1. Kyle Adams (M) 54.08, 5. Rafalko (C) 56.87, 7. Malicki (C) 57.48.
"B" Final: 16. Cameron Clayton (W) 58.83.

400 freestyle relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Mitchell, Rothrock, Hadley, Davis) 2:58.75, new state record, 7. Southeastern (Ratliff, Streett, Marcus Eden, Evan Sellers) 3:10.62.
"B" Final: 10. Fishers (Ponsler, Nicolas Silveira Silva, Frolo, Stallworth) 3:10.32.

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Saturday scores		Detroit 119, Miami 96	
Portland 130, Philadelphia 115	Atlanta 120, Phoenix 112	Chicago 126, Boston 116	Sacramento 119, Oklahoma City 116
Brooklyn 117, Charlotte 115	Cleveland 112, Memphis 107	Milwaukee 140, Minnesota 128	Houston 118, Golden State 112
Indiana 119, Washington 112	New Orleans 128, L.A. Lakers 115	Utah 125, Dallas 109	

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	44	16	.733	-
Philadelphia	38	22	.633	6.0
Boston	37	23	.617	7.0
Brooklyn	31	30	.508	13.5
New York	11	48	.186	32.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	45	14	.763	-
Indiana	40	20	.667	5.5
Detroit	28	30	.483	16.5
Chicago	16	44	.267	29.5
Cleveland	14	46	.233	31.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Charlotte	28	31	.475	-
Orlando	27	33	.450	1.5
Miami	26	32	.448	1.5
Washington	24	36	.400	4.5
Atlanta	20	40	.333	8.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	40	18	.690	-
Oklahoma City	38	21	.644	2.5
Portland	36	23	.610	4.5
Utah	33	26	.559	7.5
Minnesota	28	31	.475	12.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	42	17	.712	-
L.A. Clippers	33	27	.550	9.5
Sacramento	31	28	.525	11.0
L.A. Lakers	29	30	.492	13.0
Phoenix	11	50	.180	32.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	34	25	.576	-
San Antonio	33	27	.550	1.5
New Orleans	27	34	.443	8.0
Dallas	26	33	.441	8.0
Memphis	23	38	.377	12.0

Gymnastics



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Noblesville gymnastics team placed fifth at the Lafayette Jefferson sectional on Saturday.

Millers finish fifth at Lafayette Jefferson sectional

By RICHIE HALL

LAFAYETTE - The Noblesville gymnastics team finished in fifth place Saturday at the Lafayette Jefferson sectional.

It was a satisfying finish for the Millers, who had to deal with injuries throughout the season. Noblesville had started its season with scores in the 80s, but rallied into the 90s by the end of the year, including a 92.35 at the sectional.

"I was super happy with how the girls did today," said Noblesville coach Jody Ramey.

The Millers started with the vault, traditionally their strongest event. Devyn Palm-

er scored an 8.70 and Olivia Mangin totaled 8.65, both season and career highs. Noblesville scored 25.65 on the vault, the highest of the four disciplines.

"Couldn't ask for anything better, really, on vault," said Ramey.

The Millers scored 19.775 on the uneven bars and a 21.65 on the balance beam, with Palmer scoring an 8.30 in that event, a season high. Noblesville then totaled 25.275 on the floor exercise, which became another strong event this season. Palmer scored 8.675, Mangin 8.35 and Cailey Hurst 8.20, all season and career highs.

"We certainly went out with a bang on floor," said Ramey. "We did a great job."

Noblesville finished the season 16-18. Palmer is a senior, the Millers will have several gymnasts returning for next year, including juniors Mangin, Kayleigh Sahr, Ella Deno and Cailey Hurst. Freshman Kiley Reisner will return after competing in the sectional this season. Sophomore Makayla Kauzlick was injured and couldn't compete this season, but will be expected to be back next year as well.

Team scores: McCutcheon 108.175, Harrison 104.45, Logansport 102.40, Lafayette Jefferson 97.90, Noblesville 92.35, West-

ern 87.50, Northwestern 80.85, Southmont 77.875, North Montgomery 75.10, Peru 68.80, Crawfordsville 67.475, Lafayette Central Catholic 62.55, Lapel 36.125, Tri-County 34.675.

All-around scores: Devyn Palmer 32.075, Olivia Mangin 30.40.

Vault: Palmer 8.70, Mangin 8.65, Kayleigh Sahr 8.30, Kiley Reisner 8.15.

Uneven bars: Palmer 6.725, Mangin 6.65, Sahr 6.40, Racheal Glasener 5.475.

Balance beam: Palmer 8.30, Mangin 6.775, Reisner 6.575, Ella Deno 6.15.

Floor exercise: Palmer 8.675, Mangin 8.35, Cailey Hurst 8.20, Sahr 8.025.

Pacers beat Washington for season's 40th win

By KYLE GRAND

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers grabbed their 40th win of the year Saturday night, after knocking off the Wizards 119-112 in Washington, D.C.

Indiana was in control for most of the game, but in the fourth, Washington made things interesting. With 8:48 to go in the game, Indiana was in great shape, leading 97-84. The Wizards then put together a 13-2 run to cut the Pacers' lead to two, 99-97, with 5:23 to play.

With 3:58 left, the Pacers' lead was just four, 104-100. Indiana needed a string of clutch plays and got them, putting together a 9-2 run to lead 113-102 with 1:32 remaining.

But the Wizards had one last push left.

After a pair of missed free throws and a couple turnovers by Indiana, Washington cut the lead all the way down to three with 28.9 seconds remaining. The Pacers turned it over again, but a game-tying 3-pointer attempt from Thomas Bryant was off, and the Pacers were able to close the game out at the free-throw line.

"One thing we have been all year long is resilient," Pacers forward Thad Young said. "We continue to fight, continue to fight through adversity. We believe in our brotherhood."

The teams played to a draw through the first half of the opening quarter, as the score was 13-13 at the 6:20 mark. Indiana then ripped off a 14-2 run to lead 27-15, would end the quarter leading 29-21.

The Pacers continued to click in the

second quarter. Leading by eight, Cory Joseph and Doug McDermott drilled back-to-back 3-pointers to push the lead to 14, 52-38, with 5:01 left in the first half.

The Wizards weren't able to make any headway during the rest of the quarter, and the Pacers took a double-digit lead into the locker room.

In the third, the Pacers were able to keep a double-figure lead for most of the period. Kyle O'Quinn made the play of the quarter when he jumped into the crowd to save the ball to Wesley Matthews, who knocked down a 3-pointer to give the Pacers an 82-66 lead with 4:06 remaining.

"We talked about winning the scrap, the hustle game," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said. "Those are plays that we've been talking about. We needed them."

But the Wizards didn't let the hustle play deter them. They ripped off a quick 7-0 run to cut the deficit to nine, and when the third was over, that was the Pacers' advantage as the scoreboard read 89-80 heading into the fourth. In the final quarter, Indiana was able to hold off Washington for win No. 40 on the season.

"This was a mental challenge tonight to play this team tonight," McMillan said. "They're still playing for something. To come on the road after a back to back to get this win, it's good for our guys to start this road trip."

Thad Young finished with a team high 22 points. Bojan Bogdanovic added 18.

Bradley Beal scored 35 points and Thomas Bryant had 23 points and 12 rebounds off the bench.

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