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Westfield residents question \$35M park

By **JULIA DENG**
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Westfield residents concerned about the cost, necessity and transparency of a \$35 million downtown development plan discussed their misgivings Tuesday afternoon at a public forum led by the mayor.

Nearly 50 people packed a local pizzeria for the meeting, the second of two sessions held this week to answer

questions about the proposed Grand Junction Plaza project.

The six-acre development would comprise four "key spaces" extracted from a single cube of limestone, city leaders involved in the design process said.

The park area would be divided into three pavilions: An outdoor performance venue, a cafe and a trailhead. A children's play area would be constructed within the fourth "missing" piece of

the cube.

Proposed amenities include an amphitheater, a great lawn, a winter ice skating loop, fountains, nature preserves and a central gathering area appropriate for festivals, markets and other city-hosted events.

"It all sounds great," one resident remarked at the forum. "I don't think anyone here has a problem with the design. But how do we pay for this?"

If approved, the project would be

funded by local income tax and tax increment financing revenues, according to Westfield officials.

Westfield Mayor Andy Cook said property tax rates and income tax rates would not be affected by the Grand Junction Plaza project.

He emphasized the importance of transforming downtown Westfield into a "premiere destination" with local



Cook

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Westfield Schools to change school day start/end times

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, the Westfield Washington School Board of Trustees voted 5-0 to change school day start/end times beginning with the 2019-20 school year.

"This is a change we have been considering for some time," said Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Dr. Sherry Grate. "The scientific data on students' sleep patterns and brain development overwhelmingly supports moving the school day back for older students, and moving the day up for younger stu-

dents which allows more time for instruction during their optimal learning time.

While we know this will be an adjustment for some of our families, we feel strongly that we need to do what's right and what the research overwhelmingly indicates leads to student success."



Grate

Neighboring school districts, including Zionsville Community School and Noblesville Schools, have made or are in the process of making such a change to their school start times. Districts locally and across the country that have adjusted their

New school day schedules

The new starting times, starting on the first day of the 2019-20 school year (Aug. 6, 2019) will be:

- Elementary: 7:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; +8 minutes instructional time daily
- WIS/WMS: 8:45 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.; +1 minute instructional time daily
- WHS: 8:35 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; +19 minutes instructional time daily

school schedules to allow for a later start for secondary students have reported:

- Student academic gains
- Increased class attentiveness in the morning – fewer tired students
- Decreased tardiness
- Decreased rates of adolescent depression, anxiety, suicide ideation, obesity, automobile accidents, risk-taking behavior, and drug and/or alcohol use.
- Fewer disciplinary re-

ferrals

- A decrease in student mischief during after-school hours when parents are not home
- Parents indicating students are more pleasant at home

Click here for a list of frequently asked questions, or click here to view a video on the start time changes. For additional questions, please contact Kate Snedeker or Carrie Cason at comms@wvs.k12.in.us.

Introducing Jackson Fire's law enforcement officers

The REPORTER

This week, Fire Investigators Mike Kirchberg and Fred McComiskey, from the Jackson Township Fire Department's Investigations Division, graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy's Pre-Basic course, making them certified Indiana Law Enforcement Officers.

Kirchberg, who leads the Division, said, "When a fire is incendiary, meaning it involves arson, we need to be able to switch roles and properly conduct an investigation. We owe it to the citizens of Jackson Township, as well as the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office, to be experts in our field."

Jackson Fire Chief Jeff Muszar said, "When we have a fire, we have to utilize a lot of resources from different agencies. By increasing what our department can do itself, we can limit the amount of strain that we put on other department's resources. I'm incredibly proud of the progressiveness of not only the Investigation Division but our entire department. We have come a long way in a few years and I'm excited to see where we will go in the future."



Kirchberg



McComiskey



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No injuries from fire in Noblesville apartment

The REPORTER

Shortly after 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to an apartment fire at Northlake Village Apartments.

The first units on scene encountered smoke coming from the eaves and vents. Units were able to search multiple apartments and located the fire on the second floor.

The residents were not home at the time of the fire. The fire was first noticed by a neighbor who saw smoke coming through a vent and called 9-1-1.

There were no injuries to civilians, firefighters or pets. The fire damage was limited to three



Photo provided

apartments.

NFD was assisted by the Noblesville Police Department. NFD would like

to take this opportunity to remind residents to ensure their smoke detectors are functioning properly.

Carmel Police Department jumps into hybrid patrol cars

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department has begun switching its fleet of patrol cars from regular gasoline-powered vehicles to Ford Hybrid Interceptors – a move that will save the City of Carmel about \$3,000 per year for each patrol car (based on today's average price of a gallon of gas in Indiana). This will provide for an estimated annual savings of nearly \$400,000 once the entire 130-car fleet is replaced.

The contract for the new

police cars calls for the delivery of 17 new vehicles to be delivered this year. The plan is to gradually replace the entire Operations Division fleet with the Hybrids over the next five

years. The move to hybrid engines is also better on the environment thanks to a reduction in the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air.

"This is a smart move

on many different levels," said Mayor Jim Brainard, who has championed the cause of implementing green technology where it

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Brainard



Barlow

Noblesville Parks' Spring Break Day Camp registration open, new sports camp added

The REPORTER

With Spring Break just weeks away, parents still have time to sign up their children in kindergarten through sixth grade for Noblesville Parks' Spring Break Camp. The parks department is offering full-day, week-long camps in conjunction with Noblesville Schools' Spring Break from March 25 through April 5.

The recreation staff will provide two weeks of games, crafts, nature, laughter and friendship. Campers should pack

their lunch, two snacks, a water bottle and wear gym shoes. Campers will have a science project, arts and crafts, and will stay active each day of camp.

"Our Spring Break Camp is a great option for kids as well as for parents because it really caters to families – whether you have travel plans for a few days or staying in town over break," said Amber Mink, recreation program coordinator. "It is a really great way to give campers a variety over break with fun activities and inter-

action with new friends while having fun during Spring Break. The options are very flexible, whether you need just a few days or the whole week, we can accommodate you."

Spring Break Camp is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25-29 and April 1-5 at Forest Park Lodge. The weekly cost is \$125 for residents (\$155 for nonresidents). Noblesville Parks also offers a day option at \$30 for residents (\$40 for non-

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attractions and amenities in order to encourage continued growth.

"Downtown isn't very pretty right now," Cook told News 8. "There's not much to look at. But we've got some wonderful assets and right now is the time to do this. Every city today needs to grow. If we're going to attract a commercial tax base, we have to have people. How do we attract people? Well, you have to make a 'destination.' If you don't, we become like so many of our other Indiana towns and cities that are drying up and blowing away."

Some residents at the forum remained skeptical about the pricey park.

"It's still taking tax revenues

and putting them here instead of perhaps putting them somewhere else," said Linda Naas, a longtime resident who said her neighbors shared her municipal spending concerns. "It's an awful lot of money. There are other areas of the city that could be served by [this] money. To put it all in one spot [downtown] maybe isn't the best plan."

Steadily increasing estimated costs associated with the Grand Junction Plaza proposal – first introduced more than a decade ago – also irked community members, Naas told News 8.

"They told us it was \$22 million in 2011," she explained. "We've seen quite a big increase."



Naas



Lee

Specifics of the downtown development plan have been discussed primarily behind closed doors, Naas and other residents claimed.

Public meetings and Q&A sessions – including Tuesday's forum at Greek's Pizzeria – are often not listed on official agendas or the events calendar on the city's web-

site, they told News 8.

Residents said they rely on Facebook posts and word of mouth to learn about events related to the Grand Junction Plaza project.

"But at these forums, [residents are] kind of getting the feeling that it's a done deal," said Naas. "And so, what does their input matter? We're talking about financing today but we didn't really have a chance to talk about the development itself. I just don't think, widely to the public, [details about the plan have] been out there."

A city representative at Tuesday's forum indicated they were confident the Westfield City Council would approve the proposal at its March 11 meeting, adding local

officials "have no plan B if they vote 'no.'"

"We couldn't be more open about all of this," the city representative said. "How many more charts and infographics do [residents] need?"

Despite lingering concerns and questions, some residents at the meeting were openly enthusiastic about the project.

Mike Lee, a 13-year resident of Westfield, said he relocated to downtown two years ago in anticipation of a new park and plaza.

"We built a home down here because of this plan," he told News 8. "I understand people are worried about the cost. You have to think out of the box sometimes."

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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:

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- Individually packaged snacks
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Heights celebrates Youth Art Month with artist reception

The REPORTER

Members of the Hamilton Heights Art Department cordially invite the community to join in the celebration of Youth Art Month with a special reception and art exhibition from 5 to 7:30 p.m. this evening, Thursday, March 7 at the Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero. The exhibition will feature outstanding two- and three-dimensional work created by students from Hamilton Heights Middle and High Schools.

The elite exhibition will run through March 30 and open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Art teachers Erin Goodman (Heights Middle School) and Taylor Myers (Heights High School) will be on hand to welcome



Photo provided

The annual artist reception in celebration of Youth Art month is one of the highlights for student artists at Hamilton Heights Middle and High School students. It also gives members of the community the opportunity to see the range and talent among these young artists.

guests to the event. Light refreshments will be served. Youth Art Month is a month of promoting art and art education in the United States. It is observed in March with thousands of American schools participating.

Community News

INDOT open to public input on construction project

The Department of Transportation (INDOT) is hosting an open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at Red Bridge Park in Cicero to educate residents and get feedback for the U.S. 31 and 236th Street interchange.

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makes sense and can save money throughout the city operations. "The thousands of dollars we save taxpayers by using this new technology will allow our police department to invest in more proactive measures to keep our crime rate among the lowest in the nation. When you combine the clean-burning energy of these hybrid engines with our network of roundabouts, we are able to take another big leap in keeping our air cleaner in Carmel."

According to Ford Motor Company, the new hybrid police vehicles can greatly reduce the amount of time a patrol car spends idling on the job. The on-board electrical equipment can be powered using the lithium-ion hybrid battery, allowing the gasoline engine to shut off – running only intermittently to charge the battery.

"This is a win-win situation for the Carmel Police Department," said Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow. "Officers will not see a difference in the performance and functionality of the new police vehicles, yet we will be saving fuel and lowering carbon dioxide emissions."

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residents). Before and after care is available each day. Before care from 7 to 8 a.m. is \$10 for the week or \$2 per day. After care runs 4 to 6 p.m. is \$15 for the week or \$3 per day.

In addition to the traditional Spring Break Camp, Let's Go Sports Camp will be offered again this year for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The highly qualified staff from Jump Start Sports will lead the sports camp and give children the opportunity to learn about specific sports. Daily sports themes include basketball (Monday), soccer (Tuesday), backyard sports (Wednesday), volleyball/lacrosse (Thursday) and world sports (Friday). Let's Go Sports Camp is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25-29 at the Recreation Annex, Gate 18. The weekly cost is \$170 for residents (\$195 for nonresidents) and daily rates are available for \$40 (\$50 nonresidents). Before and after care is available each day. Before care is \$3 and runs from 7 to 8 a.m. After care is \$6 daily and is available from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information or to register, contact the Parks Department at 317-776-6350 or visit noblesvilleparks.org.

Indiana Township Association hosts child sexual abuse prevention training

The REPORTER

The Indiana Township Association (ITA) will host youth serving staff at their monthly lunch and learn as part of their No More Secrets public awareness campaign to raise awareness about child sexual abuse on March 12 at the Delaware Township Office.

Registration for youth summer camps has opened and organizations are being proactive in making sure their staff are informed about child sexual abuse prevention. Fishers Parks & Recreation, Fishers YMCA, Youth Mentoring Initiative and Indiana University Upward Bound

Event details

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12

Where: Delaware Township, Kirkendall Room, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers

Cost: Free with registration using [Eventbrite link](#)

are among the organizations that will be present at the prevention training to learn about managing disclosures, reporting suspected child sexual abuse, implementing prevention strategies, and accessing local resources.

State regulations for Indiana currently do not require staff at day or overnight camps to pass a criminal background check. In 2018, the Department of Child Services reports hav-

ing received 18,760 reports of suspected child sexual abuse in the state of Indiana. Project Manager, Chris Kelly stated, "For some kids, summer camp can be a fun memorable experience but for victims of child sexual abuse, camp can be a dreadful experience where abuse occurs or where it is relived. It is important for camp staff to be informed and prepared on how to handle child sexual abuse related concerns

and that is what our training seeks to do." For inquiries contact Chris Kelly, Project Manager with Indiana Township Association, by phone at 240-678-2606 or by email at ckelly@indianatownshipassoc.org.

About the Indiana Township Association, Inc.

The Indiana Township Association, Inc. is a statewide, nonprofit organization comprised of 1,005 township trustees who provide essential services to residents and businesses in need in their township. For additional information, visit indianatownshipassoc.org.

Bringing The Bahamas to Cicero Public Library



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Tired of the cold dreary weather? Come to the Hamilton North (Cicero) Public Library from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 and hear local resident Steven Fleenor will give a visual presentation along with a narrated travelogue and dive equipment show-and-tell focused on The Bahamas. Over more than 40 years, Fleenor has extensively photographed both underwater landscape of The Bahamas – just a short 50 miles east of the U.S. mainland. Traveling exclusively by small, private-owned boats and visiting many seldom visited towns and islands, his photography reveals a side of these islands unseen by the cruise ships and mega-resorts. This would also be a great place to pick up some travel tips.



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Senator Spartz provides legislative halftime update

The Indiana General Assembly recently reached its half-way point, meaning all the bills passed by the Senate will now be considered by the House of Representatives and vice versa.



VICTORIA SPARTZ
State Senator

The Senate introduced 636 bills this year, and of those, 218 (34 percent) passed. Additionally, of the bills that passed, 125 (57 percent) received unanimous support and 195 (89 percent) received bipartisan support. Over the next few months, the Senate will discuss 201 bills coming over from the House.

Below are bills I authored this session that recently passed the Senate.

Senate Bill 405 would develop risk-limiting audits for election results and processes.

Senate Bill 407 would establish the Economic and Regulatory Policy Task Force to address the long-term fiscal health of the state, improve legislative oversight and reporting, enhance internal controls and audit procedures, increase transparency, and simplify the regulatory environment of small businesses in Indiana.

Senate Bill 545 would

improve risk and stress test reporting for pension plans.

Senate Bill 546 would establish the Education Task Force to assess the governance structure of K-12, higher education and workforce development systems in Indiana as well as decrease regulations and streamline education reporting.

Senate Bill 547 would urge the Legislative Council to task a summer study committee with studying best practices for K-12 education, reassessing science education based on a deeper understanding of subject matter, improving mathematics, geography and personal finance education, and adding entrepreneurship to the K-12 curriculum.

Senate Bill 548 would identify key cost drivers for Medicaid expenditures and reassess payment and legal infrastructure for mental health and addiction treatment services.

Senate Bill 549 would require school superintendents to submit a financial indicators report (dashboard), created by **House Enrolled Act 1315** in 2018, to the school boards. It would also urge the Legis-

lative Council to assign a summer study committee to study the oversight and governance structure of tax increment financing as well as reporting mechanisms between local government units.

Senate Bill 596 would allow the Indiana Supreme Court to expand the youth assistance program for at-risk youth and families.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 would urge the Legislative Council to task a summer study committee with assessing the laws and policies concerning the adjudication and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders.

A number of other important bills, authored by my colleagues, also passed out of our chamber over the last few months.

Senate Bill 1 would aim to improve Indiana's foster care system.

Senate Bill 2 would work to increase school bus safety in our state.

Senate Bill 12 would provide a bias-crime protection for all Hoosiers.

Senate Bill 33 would establish a grant fund to support the establishment of comprehensive addiction recovery centers, which would offer a full range of treatment options to those struggling with drug abuse.

Senate Bill 141 would

place sensible regulations on Office-Based Opioid Treatment providers to ensure legally dispensed opioids aren't diverted for illegal use.

Senate Bill 233 would target tax relief for small businesses by doubling the personal-property tax exemption from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Senate Bill 362 would expand the tax credit for Hoosier teachers.

Senate Bill 460 would support broadband internet expansion in Indiana communities.

Senate Bill 516 would authorize hemp production in our state by allowing Hoosier farmers to seek a license to grow non-intoxicating hemp. This would create a new cash crop for our agriculture industry.

Senate Bill 519 would create stronger penalties for professional drug traffickers by allowing prosecutors to "stack" the amount of drugs dealt in a 90-day period.

Senate Bill 552 would authorize sports wagering as well as other gaming changes.

If you would like to discuss these or other bills moving through the General Assembly, contact me by email at Senator.Spartz@iga.in.gov or by phone at 800-382-9467.

Seaman to speak at Prayer Breakfast



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Noblesville West Middle School teacher Jason Seaman will be the featured speaker at the Hamilton County Prayer Breakfast on May 17 at the Ritz Charles, located in Carmel. Seaman, a science teacher and coach, was presented Indiana's highest honor, Sagamore of the Wabash, in December 2018 for risking his life to stop the shooting at Noblesville West Middle School last May.

Historic play with modern lessons stages at Noblesville High



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Over 50 Noblesville High School students will present *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller this weekend as the NHS spring play. They will also perform with a professional guest artist. Winner of the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play, this exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society. The play opens at 7 p.m. this evening, March 7, and runs through Saturday, March 9. There are no reserved seats, but tickets are \$8 and are available beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night at the door. (Above) Jacob Vernier (left) and Jordan Carpenter rehearse for Noblesville's High School's production of *The Crucible*.



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Noblesville Schools seeks Back to School BASH exhibitors, sponsors

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Tuesday that it will host the annual Back to School BASH in partnership with the Noblesville Parks Department from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 26 at Federal Hill Commons.

The event features food, games, athletics, arts, music and community youth organizations, and typically draws approximately 8,000 attendees.

Exhibitor space at the Back to School BASH is

limited and organizations must be selected and approved for participation. Community businesses and organizations interested in exhibiting at the Back to School BASH can apply at [this link](#) no later than May 1.

Some BASH sponsorship opportunities are still available and interested organizations can contact the district's director of marketing and communications Marnie Cooke at marnie_cooke@nobl.k12.in.us for more information.

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Corbett: Historic preservation is an economic development tool

Submitted

Mike Corbett has five key principles driving his campaign for mayor. Each week he takes a deep dive in to each of the five principles. Last week he tackled transparency.

The second key principle of the Mike Corbett for Mayor campaign is a plea to reconsider the value of historic preservation in economic development efforts.

"It's a change of mindset," said Corbett. "Historic preservation is harder than building new, so city leaders often find it easier to just bulldoze historic properties rather than going to the trouble of fixing them up. But that's a mistake."

Corbett cites Noblesville's Courthouse Square as an example.

"Ask anyone what they

find appealing about our city and inevitably the courthouse square comes to mind," he said. "It has that sense of place that makes it special. So, it's important that we recognize what is appealing about the square; preserve it, nurture it and expand upon it."

Corbett says the old buildings have intrinsic appeal because of their scale, design, workmanship and materials. These buildings are very accessible and appealing in a way that new buildings aren't. They create an atmosphere that is welcoming, friendly and maybe a bit nostalgic. That is unique enough that it appeals to visitors and residents alike, encouraging them to spend their time and money at downtown businesses. That's economic development, he

says. Historic buildings have the added benefit of often being fully amortized, which means landlords can afford to charge lower rents.

"Entrepreneurs and artists seek out historic buildings, not just for their natural appeal," he said, "but because they are often affordable for people protecting their cash flow as they launch new businesses. That's also economic development."

City leaders often perceive preservationists as impediments to progress, says Corbett, but that's not the case.

"Preservationists aren't opposed to change," he said. "They're opposed to bad change, change that destroys the character of a place, or alters the landscape in a way that detracts from what makes

it appealing to begin with."

It's been said many times, and Corbett agrees, that other communities are trying to emulate what Noblesville has.

"You could build a new city with buildings on this exact same footprint," he said, "but they wouldn't have the same appeal, the same sense of place and the same authenticity that our downtown has. Time has a way of exerting its own unique imprint on things, and there is no substitute. You can't re-create it, though many have tried. You can only try to preserve what you have. Every time we tear down another building, we destroy the very thing that makes our community so appealing. That has to stop."

For more information, please visit mikecorbettfor-mayor.com.

Reader: Time for legislators to "step up or step out" on DST

Dear Editor:

On March 4, the European Union voted to abolish the twice-yearly clock change – i.e. no more daylight saving time.

Similar discussions are occurring in Utah, Michigan, Florida, New England, etc. – but not in Indiana where, once again, our leaders have disallowed the discussion of our time zone situation. They simply ignored SB 542 until the time for talk ran out.

This means that students will continue to travel at risk in morning darkness. Because of our incompatible sunlight schedule, teens will continue to struggle scholastically and their ranking of second-highest suicide attempt rate in the United States will continue. Hoosiers will continue to be among the most tired and obese in the U.S.

Evening events in summer will continue to be diminished because of lack of darkness – July 4th fireworks, outdoor concerts, evenings dining out, star gazing, youth and family camping, etc. And while electronic technology has negated advantages for Indiana's businesses of being on the same time as New York, the three-hour time difference with California will continue to be a communication and travel handicap for Hoosier businesses and its citizens.

The purpose of government as stated in Indiana's constitution is to provide "peace, safety and well-being" for Indiana's citizens. Legislators – you took an oath to uphold our constitution, but you are not doing your job when it comes to our time zone issue. It's time for you to either step up or step out. Hoosiers deserve better government than we are getting.

The mission of the Central Time Coalition is to promote the allocation of available sunlight and darkness in a manner that provides the greatest "peace, safety and well-being" for the citizens of Indiana. Visit HoosiersForCentralTime.com.

Susannah H. Dillion
President, Central Time Coalition
Carmel

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive sealed bids for the following project:

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JOYCE AVENUE OVER UNT TO WHITE RIVER
WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
PB - 17 - 0001**

Proposals may be forwarded individually by registered mail or delivered in person, addressed to the Hamilton County Auditor, 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, 46060, until **12:30 p.m. March 25, 2019**. After 12:30pm, proposal shall be delivered to the Auditor in the Hamilton County Commissioners Courtroom up to the time of the noticed bid opening. Only proposal from those CONTRACTORS who are registered on the INDOT current listing of Prequalified Contractors for item D(A) "Bridge" Highway Over Water" will be considered. Any bids submitted by CONTRACTORS not approved for this item on the list will be returned to the bidder unopened.

All proposals will be considered by the OWNER at a public meeting held in the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center at Noblesville, Indiana, Commissioner's Courtroom, and opened and read aloud at 1:00 p.m. local time, March 25, 2019.

The work to be performed and the proposals to be submitted shall include a bid for all general construction, labor, material, tools, equipment, taxes, (both federal and state), permits licenses, insurance, service costs, etc. incidental to and required for this project.

All materials furnished and labor performed incidental to and required by the proper and satisfactory execution of the contract to be made, shall be furnished and performed in accordance with requirements from the drawings and specifications included in the contract documents, which will be on file at Hanson Professional Services, 7820 Innovation Blvd., Suite 200, Indianapolis, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on February 28, 2019, and obtained for the sum of \$75 for the contract documents and specifications, of which none is refundable. Payment shall be by money order or check and shall be made payable to Hanson Professional Services. Interested parties can view the Contract Documents at www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/Bids.aspx. Documents posted online are for informational purposes only and shall be the responsibility of the bidder to periodically check for addendums issued until the bid date. Hamilton County is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the documents posted online. Only those who purchase Contract Documents will be automatically notified of addenda. Contract Documents **must be purchased** to be eligible to bid on this contract.

Each individual proposal must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the county supplied sealed bid notice bearing the title of the project, bid opening date and the name of the bidder firmly affixed. All mailer packets shall have a separately sealed envelope inside the mailer with the county supplied sealed bid notice firmly affixed to the inside sealed bid. Each proposal must be submitted separately. **The bidder shall affix identifying tabs to the following sheets of each proposal as mentioned below:**

Form 96	Financial Statement
Non-Collusion Affidavit	Receipt of Addendum (If Applicable)
Bid Bond	Itemized Proposal
Employment Eligibility Verification Certification	Drug Testing Program Compliance

Each individual proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, made payable to the Hamilton County Auditor, in a sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the proposal, which check or bond will be held by the said Hamilton County Auditor as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded a contract, enter into the same with the OWNER upon notification from him to do so within ten (10) days of said notification. Failure to execute the contract and to furnish performance bond to Hamilton County, Indiana, will be cause for forfeiture of the amount of money represented by the certified check, or bidder's bond, as and for liquidated damages. Form 96, as prescribed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts, shall be properly completed, and submitted with bid proposals. The Commissioners at their discretion reserve the right to waive any and all informalities in the bidding. All bids submitted shall be good for 120 days from the opening of the bids.

Dated: February 25, 2019
Robin Mills, Hamilton County Auditor
RL2143 2/28/2019, 3/7/2019

Reader: Bias crimes bill is a must

Dear Editor:

For far too long, Indiana has been among a short list of states that have not made the appropriate and essential move of legislating a legitimate bias crimes bill. We have communities full of all kinds of people with varied backgrounds that all share the same commonality of wanting to live peacefully while raising families and contributing to the communities that we love without the fear of being attacked, or worse, simply because of who we are or what we believe in.

At the very least, we want a law that gives our judicial system the ability to deter and aggressively punish those who would intimidate, do harm, or even kill anyone based on one's race or sexual orientation or religious belief.

People should not have to live with the fear of potentially being harmed just because of what makes them who they are.

Our legislators have dodged and dismissed this issue for years – but why? I have said this before and I maintain this: The representatives that do not support a full-throated hate crimes bill send the message that the most vulnerable and susceptible to hate crimes do not matter. It is like those segments of our citizenry do not exist or the plight against them are just made up.

Just like many other areas of our country, Indiana has a history of racism and intimidation that has spanned from the birth of our statehood to this current year. The Ku Klux Klan of Indiana was thought to be the strongest and most powerful sects of the national organization in the 1920s. They terrorized African Americans, Jews and Catholics. In 2018, we witnessed Nazi intimidating vandalism of a Jewish

synagogue in Carmel.

When certain groups of people see nooses hanging or swastikas plastered in plain sight, particular feelings of fear and subjugation are conjured up within those people. Can you imagine living through moments like that? The truth is there are members of our communities that live through moments like that at different levels almost daily.

Those feelings are real, not made up. The groups that experience those feelings do matter. Not recognizing that goes against who we are. Hoosiers pride themselves as being accepting of others. We look out for each other, try to help one another, and want peaceful neighborhoods where we all can raise our families. Our communities value diversity and inclusion; we need our legislature to do the same thing.

Indiana suffers when we do not promote these values.

Our businesses are hindered in recruiting. Indiana universities may start to see their enrollment from non-resident students drop. The state that boasts that it is the "crossroads of America" and is always actively courting major conventions and sporting events and major international companies to call Indiana home should do everything that it can to make every person who lives or visits here feel safe.

We all matter, but unfortunately, there are negative forces that have in-

filtrated our society that target specific groups. These specific groups need meaningful legislative protection to free from hatred and bias crimes. Our nation has made strides but not every jurisdiction has made the worthwhile step of bias crimes protection – Indiana remains to be one of those on that shameful and short list.

We deserve better and this type of legislation is sorely overdue. We can do better.

Ronnie Saunders
Westfield

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Westfield Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Township Board will meet at 1549 Greyhound Pass, Carmel, Indiana, 46032, at 11:30 a.m. local time on the 18th day of March, 2019, for the purpose of considering the following additional appropriation which the Township considers necessary to meet the extraordinary emergency at this time.

	Appropriation	Reduction
Operating - Other services and charges	64,297	0
Fire Fund - Capital Outlay	108,000	0

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have the right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The Board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriation within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2019
Danielle Carey Tolan
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Washington Township
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RL2156 3/7/2019

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Luke 9:23-27 (KJV)

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Zachary Dean Koch

July 10, 1982 – February 6, 2019

Zachary Dean Koch, 36, Williams, Ind., passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, in Westfield. He was born July 10, 1982 to Eric and Evelyn (Wroblecki) Koch in Indianapolis.



Zach enjoyed spending time with this spouse and kids. He also enjoyed his career in the construction field and working on his truck.

He is survived by his spouse of 15 years, Tiffany Robertson; children, Caleb and Kennedy Koch; mother, Evelyn Firsich; and siblings, Darrel Koch, and Rich and Joe Firsich.

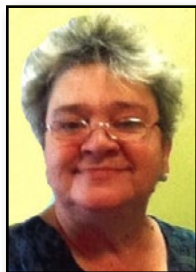
He was preceded in death by his father, Eric Koch, and stepfather, Fred Firsich.

He will be cremated at The Cremation Society of Indiana. Family will hold a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Carol McCoy

July 28, 1955 – March 5, 2019

Carol McCoy, 63, Westfield, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Riverview Health in Westfield. She was born on July 28, 1955 to Edgar "Gene" and Janet (Wilson) Brashers in Little Rock, Ark.



Carol was a charter member for Sheridan First Baptist Church. She was a nurse for over 25 years at Miller's Merry Manor in Middleton, Ind. Carol was a great cook and avid reader. She enjoyed singing and doing crossword puzzles.

She is survived by her mother, Janet Brashers; daughter, Ursula Burkhalter; sons, Gary (Josie) McCoy, Robbie McCoy, James McCoy and Ben (Angie) McCoy; sister, Patricia (Mike) Bowen; brothers, Darrell (Janice) Brashers and Dwayne Brashers; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben McCoy, in 2013.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Jason Rumph officiating. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2019 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sheridan First Baptist Church, 205 E. 3rd St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

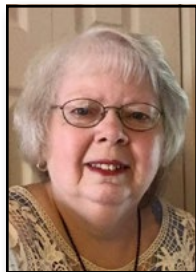
Arrangements

Calling: 4 to 7 p.m., March 8
Service: 11 a.m., March 9
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Linda Diane (Freeland) Wheat

June 18, 1955 – March 5, 2019

Linda Diane (Freeland) Wheat, 63, Noblesville lost her battle to dermatomyositis on March 5, 2019. Linda was born to Robert James and Ruth Anne (Moore) Freeland.



Linda loved her involvement with the U.S. military. She was raised as an "Army brat," being born in Alaska on June 18, 1955, and lived in many locations including Germany, Texas and Kentucky. Linda graduated from Hamilton Heights in 1974.

Linda became an Air Force wife and lived in several other locations including California, Guam and South Carolina. Linda was involved in Boy Scouts of America; she supported her two sons to reach rank of Eagle Scout. She participated in the Crossroads of America Scout Band. Linda earned the Silver Beaver Award which is a high scouting award for adults. Linda also volunteered at the Senior Citizen Services in Noblesville and as a Chaplain for the American Legion post in Pendleton.

Linda was very proud of her three children who all served or are currently serving in the U.S. military, Major Larry Lee Wheat II (Katie), currently of San Antonio, Texas; Laura Nichole Penley (Jeff Sochowicz), Indianapolis; and Lewis Edward Wheat (Debbie), McCordsville.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Tara Grigg, Jhia-Vhonnii and Mara Wheat, Seaman Trey Penley, Maryssa and Leanne Penley, Victoria and Natasha Wheat; her father, Robert Freeland (Rachel), Pendleton; siblings, Roberta Starrett, Noblesville; Robert Freeland Jr. (Jodie), Sheridan; and Frances (Fran) Miller (Larry), Thorntown; and several nieces and nephews.

Linda was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Anne Freeland; granddaughter, Abigail Renee Wheat; and two nieces, Rebecca and Misti Starrett.

Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Brother Jim Williamson officiating. Visitation will be held from noon to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

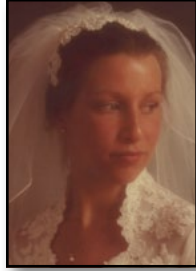
Arrangements

Calling: Noon to 2 p.m., March 11
Service: 2 p.m., March 11
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Karen Elizabeth Dutchess

August 29, 1957 – March 4, 2019

Karen Elizabeth Dutchess, 61, Sheridan, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2019 at her home. She was born on August 29, 1957 to Richard and Mary Margaret (Eckrich) Farley at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri.



Karen was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and enjoyed gardening, drawing and her grandsons.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Steven Dutchess; mother, Mary Margaret Farley; daughters, Sarah (Wes) Hayden and Jennifer Dutchess; grandchildren, Konrad and Camden Hayden; siblings, Steve (Lisa) Farley, Kathy (Dave) McCaw, Fran (Lyle) Kendall, and Tim (Diane) Farley; brothers-in-law, Scott (Debbie) Dutchess and Patrick (Brian) Dutchess; mother-in-law, Sue Dutchess; and many nieces and nephews.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Richard Farley.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, with Rev. Tom Metzger officiating.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements

Calling: 4 to 7 p.m., March 10
• Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Service: 11 a.m., March 11
• Location: Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
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Hoosier State Relays...

County athletes taking their spots on qualifying lists



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Travis Hickner is currently 12th on the 3200 run qualifying list for the Hoosier State Relays. The Relays take place March 23 at Indiana University.

After the first few days of meets, indoor track and field athletes from around the state are seeing how they stack up against each other as they try to qualify for the Hoosier State Relays.

The Relays take place on Saturday, March 23 at Indiana University. There will be two separate meets: The Large Schools (Classes 4A, 5A and 6A for football) will have their meet at 10 a.m., with the Small Schools (Classes 1A, 2A and 3A) to follow at 4 p.m.

The top 24 qualifiers in the running and relay events, long jump and shot put qualify, as will the top 18 high jump and pole vault. Qualifying dates run through Sunday, March 17.

Already several Hamilton County runners are high up on the qualifying lists. On the girls side, Carmel's Phoebe Bates is on top of the 3200 run list, with Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Drish first in the pole vault. Drish is a two-time state champion in that event, while Bates won state in the 1600 run last year. Southeastern's 4x400 relay and Noblesville's 4x800 relay are also top qualifiers as of this week.

Hayden Tobias of Fishers currently leads the boys shot put. Meanwhile, Guerin Catholic's girls distance medley team is on top of that event's list in the Small School division.

Here's a current list of top 50 performers in each division, boys and girls.

LARGE SCHOOL (4A-6A) BOYS TOP 50

60 dash: 3. Noah Malone (Hamilton Southeastern) 6.98, T16. Donnovan Duffy (Carmel) 7.13, T23. H.L. Lewis (Fishers) 7.17; Shomari Rogers-Walton (Noblesville) 7.17, T33. Gage Pratt (HSE) 7.21.

3200 run: 9. Ethan Meyers (F) 9:39.25, 10. Jacob Wiggers (HSE) 9:39.45, 12. Travis Hickner (N) 9:40.17, 13. Pat Campbell (C) 9:40.76, 17. Brady Jarosinski (HSE) 9:45.87, 21. Cole Kimmel (N) 9:49.20, 23. Cam Harless (C) 9:51.84, 27. Bing Hudson (C) 9:55.78, 30. Luke Shinneman (N) 9:58.78, 31. Ben Johnson (C) 9:59.27, 33. Grant Moon (C) 10:02.49, 34. Jacob Fisher (C) 10:02.59, 39. Will Murphy (C) 10:08.26, 40. Nick Schuster (C) 10:08.66, 43. Thomas Gastineau (C) 10:10.68.

60 hurdles: T8. Cooper Boehm (Westfield) 8.52, T11. Jakob Pearson (C) 8.55, 27. Sean Mullen (C) 8.85, 38. Amariion Ballard (W) 9.03, T44. Calvin Grenda (W) 9.13, T46. Tim Metken (C) 9.17.

4x200 relay: 7. Fishers 1:33.04, 19. Westfield 1:36.18, 22. Hamilton Southeastern 1:36.29.

4x400 relay: 3. Carmel 3:31.63, 12. Westfield 3:37.51, 18. Noblesville 3:38.27, 27. Fishers 3:41.64.

4x800 relay: 5. Westfield 8:20.45, 7. Fishers 8:26.33, 23. Hamilton Southeastern 8:43.12, T43. Noblesville 9:02.70.

Distance medley: 6. Westfield 10:56.92, 7. Fishers 10:59.83, 8. Noblesville 11:00.53, 11. Hamilton Southeastern 11:13.31.

High jump: 6. Andrew Herman (N) 6-4, T7. Anthony Campbell (F) 6-3, T21. Peyton Forbes (F) 5-10, T31. Isaac Abeo (HSE) 5-8; Christian Blaetner (N) 5-8; Alex McGraw (HSE) 5-8.

Pole vault: 2. Logan Sandlin (C) 16-6, T3. Jakob Pearson (C) 14-0.

Long jump: 6. Anthony Campbell (F) 22-0.5, 10. Shomari Rogers-Walton (N) 21-2.75, T18. Kyle Senuta (C) 20-7, T39. Mitchell Conard (N) 19-8.25, 50. Dawson Cockerham (C) 19-3.

Shot put: 1. Hayden Tobias (F) 57-9, 5. Caleb Shaffer (C) 52-9.25, 22. Graham Hatfield (C) 46-8.

GIRLS TOP 50
60 dash: T15. Tamia Perryman (F) 7.92,

T20. Ella Scally (F) 7.98, T33. Alyssa Barker (HSE) 8.12.

3200 run: 1. Phoebe Bates (C) 10:48.11, 7. Elizabeth Barrett (F) 11:34.10, 8. Brooke Waldal (C) 11:37.52, 10. Tessa Kraft (F) 11:40.15, 13. Lily McAndrews (C) 11:47.97, 21. Aubrey Swart (N) 11:54.94, 26. Jamie Klavon (C) 12:01.07, 30. Ellie Johnson (HSE) 12:07.70, 31. Roni Ledzema (C) 12:08.51, 35. Madison King (N) 12:14.71, 37. Sophie Stahl (N) 12:17.49, 39. Abby Parker (C) 12:19.65.

60 hurdles: 39. Haley Boehm (W) 10.19, 49. Lindsey Wormuth (N) 10.36.

4x200 relay: 2. Hamilton Southeastern 1:44.51, 6. Fishers 1:46.59, 18. Noblesville 1:51.17, 26. Carmel 1:52.94.

4x400 relay: 1. Hamilton Southeastern 4:06.96, 17. Fishers 4:24.75, 19. Noblesville 4:25.84, 24. Carmel 4:28.08, 41. Westfield 4:33.43.

4x800 relay: 1. Noblesville 9:45.33, 6. Hamilton Southeastern 9:58.88, 13. Fishers 10:15.29, 20. Carmel 10:25.79, 47. Westfield 11:22.97.

Distance medley: 5. Hamilton Southeastern 12:47.87, 10. Noblesville 13:09.72, 12. Fishers 13:15.74, 13. Westfield 13:16.79, 22. Carmel 13:59.69.

High jump: 2. Shelby Tyler (N) 5-8, T6. Tamia Perryman (F) 5-4, T13. Lily Wilhelm (N) 5-0, T26. Emily Nelson (F) 4-10, T38. Emily Jean-Baptiste (HSE) 4-8.

Pole vault: 1. Kennedy Drish (HSE) 12-8, T2. Alison Casey (F) 11-0, T4. Shelby Tyler (N) 10-6, 12. Erika Knieper (N) 9-9, T17. Hannah Justice (HSE) 9-0; Lauren Sheppard (HSE) 9-0, T41. Lauren Bryant (F) 7-6.

Long jump: 5. Ella Scally (F) 17-2, T7. Tierra Sydnor (HSE) 16-10.5, 22. Sydney Black (W) 16-3, 45. Mya Hammons (HSE) 15-6.

Shot put: 35. Olivia Willman (F) 33-10, 45. Zoe Pentecost (W) 33-4.75

**SMALL SCHOOL (1A-3A)
BOYS TOP 50**
60 dash: T13. Cameron Murray (Guerin Catholic) 7.45, 17. Nate Josza (Hamilton Heights) 7.47, T24. Tad Defoe (HH) 7.56.

3200 run: 17. Joe Barrett (GC) 10:06.05, 22. Matt Fletcher (GC) 10:18.81.

60 hurdles: 14. Tyler Backlund (GC) 9.53, 27. Jake Brinker (HH) 10.06.

4x200 relay: 10. Hamilton Heights 1:40.32, 15. Guerin Catholic 1:42.46

4x400 relay: 22. Guerin Catholic 3:59.76, 35. Hamilton Heights 4:06.95.

4x800 relay: 2. Guerin Catholic 8:24.71, 10. Hamilton Heights 9:11.63.

Distance medley: 13. Hamilton Heights 12:01.94, 26. Guerin Catholic 12:25.30.

High jump: T8. Matt Fletcher (GC) 5-8.

Pole vault: T8. Cameron Murray (GC) 11-0.

Long jump: 18. Tad Defoe (HH) 18-9.75, T32. Tyler Backlund (GC) 17-9.5; Cameron Murray (GC) 17-9.5.

Shot put: T27. Nick Demas (GC) 41-1, T35. Alex Naylor (HH) 39-11.

GIRLS TOP 50
60 dash: 10. Markaela Pugh (HH) 8.21, T16. Anna Hallett (GC) 8.38.

3200 run: 12. Isabelle Museck (GC) 11:55.53.

60 hurdles: 17. Bailey Haworth (HH) 10.61, 30. Veronica Meredith (HH) 11.12, 39. Emma Hubbard (GC) 11.26, 43. Alyssa Chang (GC) 11.40.

4x200 relay: 5. Guerin Catholic 1:54.76, 6. Hamilton Heights 1:55.15.

4x400 relay: 2. Hamilton Heights 4:24.02, 8. Guerin Catholic 4:30.43.

4x800 relay: 4. Hamilton Heights 10:18.53, 9. Guerin Catholic 10:48.67.

Distance medley: 1. Guerin Catholic 13:00.50, 18. Hamilton Heights 15:12.97.

High jump: T17. Heather Barker (Sheridan) 4-8, T30. Emma Bock (GC) 4-6, T45. Marci Marcus (GC) 4-4.

Long jump: T13. Grace Gjerde (GC) 15-1.5, 16. Anna Hallett (GC) 14-10.5.

Shot put: 13. Rebecca Merritt (S) 33-7, T16. Taylor Mason (HH) 32-4.25, 30. Lauryn Wiley (HH) 31-2.25.

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'Hounds compete at Roncalli HSR Qualifier

Carmel had several athletes compete at the Roncalli HSR Qualifier #1 on Tuesday. The Greyhounds went 1-2 in the pole vault, with Logan Sandlin winning the event and Jakob Pearson taking second. Caleb Shaffer was first in the shot put.

60 dash - Finals: 5. Ethan Zhang 7.31. Preliminaries: T13. Elijah Miller 7.59.

60 hurdles - Finals: 5. Tim Metken 9.22, 8. Clay Jarosinski 9.74.

4x200 relay: 8. Carmel (Iskander, Padgett, Ogbeide, Pennington) 1:41.73.

Pole vault: 1. Logan Sandlin 14-6, 2. Jakob Pearson 14-0.

Long jump: 5. Dawson Cockerham 19-3, 18. Donovan Visor 16-6.

Shot put: 1. Caleb Shaffer 52-9.25, 3. Graham Hatfield 46-8.

NBA standings

Wednesday scores

Miami 91, Charlotte 84
 Detroit 131, Minnesota 114
 Washington 132, Dallas 123
 San Antonio 111, Atlanta 104
 Brooklyn 113, Cleveland 107

Chicago 108, Philadelphia 107
 Utah 114, New Orleans 104
 Phoenix 107, New York 96
 Boston 111, Sacramento 109
 Denver 115, L.A. Lakers 99

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	46	19	.708	-
Philadelphia	41	24	.631	5.0
Boston	40	26	.606	6.5
Brooklyn	34	33	.507	13.0
New York	13	52	.200	33.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Milwaukee	48	16	.750	-
Indiana	42	23	.646	6.5
Detroit	32	31	.508	15.5
Chicago	19	47	.288	30.0
Cleveland	16	49	.246	32.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	30	34	.469	-
Orlando	30	36	.455	1.0
Charlotte	29	35	.453	1.0
Washington	27	37	.422	3.0
Atlanta	22	44	.333	9.0

x - Clinched playoff berth

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	43	21	.672	-
Oklahoma City	39	25	.609	4.0
Portland	39	25	.609	4.0
Utah	37	27	.578	6.0
Minnesota	30	35	.462	13.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	44	20	.688	-
L.A. Clippers	37	29	.561	8.0
Sacramento	32	32	.500	12.0
L.A. Lakers	30	35	.462	14.5
Phoenix	15	51	.227	30.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	39	25	.609	-
San Antonio	37	29	.561	3.0
New Orleans	30	37	.448	10.5
Dallas	27	37	.422	12.0
Memphis	26	40	.394	14.0

Noblesville High School hosts IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals on Saturday

Six teams return from last year's field of state finalists including defending state champion and top-ranked Chesterton along with three individual state champions as the 47th Annual IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals are contested Saturday at Noblesville High School for the first time.

The meet begins at 12:30 p.m. with the Opening Ceremonies, then competition starts at 1 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$10 per person and available to purchase at Gate 5 at Noblesville High School on Saturday. Pre-school children will be admitted at no charge.

Doors will open to spectators at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, one hour prior to the Opening Ceremonies.

Defending Team Champion

The Trojans will be gunning for a repeat performance under coach Dawn Matthys with the hopes of carrying home the state championship trophy for the fifth time in school history (1993, 2000, 2002, 2018).

Defending Individual State Champions

Three individuals who stood at the top of the podium last year return this weekend seeking more state championship glory.

Sophia Hunzelman, Chesterton junior, is the two-time defending all-around champ. With another title on Saturday, she would become the first gymnast to win three all-around crowns. She is currently one of nine individuals with two to her credit in tournament history with

Valparaiso's Angie Cook the only other competitor to win in her first two years of high school in 1993 and 1994.

Hunzelman is the only athlete with multiple titles this weekend having won the 2017 bars and last year's beam but Trojans teammate Jordan Bush was the state champ on the floor exercise a year ago and gives Chesterton a formidable lineup. The senior earned last year's crown with a 9.825 and finished fourth in the all-around competition. She won the all-around at the Valparaiso regional last Saturday.

Also among this year's defending state champions is Whitney McKeon of Valparaiso. The senior shared the beam title with Hunzelman at 9.70 in 2018 and finished fifth in the floor exercise and the all-around. She placed second in the beam to Hunzelman on Saturday. In fact, Bush, McKeon and Hunzelman placed one-two-three in the all-around in the loaded Valpo regional last Saturday.

- Homestead senior Catherine Milne and Columbus North freshman Emily Moore both won their respective all-around awards at the sectional and regional rounds.

- Five schools in the field have strung together multiple state finals appearances led by seventh-ranked Columbus North making its 13th consecutive trip as a team. Homestead follows with five straight and Chesterton and Columbus East advancing to championship Saturday for the fourth year in a row. Two of the longest streaks in

state history were snapped as Valparaiso did not advance out of the sectional for the first time since 2001 while Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger did not advance out of the regional for the first time since 1999 ending its record of state finals appearances at 19 years in a row.

State Tournament Participation

One hundred fifteen athletes representing 23 different schools will compete in this weekend's event. Sectionals began two weeks ago with 77 schools and 515 participants.

Former State Champions in Meet (3)

Sophia Hunzelman (11) Chesterton (2017, 2018 All-Around, 2017 Bars co-champion, 2018 Beam co-champion).

Jordan Bush (12) Chesterton (2018 Floor champion).

Whitney McKeon (12) Valparaiso (2018 Beam co-champion).

Schools Represented (23)

Angola, Bloomington North, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus East, Columbus North, Crown Point, DeKalb, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Fort Wayne Wayne, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Lafayette Jefferson, Lake Central, McCutcheon, New Castle, Northwestern, Pendleton Heights, Portage, Richmond, Seymour, Valparaiso.

Competing for Team Championship (9)

Angola, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus East, Columbus North,

Homestead, Lake Central, Portage, Richmond.

Returning Teams from 2018 (6)

Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus East, Columbus North, Homestead, Portage.

Consecutive State Finals Appearances

13: Columbus North

5: Homestead

4: Chesterton, Columbus East

3: Carroll (Fort Wayne)

First-Time State Finals Appearances

Angola, Lake Central

State Finals Drought-Breaker

Richmond will be represented in the state finals team competition for the third time overall but first since 1980.

Sectional Champions (6)

Angola, Chesterton, Columbus North, Homestead, McCutcheon, Richmond.

Regional Champions (3)

Chesterton, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North.

Sectional All-Around Champions

Makenna King (9) South Central (Union Mills)

Julie-ann Stephany (11) Lafayette Jefferson

Ashtyn Evans (9) Angola

Catherine Milne (12) Homestead

Emily Moore (9) Columbus North

Elizabeth Ruger (9) Richmond

Regional All-Around Champions

Jordan Bush (12) Chesterton

Catherine Milne (12) Homestead

Emily Moore (9) Columbus North



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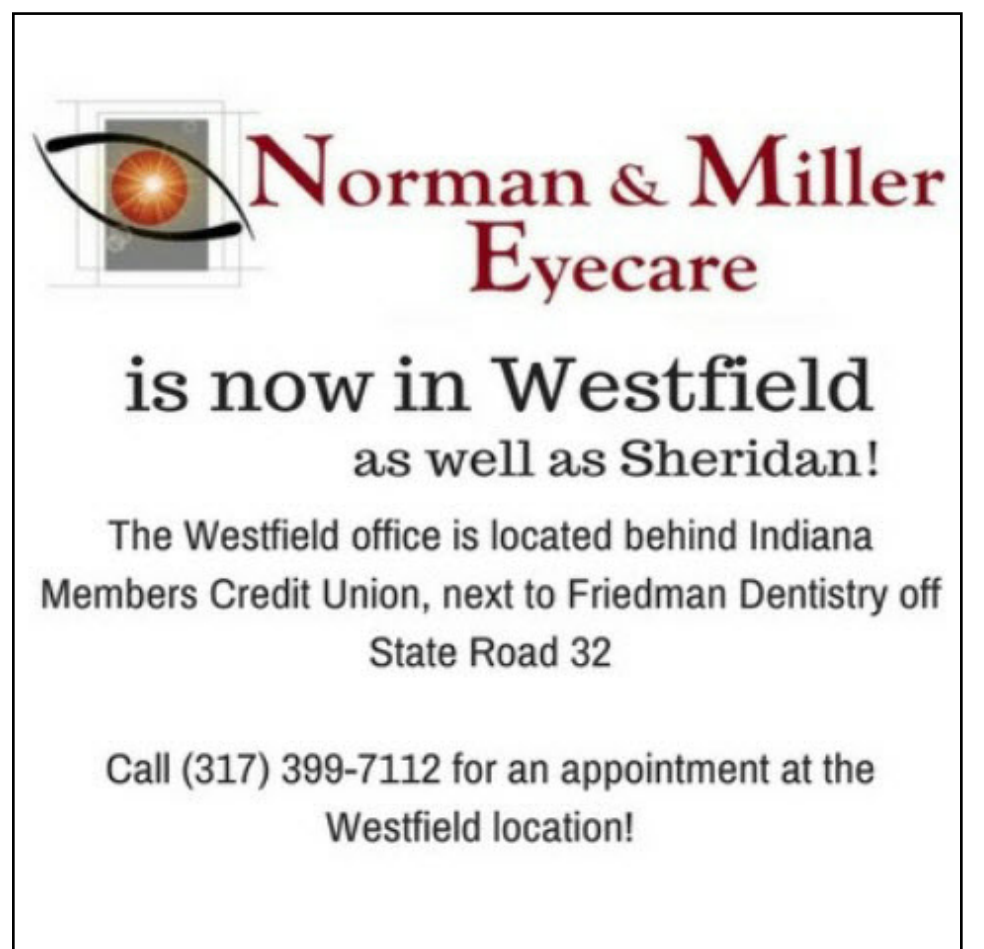


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