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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a few flurries or sprinkles.
 Tonight: Partly cloudy.

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Zola wins Sheridan speech contest



Photo provided
 Sheridan Rotarians held their annual Rotary Speech Contest this past Tuesday evening. (From left) Sheridan High School Language Arts Teacher Becky Pitzer; Piper Zola, Runner-Up; Maddie Zola, Contest Winner; Katherine Parsley, Participant; and Abby Davis, Participant. Out of the total 300 points allotted by the judges to each contestant, in the end these young ladies placed within 6 points of each other. Well done, ladies. You are certainly appreciated by the Sheridan Rotary Club for all the hard work you put into preparing for the contest.

It's all about the laughter

I'm 10 days into the Lent season and as you know, I gave up whining.



JANET HART LEONARD
 From the Heart

It was Friday morning at 8:00 when the phone rang, waking me up on my day off. I voiced my opinion to my husband. He says to me, "Honey, is that a bit of whining I hear?" My response was, "Actually Honey, I was just making a statement."

And then we both burst out in laughter. It may be a long 30 days ahead for me.

I have focused on the times when I would normally vent my frustration and have not done so. I reminded myself of things such as "this too shall pass," "it's not all that bad," and "Easter will be here soon." I may need duct tape before it gets here.

They say that laughter is good for the soul. I think it's good for a marriage as well.

Actually, laughter is a sign of any good relationship.

A few days ago my mother turned 93. She struggles to walk and sometimes to remember just the right words but she has not lost her sense of humor.

At her assisted living residence they had an activity where drums were brought in for the residents to play. Mom had so much excitement in her voice as she told of playing the drums and singing "Green Music." I was trying to figure out the bunny trail we were on with the green music.

I felt like I was given the answer to Final Jeopardy and needed to come up with the question. After a bit of wandering and wondering I came up with "What is Irish Music?" GOT IT!

Mom and I laughed.

Life is short. Laugh as much as you can. Don't take life or frustrations so seriously.

Chuck says I should have all of you vote if I was stating a fact or I was whining. I vetoed his thought.

I only know that next year I'm seriously considering giving up coffee. Who knew 40 days could be so long?

Gov. Holcomb praises Hamilton County at Lincoln Day Dinner

By **STU CLAMPITT**
 ReadTheReporter.com

Just before speaking to the over 500 Republicans who gathered Friday night at the 502 East Event Center in Carmel for the 2019 Lincoln Day dinner, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb sat down with The Reporter to talk about economic development, teacher pay and the vital role Hamilton County plays in the state's success.

"Hamilton County has long been an engine to the state's economy," Holcomb told The Reporter. "It is because the pieces fit together in a beautiful fashion. That is: Making sure you have good local government from the schools to the municipalities to the towns and the county all oaring together and moving in the right direction. Low crime, safe cities, good streets – these are the basics."

According to Holcomb, when an area gets those things right in a state that is known to be growing, as Indiana is, "That's a match made in heaven. When those two fit together, good things happen. Hamilton county is a HUGE part of the state of Indiana's success."

Holcomb told The Reporter Indiana has set two recent records for new job commitment. Having broken the 2012 record in 2017, the growth in 2018 showed record growth once again.

"We are finding ourselves in a situation where we face a good problem to have: We have more jobs available than we have people qualified to fill them," Holcomb said. "There is good news on that front as well. Because we are in the heart of the heartland – the center of all the action – we are closer to the population. We are within a 12-hour drive of 70 percent of the nation's population. That's a real strength. But you have to have the people to fill the jobs that are being created to make those products, to create and to innovate. We have been laser-focused on our workforce development efforts like never before."

Employers in Hamilton County and the entire state face a challenge in finding em-



Photos provided by Denise Moe

Over 500 people attended the 2019 Lincoln Day dinner and reception Friday at which Governor Eric Holcomb was the featured guest speaker. (From left) Hamilton County GOP Treasurer Raju Chinthala, Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, Gov. Holcomb and Hamilton County GOP Chair Laura Campbell took a moment to pose for the Reporter's camera before the dinner.



ployees with the necessary skills to fill the available jobs in the current market. Holcomb's phrase for implementing extended and continuing education needed to fit local employees to the changing job market is to get people "skilled up" for the job market.

"We are starting to get talent pipelines where folks can be skilled up from a regional perspective and be able to address those needs the marketplace is experiencing," Holcomb said. "We need more people in life sciences, we need more people in construction, we need more people in transformational logistics, we need more people in

advanced manufacturing."

Indiana is the number one manufacturing state in the nation according to Holcomb.

"If we want to be the number one advanced manufacturing state in the nation in 15 years, we have to make sure we are comparing our students and retraining our adults," Holcomb said. "The good news is we are looking at this person by person, not just numerically. We understand that there are 450,000 Hoosiers who do not have a

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Grinds LLC relocating to Westfield

The REPORTER

This past Monday, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook and executives with Grinds LLC announced the California-based company would relocate its global headquarters to Westfield. The company produces Grinds Coffee Pouches which are small pouches of flavored coffee originally designed as a healthy alternative to tobacco for Major League baseball players.

"We are excited to have the Grinds team making its home in Westfield," said Cook. "We welcome the investment, the jobs and their spirit of innovation and community service."

"When the founders of Grinds began the search for a new headquarters, I

knew Indiana had to be at the top of the list," said Grinds COO Ken Warren. "Because of the collaborative efforts by the city of Westfield, state of Indiana and our site consultant, RESOURCE, it was an easy choice to pick Westfield for our fast-growing business. We're thrilled to grow and expand Grinds in the Hoosier state!"

Grinds will make an estimated \$6.7 million investment when it relocates its headquarters from Oakland, Calif., and consolidate its production, fulfillment and distribution operations to Westfield. To support its move to Indiana, Grinds



Cook

plans to establish operations at 17065 Oak Ridge Road, leasing and equipping a 27,000 square-foot facility. The build out of the new space is scheduled to begin this month. The company anticipates creating 56 new jobs in Westfield and plans to be operational in July.

"Indiana's reputation as a destination for business continues to be heard across the nation, attracting companies like Grinds," Indiana Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch said. "With a world of options, we're

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Top cops agree: More police in schools is best option

By **JEFF JELLISON**
 Reporter Publisher

Editor's note: Today's article is the last in a three-part series concerning Indiana House Bill 1253 and armed school employees.

House Bill 1253 creates a specialized firearms safety, education and training curriculum for Indiana teachers, school staff and school employees. The bill, approved by the House and waiting Senate approval, authorizes funds from the Indiana Safe Schools Fund to be used for curriculum related expenses. The bill also requires the list of school employees taking the firearms course to be kept confidential.

Local law enforcement leaders agree: If school employees are going to be armed, they need training; however, they do have concerns.

"I think this bill is a step in the right direction if we are going to have school employees with guns on school property. However, just like our officers in the field, there needs to be continual training," said Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush.

Carmel Police Chief Jim Barlow agreed with the Sheriff. Barlow's department is responsible for the safety of nearly 16,000



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thrilled Grinds chose to expand in Indiana. We look forward to witnessing their success in our state as they produce their innovative product with the help of our Hoosier workforce."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation has offered Grinds LLC up to \$250,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$50,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These incentives are performance-based, meaning that until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. In addition, the City of West-

field approved a personal property tax abatement on the \$5.6 million investment.

Although initially targeted for athletes, Grinds is also an option for anyone looking to either kick their tobacco habit or simply find a convenient, healthy way to gain a boost of energy. Each can contains approximately 18 to 20 energy pouches and the caffeine equivalent of four to five cups of coffee.

Grinds is beginning to hire new team members in Indiana immediately. Anyone interested can visit getgrinds.com for more information.

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students and 2,000 teachers. CPD has seven officers assigned to Carmel Clay Schools.

"If a school district permits its employees to carry a gun in classrooms and school property, they need to be trained," said Barlow. "But, it's not just that simple. There are a lot of things that need to go into it, like ongoing training. Police officers continually train with their firearms and use of force situations. Should teachers and school employees be held to the same standards? Is it going to take away from what teachers do best ... teach? Before our officers are hired they are evaluated physically and psychologically. Before we put a gun in their hands we need to know if they can respond appropriately to a use of force situation."

Noblesville Police Chief

Kevin Jowitt said, "I can't think of a more stressful shooting situation than having to shoot an armed assailant inside a school. Is that something a teacher can ultimately respond to? If not, that gun could potentially become an additional threat."

Jowitt believes even though the list of school employees completing the training is confidential, an armed school employee could potentially become a target. "Kids are especially aware of school safety measures."

Barlow feels arming teachers and school employees creates as many questions as it does answers. "It could be difficult for police officers responding to an active shooter to determine the good guys from the bad guys."

Barlow, along with Quakenbush and Jowitt, ex-

pressed concern about who would do the training.

HB 1253 requires the person doing the training be an instructor who is, or instructors who are, qualified to provide instruction in the topics described in the bill.

"A real concern of mine is, who's the instructor?" said Barlow. "Our qualification standards are established by the state and training is conducted by state certified instructors. Who will be training teachers and what makes them qualified to instruct the course?"

Sheriff Quakenbush said Indiana already permits school employees to carry guns inside schools. "It is up to their local boards. I am confident that if our schools would implement a firearms policy, we would have cooperation with the school officials on how they implemented it and who

would be permitted to have a firearm inside a school."

"Overall you have to look at HB 1253 on a state level," said Jowitt. "Not every county is as fortunate as Hamilton County. We have a large police presence within a few minutes of our schools. It isn't that way in the state's rural counties."

When asked if there was a more effective use of the state's money than providing firearms training for teachers, Barlow, Jowitt and Quakenbush each agreed: "More police officers in the schools."

"The single best safety measure is trained armed school resource officers," concluded Jowitt.

HB 1253 received its first reading in the Senate on March 4 and is now in the hands of the Education and Career Development committee.



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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)
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- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

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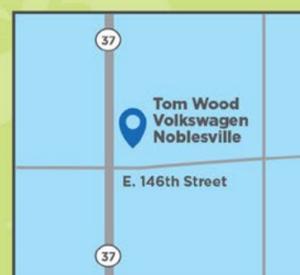
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Severe Weather Preparedness Week starts today

The REPORTER

Today begins severe weather preparedness week for Central Indiana. Hamilton County Emergency Management is reminding residents how they can prepare for the severe weather season.

Each day this week will focus on a different topic to help the community prepare.

- Monday: Have a plan on what you will do in the event of severe weather and make sure everyone in your household understands the plan
- Tuesday: Tornado facts and safety; statewide tornado drill at 10:15 a.m. – outdoor warning sirens will be sounded
- Wednesday: Thunderstorm and lightning safety
- Thursday: Wind and hail facts and safety
- Friday: Flooding safety; resume weekly sounding of the outdoor warning sirens (will occur every Friday at 11 a.m. through the fall unless severe weather is expected)

Hamilton County Emergency Management put its emergency plans into practice last Thursday during the tornado watch. Emergency Management activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Storm Operations during the tornado watch. This unique approach to public safety incorporates different ways to ensure police, fire, trained storm spotters, and others are working together when there is a threat of severe weather.

“Emergency Management is on the front lines when it comes to severe weather,” said Shane Booker, Executive Director of Emergency Management for Hamilton County. “Our communities depend upon us to ensure we are communicating in real time with the National Weather Service, public safety partners,

and the storm spotters in the field. Our team ensures we are sharing information with the public and sound the outdoor warning sirens when a tornado warning is issued.”

Booker also shared that the four positions in the EOC Storm Operations include a meteorologist who monitors radar and will sound the sirens, public safety communications with direct lines to police and fire, a radio operator talking to the National Weather Service, and an amateur radio operator communicating with the network of storm spotters across the county.

“We stand watch 24/7 and activate EOC Storm Operations anytime severe weather threatens our community,” said Booker.

Emergency Management wants you to know sirens are for outdoor warning. They are not intended to warn you in your home.

“We all rely upon our smart phones, but the network can become damaged and disconnect users, especially during severe weather,” said Booker. “A weather radio is the best way to receive warnings in your home and works for severe weather and other emergencies. We are giving away four radios to readers of the Reporter to help get the message out.”

To enter to win a free radio, send an email to eoc@hamiltoncounty.in.gov, include Weather Radio Giveaway in the subject line, and list one thing you have done to prepare for severe weather. Winners will be contacted on Monday, March 24 via email.

Don't forget to download the free Hamilton County Emergency Management App for additional information and receive updates regarding severe weather.

Click here to learn more about severe weather preparedness.

Westfield Lions Club inducts 55th member



On March 7, the Westfield Lions Club inducted its 55th member and seventh Lady Lion, Penny Dollens-Smith. Past District Governor Dan Wilcox (right) and Lion Mark Albright (left) conducted the ceremony. Not pictured is Penny's sponsor, Lion Anna Skinner. For more information on the Westfield Lions Club including how to become a member, visit westfieldlions.org.

Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

Janus Aktion Club members make a difference through community service

The REPORTER

Service: It's a powerful act that can take many forms, but always produces a life-changing spark towards greater personal growth, new friendships and, of course, helping others.

Aktion Club, a branch of Kiwanis International, is a unique opportunity that connects individuals with disabilities to the vital experience of serving – but it doesn't stop there. Aktion Clubs throughout the country are also striving to develop “competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service.”

The Janus chapter of

Aktion Club is hard at work accomplishing this vision. Whether it's delivering Valentine's Day cards to a local nursing home or packing a shoebox for children in need through Operation Christmas child, the Club loves to serve its neighbors in Noblesville and all over the world.

“Their leadership, who they want to help and how they want to make a difference – that is what this club is all about,” said Club Advisor Julie Jones, “It has been amazing to watch our members become an active part of their community through service.”



Allison Howell shared Valentine's Day joy with the residents of a local nursing home.

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high school diploma. What are we going to do about that for each and every one of those individuals? We understand there are 540,000 Hoosiers who started college and dropped out for some reason. How are we connect those people with the skill sets they need to double or triple their income right now? We are constantly trying to appeal to someone's maximum potential – not some temporary, minimum station in life.”

When asked about getting people “skilled up” for the current economy, The Reporter asked Holcomb about his plan to deal with the reality that teachers who help prepare young people for their adult lives are leaving the profession to seek better personal opportunities in the private sector.

“Just to take a step back, that’s happening across the whole workforce spectrum,” Holcomb said. “Because of this roaring economy we find ourselves in, people are more transient today than ever before because businesses are appealing – as you would expect them to – to talent. It’s an uber-competitive environment right now and obviously teachers are some of the more trusted, talented, caring individuals in society. I understand that an offer can be very enticing, especially when you add in the ability for private sector to pay for the talent they are seeking.”

Holcomb went on to say then in this changing economic landscape, Indiana wants to be a “talent magnet” for teachers in states around us.

“We do not want to lose teachers to



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(From left) Carmel City Councilor Ron Carter, Governor Eric Holcomb and Westfield Mayor Andy Cook.

other states or to businesses,” Holcomb said. “Therefore, we have taken a two-step approach. One is an immediate step. I proposed a 2 percent increase to K through 12 education next year and a 2 percent the following year. I also said we want to devote \$150 million to pay off a pension liability that every school is paying right now. It’s almost like you are paying off someone’s

mortgage. They can use that money to direct it to teachers and give them the pay raise right now.”

The governor clarified that state of Indiana doesn’t pay teachers directly. That is collectively bargained on a local basis.

“I think the state has the right priority because the biggest chunk out of our budget – over 50 percent – goes to education,” Hol-

comb said. “I think that’s the right priority. We are also looking at increasing that. I have proposed 2 percent and the Statehouse has a figure north of that. When you throw in the [pair of 2 percent raises in 2 years] plus the \$150 million, all of the sudden you are looking at a significant raise. That is just the immediate step. That’s something we are going to know by April 29 of this year.”



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(Above, from left) Hamilton County GOP Chair Laura Campbell, Hamilton County GOP Treasurer Raju Chinthala and Republican National Committeewoman Anne Hathaway. (Top right, from left) Carmel City Clerk candidate Sue Wolfgang, State Senator and Indianapolis mayoral candidate Jim Merritt, Carmel City Judge Brian Poindexter and Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger. (Right, from left) Westfield City Council Jim Ake, County GOP Chair Laura Campbell, Carmel City Council Kevin “Woody” Rider and Carmel City Councilor Ron Carter.



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(Above left) Even the Reporter’s event photographer Denise Moe could not resist the opportunity to have her own photo taken with Governor Eric Holcomb. (Above center) 16th U.S. President Abraham Lincoln and Noblesville mayoral candidate Mike Corbett share a smile at the Lincoln Day dinner Friday night. (Above right) Governor Eric Holcomb takes a moment to greet and speak with Jennifer Hershberger of the Carmel Historical Society during the VIP reception.



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(Above left) Noblesville Common Councilor Darren Peterson (left) and Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush and (above right, from left) Indiana State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell, State Senator Victoria Spartz, County GOP Chair Laura Campbell and State Representative Donna Donna Schaibley were among the many notable people at Friday night’s event. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

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Members of the Hamilton Heights Middle School Builders Club, Key Club, and K-Kids and their sponsors recently prepared breakfast for members of the Cicero Kiwanis Club. The Builders Club, 20 students strong and growing, is helping students to build a brighter future for others through service leadership projects. (From left) HHMS Builders Club members Landon Day, Lola Wilson, Sponsor Jessica Cantlon and Joshua Steffen.

Heights is building a better future with Builders Club

The REPORTER

This is Builders Week, the annual week-long recognition, awareness and celebration of the middle/junior high school arm of Kiwanis International that takes place the third full week of March. The faculty sponsors who lead Builders Clubs and their student members work together to help build brighter, better futures for people in their communities and beyond on project at a time.

Builders Club is the largest service organization for middle school and junior high students, with more than 45,000 members worldwide. The first Builders Club in the country was chartered in 1975. Today, there are more than 1,600 clubs throughout the United States and around the world.

The Builders Club is a "student-led" community service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. The club provides opportunities to develop leadership, improve self-esteem,

increase civic engagement and learn life skills through service. This club empowers members to be themselves, work together with classmates and implement plans through action. Through Builders Club, students become leaders at school, in their community and in the world.

The Hamilton Heights Builders Club has a rich and proud history of service in northern Hamilton County dating back to 1994. This year is the school's fourth year as an officially chartered club.

Kari Beery and Jessica Cantlon serve as the school's Service Leadership Program sponsors. Beery, an eighth-grade English teacher, has worked at the middle school for a decade and has been the club sponsor for the past three years. Cantlon, the school counselor, is into her third year as the school counselor and faculty sponsor for the club. The club, which is comprised of close to 20 active members are involved in projects

that benefit fellow students, school and community.

"Builders Club is a great way to create a sense of community, engage students and help them see through their good works how much of a difference they can make," said Beery. "Many of our kids genuinely enjoy contributing their time and talents to help others."

"Being in Builders Club allows students the opportunity to experience the pleasure of helping others through philanthropic opportunities," added Cantlon. "It also allows them to learn the importance of service, which is important in a world where many young people struggle to focus on others at times."

"I like everything about the club and the chance to help serve our school and community," said Lola Wilson of the annual event hosted by the Cicero Club of Kiwanis in cooperation with Heights student leadership programs.

The Builders Club often collaborate on projects

with the other club branches, K-Kids (Elementary School) and Key Club (High School) and their local Kiwanis Club. Once such project is the annual Veteran's Breakfast in November.

"Our club members work to make a difference in small and large ways within their school and in the community," said Beery. "Some of the projects with which our club members have been involved this past year include a Daily Food Rescue and Paper Brigade, Cicero Kiwanis Club Veteran's Day Breakfast, Pumpkin Patch, Trunk or Treat and Christmas Lighting, to name a few."

"We're always looking for ways we can engage more students in this worthwhile club to learn the lifelong value of service leadership and contribute where and when we can, individually or as a group," added Cantlon.

The Cicero Kiwanis Club sponsors the Builders Club, K-Kids and Key Club at Hamilton Heights.

Fishers Arts & Culture Commission elects David Decker Chairman

By LARRY LANNAN
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During its first meeting in January, the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission did not officially conduct business. It was more of a briefing session by city staff on what the organization is expected to handle.

During the body's second session held Tuesday night, members voted to install David Decker as its first Chairman. Cecilia Coble was elected as Vice Chair.

The commission was briefed by staff on a number of issues. There were two items from the Fishers Parks and Recreation Department worth noting.

First, the Farmer's Market held outside at the Am-

phitheater will run from May to the end of October in 2019. After October, the Farmer's Market will move inside to the Holland Park shelter house November and December. Parks officials say the attendance at the indoor Farmer's Markets dropped off dramatically after Christmas, resulting in the schedule change.

Second, the Amphitheater will host three Saturday night concerts aimed at music fans in their 20s. The events are expected to be scheduled in mid to late summer. The acts that will perform have not yet been announced, and no specific dates have been announced.

The next meeting of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission will be May 14.

Open house for Vietnam, Korean veterans on March 23

The REPORTER

To recognize military service men and women who served during the Vietnam era, as well as those who served in Korea, the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution invites you to attend an open house from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 23 at the Noblesville Township Community Center, 372 S. 8th St., in Noblesville.

Coffee, juice and doughnuts donated by The Farmers Bank will be served by members of the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, as well as Boy Scout Troop 101.

Most states celebrate "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" on the anniversary of the final with-

drawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. The day commemorates the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans and is part of a national effort to recognize the men and women who were denied a proper welcome upon returning home more than 40 years ago.

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

The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter recognizes and thanks all our military veterans for their service and dedication to this country. Ancestors of the Daughters of the American Revolution fought to establish a country free from tyranny and provide the independence everyone enjoys today.

Soil and Water to hold organic gardening workshop

The REPORTER

Are you interested in creating or transitioning to organic practices in your garden? Join fellow gardeners from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 to learn how use organic practices throughout your garden and develop a plan for your property. The workshop will take place at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall in Noblesville.

Organic gardening is more than simply avoiding synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. In this workshop you will learn about soil health, cover crops, pest management, and sourcing organic products with an eye toward permaculture and creating a holistic ecosystem.

This workshop is part of an annual spring Sustainability Series held by Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District and



Purdue Extension Hamilton County. This year's event is also sponsored by Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District.

"Each year we focus on a different sustainable living topic and we think a holistic organic gardening approach is central to sustainability," said Hamilton County SWCD Urban Conservationist Claire Lane. "This workshop is great because it is not just about receiving great information but also developing a plan to imple-

ment it on your property so we focus on providing access to expert speakers so attendees can ask specific questions regarding their property and get advice."

The workshop costs \$20 per person, which includes lunch. Registration can be completed at hamilton-swcd.org. Space is limited, so register today.

Questions regarding the event can be directed to Claire Lane at Claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or 317-773-2181.

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Hamilton County Ag Day celebrates 33 years

The REPORTER

Hamilton County just celebrated its 33rd Ag Day. A total of 2,500 second graders and their teachers visited 11 educational displays including agricultural products and live animals March 12 to 14 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.

Displays included information on corn, soybeans, wheat, beekeeping, soil and water conservation, robots in agriculture and more. Animal production and animal by-products were explained with the use of beef, goats, horses, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. More than 140 volunteers helped make presentations to the students and facilitated hands-on activities.

The Agriculture Council of America hosted National Ag Day on March 14. This will mark the 46th anniversary of National Ag Day, which is celebrated in classrooms and communities across the country. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to understand how food and fiber products are produced, appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products, value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy, and acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

We know that food and fiber doesn't just arrive at the grocery or clothing store or magically appear on our dinner tables or in our closets. There's an entire industry dedicated to providing plentiful and safe food for consumption as well as a wide range of comfortable, fashionable clothing choices. We rely on agriculture for the very necessities of life. From beef and pork to cotton and corn, agriculture is working harder than ever to meet the needs of Americans and others around the world. It's important to remember that American agriculture is doing it better and more effectively.

Today, each American farmer feeds more than 165 people. Agriculture is this nation's number one export and vitally important in sustaining a healthy economy. New technology means farmers are more environmentally friendly than ever before.

"Since many Hamilton County residents are now three or more generations removed from the farm, Ag Day provides students with a close up, hands-on exposure to agriculture that they would not have otherwise had the opportunity to experience," said Program Assistant Lisa Hanni.

The Hamilton County Ag Day Program is supported by the cooperative



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Ivy Tech Noblesville hosting summer, fall enrollment event

The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College Noblesville is hosting an Express Enrollment Day on Tuesday, March 19 to help prospective students complete their enrollment steps for the summer and/or fall semesters. The event is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ivy Tech Noblesville, 300 N. 17th St.

Attendees can meet with Ivy Tech representatives and receive assistance filling out an application and completing financial aid, assessment, advising and registration, as well as signing up for new student orientation. To meet the assessment requirement, attendees can bring in their SAT/ACT/PSAT scores,

high school transcript, college transcript, or take an assessment called the ACCUPLACER if needed.

Ivy Tech offers recent high school graduates and adult students a variety of options, including online and evening classes. High school graduates can earn an associate degree in as little as two years and transfer to one of Ivy Tech's four-year partner schools to earn their bachelor's degree. Adults looking to skill-up in their current career or start a new career can earn a degree or certificate in as little as one to two years.

For more information about the event and to RSVP, visit IvyTech.edu/enrollmentday.

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How Carmel Clay Schools handles students vaping

By **KATIE WISELY**
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As the Food and Drug Administration cracks down on sales of e-cigarettes to minors, Carmel Clay Schools is taking matters into their own hands to help students and warn parents.

It's commonly referred to as "Juuling." That is also a brand of a tobacco device, which the school district says minors have no trouble getting their hands on. Last week, the FDA said Walgreens sold more tobacco products to those under 18 than any other pharmacy chain.

A "Juul" has a liquid pod attached to it. It has a high level of nicotine and is purchased separately from the device itself. It's a lot stronger than a normal cigarette.

Carmel Clay Schools resource officer Sgt. D.J. Schoeff says one pod would be equivalent to about 20



Schoeff



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cigarettes. Not only can the liquid be flavored tobacco, it can also contain THC.

"We're seeing maybe one or two devices in a week's time," Schoeff said. "It's pretty widespread because the cost is not really that high."

Schoeff says it's easy to tell if a student is under the influence of THC. If resource officers are suspicious that THC may be in a device, it is entered into evidence and then sent to the Indiana State Police lab to test the content.

"Anytime we have a youth make a poor decision, there is an element of surprise to that," Schoeff said.

Students who have violated the school's policy are sent to Carmel City Court Judge Brian Poindexter. "It seems like it is very easy for young people to gain access to these devices," he said.

He says the offense is a class C infraction and could result in up to a \$500 ticket. Poindexter says in the past six months, there has been an increase in tickets.

"This is just an estimate but we could see five to 10 students a month," he said.

If you're a parent, the school district has a message for you.

"Constant communication with your child is very beneficial," Schoeff said. "The other thing is just getting a better understanding themselves of what these products are."

Blackhawk Basketball

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



KYLE EDEN
Sheridan High School Student

The Sheridan Blackhawk boys varsity team went 8-14 this season. With hard work and dedication over the offseason, next year's returning players will improve. The Varsity team had seven seniors, five of whom started. This means that there are positions to fill and work to be done before next season.

The seniors who are leaving next season are Nick Burnell, Drake Delph, Jesse Kolb, Caleb Duke, Walker Casler, Stevie Smith and Devin Mitchum. Nick and Jesse were both team leaders for rebounding and scoring inside the paint. Drake and Caleb were the two guards that set up the offense and helped score most of our points. Walker was one of our best spot up shooters.

Next year the returning underclassmen have big shoes to fill and have the ability to fill those shoes with hard work. There were several close games this season. The team competed against their opponents in all games but came short in a few. We can learn from these close losses and better execute at the end of games next season.

One of my most memorable games was against Fountain Central. We won that game 53-48 in overtime. I hit two three-pointers in that game, one being in overtime. Fountain Central was a good team and it was a good team win. This game sparked our winning streak that went on for five games. Our team's best all-

around game was against Taylor. We won the game 70-51 and our team ran Taylor out of the gym in the first half. It was a great team win and it got our guys fired up to win more games.

Our team will be losing our taller players next season, and we will need to learn from our practices and games over the summer. We need to continue to work hard to guard the post and get rebounds against next year's competition. To get ready for next season and to make up for the height that we will be losing, we all need to work hard in the weight room to get stronger. Nick Roberts, Nolan Buckner and myself will be the returning Varsity players, so we will need players who played on the JV team to step up and work hard to fill the remaining spots. We also need to practice our ball handling skills as well as shooting skills all summer to be able to compete against the competition that we will be playing next season.

This season has been fun and a good learning experience for my first Varsity season. We put a ton of work in this season and will continue to get better in the following years. Our team is losing all of our starters and so the remaining three Varsity players left, as well as the JV players, will need to step up and work hard in the off season. The JV players will understand that they need to step up because there are a bunch of spots to be filled and we all know what needs to be fixed. If we put in the time in the weight room and practices working on our ball skills and shooting, then we will be able to compete with every team on our schedule next season.

Join the Westfield Young Professionals

The REPORTER

Westfield Young Professionals (WYP) was established by the Westfield Chamber of Commerce around 2012 in an effort to engage young professionals and leaders in the area. The group's purpose is to help others age 22 to 40 connect with local businesses and service organizations, improve their professional and networking skills, and build

relationships with other young professionals.

Former Committee President Joe Van Deusen said, "The Westfield Young Professionals directly connected me to individuals I now consider business partners. Surrounding yourself with strong peers and building deep relationships while navigating all of the challenges associated with entering the professional

world is vitally important, and the Westfield Young Professionals has given me that opportunity."

Since its creation, the group has held multiple networking events, including social events and service opportunities. WYP typically meets on the first Thursday of each month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at various locations. 2019 will be an exciting year with dif-

ferent kinds of events (dog and kid friendly) including some outside of the monthly meetups for those who don't have flexibility in their Thursday evening schedule.

Get the most up-to-date information and event details by following WYP on Facebook or visiting westfielddyoungprofessionals.com. You can also follow WYP on Instagram and LinkedIn.

INDOT to host 236th Street open house in Cicero

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) will host another public open house to educate residents and gather feedback for the U.S. 31 at 236th

Street interchange study.

All Hamilton County residents are invited to attend the public meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27 at Red Bridge Park, 1050 S.

Pearl St., Cicero.

The study will help determine the type of interchange INDOT will install. The project will help to improve safety in the intersection, reduce congestion

and accommodate future growth in the area.

This is the second open house scheduled for the study. There will be one more public hearing before the study begins.

Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

Firkin 5K on Sunday

Road closures will be effect on Sunday, March 17 for the Four Day Ray Brewing Firkin 5K. Closures will be in effect on North Street between Lantern Road and Municipal Drive, on the east side of Municipal Drive, along Lantern Road from North Street to 126th Street, and on Saksons Boulevard, Sunblest Boulevard, and Ellipse Parkway. Closures will begin around 8:15 a.m. and end around 9:30 a.m., except for North Street, which will remain closed for the Four Day Ray St. Patrick's Day party. [Click here](#) to view the course map.

on Friday, March 22. One lane in each direction will be maintained in this area. Please drive with caution.

96th Street
There will be periodic lane restrictions on 96th Street between Lantern Road and Cumberland Road throughout the month of March. These restrictions will be short term in order to drop trees for the road widening project. Flaggers will be in place to help direct traffic. For more information about the 96th Street road widening project, view the [Fact Sheet](#).

Allisonville Road
Southbound and northbound traffic on Allison-

ville 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.

Meeting Notice

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

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Applications are available at the Arcadia Town Hall
208 West Main Street Arcadia, Indiana 46030.
Applications will be accepted at the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019.
Online application available at:
www.arcadiaindiana.org/home/community-news

116th Street

There will be lane restrictions on 116th Street between Municipal Drive and Lantern Road beginning at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 until 5 a.m. on Thursday, March 21 for utility work. If necessary, this lane restriction will take place again beginning at 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 until 5 a.m.

HELP WANTED

The Carmel Dads' Club is seeking full time and seasonal facility maintenance positions. Candidates should contact Facility Superintendent Josh Blackmore, at **846-1663 ext. 315** to set up applications/interviews. Full time candidates must have clean driving record and no physical limitations. Seasonal candidates must also have no physical limitations. Both positions require manually work in all weather conditions. Sports Field Maintenance, landscaping and/or equipment maintenance experience a plus.

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Luke 10:14-20 (KJV)

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David Wayne Harville Jr. November 11, 1986 – March 13, 2019

David Wayne Harville Jr., 32, Cicero, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. He was born on November 11, 1986 in Noblesville.

David worked as a fork lift operator and was a die-hard Colts fan. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. David was very friendly and outgoing, and could talk to anyone.

He is survived by his wife, Brandy Goldsmith; son, Jackson Harville; mother, Jessica (William) Rushing; father, David Wayne (Andrea) Harville Sr.; sister, Savannah Harville; stepsister, Angel Rushing; nephew, Jayden Rushing; grandmothers, Jeannie Johnson and Dorothy Rushing; several aunts and uncles; as well as several cousins.

David was preceded in death by his sister, Tiffany Harville; and his grandparents, James and Rachel Lewis, Jack and Wanda Harville, and James Rushing.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at the funeral home, with brother Darrell Jones officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home to help pay funeral expenses for the family.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arrangements
Calling: 4 to 8 p.m., March 19
Service: 11 a.m., March 20
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Home
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What was Gas City's original name?

The REPORTER

This coming week in Indiana's history ...

1852 – The novel Uncle Tom's Cabin was published by Harriet Beecher Stowe. The main character is believed to have been based on Thomas Magruder, a former slave who worked for Governor Noah Noble in Indianapolis. Stowe had met Magruder when she came to the city to visit her brother, Henry Ward Beecher, minister at the Second Presbyterian Church.

1892 – The city of Harrisburg in Grant County changed its name to Gas City. Established by Noah Harris in 1867, the town was in the center of the "gas boom" of the 1890s. Natural gas poured out of the ground at 300 to 350 pounds of pressure per square inch and there seemed to be an unlimited supply.

1917 – Dedication ceremonies were held for the new Carnegie Library in Earl Park. Built at a cost of \$7,500, it is one of the 164



libraries in the state donated by Andrew Carnegie. The building continues to serve the readers of Benton County. Many of the original 10,000 books are still preserved in the collection.

1925 – A powerful tornado stormed through Missouri, Illinois and Southwestern Indiana. Known as the "Tri-State Tornado," it was on the ground for three hours. The twister caused 695 deaths and thousands of injuries. In Indiana, the town of Griffin was destroyed and Owensville and Princeton suffered heavy losses.

1954 – The team from the small high school in Milan won the state basketball championship. The

Milan Indians defeated the powerhouse Muncie Central Bearcats, who were going for their third state title in four years. The victory was the inspiration for "Hoosiers," one of the most popular sports movies of all time.

1994 – Alonzo Fields died at age 93. Born in Lyles Station, he had served as Chief Butler at the White House under Presidents Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower. His autobiography, My 21 Years at the White House, was a best seller. On stage, his life is portrayed in a one-man show titled "Looking Over the President's Shoulder."



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Carmel overwhelms Penn at semi-state...

Balanced 'Hounds going back to state

By RICHIE HALL
LAFAYETTE - The Greyhounds were aiming for a return to the state finals, and their aim was true.

Carmel scored an overwhelming victory over Penn in Saturday afternoon's Class 4A boys basketball north semi-state at Lafayette Jefferson, beating the Kingsmen 71-42. With the win, the No. 1-ranked Greyhounds will be heading back to Bankers Life Fieldhouse next Saturday to play for the 4A state championship.

Four seniors were among the five starters on the 2019 semi-state championship team, and the experience led the 'Hounds to a dominant performance.

"They're dialed in," said Carmel coach Ryan Osborn. "That's all you can ask for right now."

The Greyhounds led 13-3 after the first quarter, with two seniors providing the points. Karsten Windlan scored seven of those points, with John Michael Mulloy scoring the other six.

Carmel kept it rolling in the second period, forcing Penn into a series of missed shots while making timely baskets of its own. The Greyhounds led 18-3, then Andrew Owens threw in a pair of baskets to get Carmel ahead 24-5. Finally, the 'Hounds ran the clock down in the final 90 seconds, and freshman Pete Suder hit a buzzer-beater to give Carmel a 28-8 halftime lead.

"We knew in order to win the game, we got to get it in the post and get them in foul trouble," said Owens. "I think we did a great job of that."

"It's an unselfish team," said Osborn. "And they want to score and they know that our best possessions are the ones where they're assisted."

"We came out and hit some shots, got John Michael going down low," said senior Luke Heady. "We kind of got them on their heels, but respected them. They came out and hit some shots in the second half and stuck around there. Then Andrew started to hit some shots and we just really played really good defensively. We just didn't let them get going. We didn't let them go on big



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Carmel freshman Pete Suder scored 15 points for the Greyhounds during their semi-state victory over Penn Saturday at Lafayette Jefferson. Carmel beat Penn 71-42 for the semi-state championship and will play Ben Davis next Saturday for the Class 4A state championship.

runs, and I think that, this year especially, we've been really good at."

Owens added nine more points in the third quarter, which ended with the Greyhounds leading 44-19. Penn's offense got going to the tune of 23 points in the fourth

period, but Carmel scored 27, thanks to its free throw shooting. The 'Hounds made 19 of 22 foul shots in the fourth, with Mulloy and Suder both hitting 5 of 6. Carmel cleared out its bench in the final two minutes, and Cole Brady provided the exclamation point with a dunk.

Four Greyhounds finished in double figures. Mulloy led with 16 points, followed by Suder and Owens with 15 each. Windlan finished with 14 points, also making four steals. Windlan, Suder and Heady all pulled five rebounds.

Carmel will play Ben Davis in the 4A state championship game next week. The Giants won the 4A south semi-state in Washington by beating Center Grove 67-61. The Greyhounds finished as runners-up to Warren Central last season, but Osborn is more interested in looking ahead than back.

"This is a new year and you can't take what we did last year away, and I think if you look at it as a disappointment, then you don't celebrate being state runners-up," said Osborn. "And that's a huge accomplishment

in my opinion. The experience of getting through the routines and getting to this point, I think was important. But they're a confident group and I'm proud of them."

Carmel 71, Penn 42

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Carmel	5-12	3-4	14	2
Karsten Windlan	5-8	5-6	15	3
Pete Suder	1-1	2-2	5	1
Luke Heady	5-13	4-4	15	2
Andrew Owens	5-9	6-7	16	3
John Michael Mulloy	1-1	2-2	4	2
Robert Fry	0-0	0-0	0	2
Ben Frische	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jackson Janssen	0-0	0-0	0	0
Connor Gioia	0-0	0-0	0	0
Conner Wemhoff	0-0	0-0	0	0
Brian Waddell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Cole Brady	1-1	0-0	2	0
Totals	23-45	22-25	71	15

Score by Quarters

	13	15	16	27	71
Carmel	13	15	16	27	71
Penn	3	5	11	23	42

Carmel 3-point shooting (3-11) Owens 1-6, Windlan 1-4, Heady 1-1. Carmel rebounds (28) Windlan 5, Suder 5, Heady 5, Owens 3, Mulloy 3, Janssen 1, Fry 1, team 5.

HSE boys lacrosse splits games

The Hamilton Southeastern boys lacrosse team split two games late this week.

On Thursday, the Royals lost to St. Rita (Ill.) in overtime 9-8. Ryan Kemp scored three goals and made three assists, while freshman Garrett Smith scored his first career goal. Luke Engelmann had four ground balls and three caused turnovers.

On Friday, Southeastern beat Christian Brothers (Mo.) 13-3. The Royals led 4-3 at halftime, then took over in the second half with nine unanswered goals. Goalkeeper Timmy Mathioudakis had eight saves, with Cam Smith scoring four goals.

Tanner Williams and EJ Reichert both scored two goals, and freshman Blaine Wertz made his first career goal. Ty DeSplinter had a big game, but the game ball went to Sam Finefrock.

"Sam is quickly becoming a standout defensive midfielder for the Royals and played great both on and off ball defense tonight," said coach Scott Beesley.

Carmel girls lacrosse wins

The Carmel girls lacrosse team improved to 3-0 after beating Penn 9-4 on Saturday.

Hannah Kim scored three goals for the Greyhounds.

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NBA standings

Saturday scores		Golden State 110, Oklahoma City 88
Boston 129, Atlanta 120	Washington 135, Memphis 128	San Antonio 108, Portland 103
Phoenix 138, New Orleans 136, OT	Dallas 121, Cleveland 116	Denver 102, Indiana 100
		Utah 114, Brooklyn 98

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Toronto	49	20	.710	-
Philadelphia	44	25	.638	5.0
Boston	43	27	.614	6.5
Brooklyn	36	35	.507	14.0
New York	13	56	.188	36.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x - Milwaukee	52	17	.754	-
Indiana	44	26	.629	8.5
Detroit	35	33	.515	16.5
Chicago	19	51	.271	33.5
Cleveland	17	53	.243	35.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	32	36	.471	-
Orlando	32	38	.457	1.0
Charlotte	31	37	.456	1.0
Washington	30	40	.429	3.0
Atlanta	24	46	.343	9.0

x - Clinched playoff berth

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	46	22	.676	-
Portland	42	27	.609	4.5
Oklahoma City	42	28	.600	5.0
Utah	40	29	.580	6.5
Minnesota	32	37	.464	14.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	47	21	.691	-
L.A. Clippers	40	30	.571	8.0
Sacramento	33	35	.485	14.0
L.A. Lakers	31	38	.449	16.5
Phoenix	17	54	.239	31.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	43	26	.623	-
San Antonio	41	29	.586	2.5
New Orleans	30	42	.417	14.5
Dallas	28	41	.406	15.0
Memphis	28	42	.400	15.5

Pacers rally, but fall just short in Denver

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers had a chance at a second straight dramatic victory and to clinch a playoff berth in storybook fashion on Monday night.

Down two in Denver with seven seconds remaining, they put the ball in the hands of leading scorer Bojan Bogdanovic. Bogdanovic drove to his right and created separation from Will Barton with a step-back move before launching a potentially game-winning 3-pointer.

Bogdanovic's shot hit the rim, bounced up high in the air, and...over the backboard.

And despite a memorable rally from an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit, Indiana (44-26) fell to the Nuggets (46-22), 102-100. They will have to wait at least one more day to secure their fourth straight postseason appearance after their ninth straight loss at the Pepsi Center, an arena where they haven't won since Nov. 27, 2007.

"It was definitely a back-and-forth game, but we got to figure out a way to overcome it," Pacers forward Thaddeus Young said. "We can't keep putting ourselves in those type of situations where we give ourselves chances to win and then take that chance away from ourselves by making bad plays, bad reads, and not continuing to execute."

The Nuggets led 96-89 with 2:56 remaining on Saturday when All-Star center Nikola Jokic was called for an offensive foul wrestling with Myles Turner for an offensive rebound. The 7-foot Serbian did not take kindly to the call and snapped on referee Tony Brothers, drawing a pair of

technical fouls and an ejection.

Bogdanovic and Turner combined to hit all four free throws on the other end and suddenly Denver's lead was down to three.

Paul Millsap, however, scored on the Nuggets' next possession to make it a two-possession game.

But the Pacers again mounted a charge, with Turner's three-point play with 47.6 seconds left cutting the deficit to 100-99. On the other end, the Nuggets had two open looks from beyond the 3-point arc, but missed them both.

After the second miss, Juancho Hernangomez then fouled Turner on the rebound. The Pacers' center hit one of two foul shots to tie the game with 27.6 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, the Nuggets ran a pick-and-roll. Both defenders went with ballhandler Jamal Murray, so he dished to Millsap, who beat a too-late-to-recover Turner to the rim for the go-ahead basket with seven seconds left.

Bogdanovic had a chance to win the game on the other end, but couldn't get the shot to fall.

"No question," point guard Darren Collison said when asked if it was the look they wanted. "Bogey has been our better scorer, he got a good look at it, made a good move, missed the shot."

Earlier in the night, the Pacers had raced out to a 17-7 lead in the opening minutes. Jokic kept the Nuggets within striking distance, scoring 16 of Denver's first 23 points, but Indiana still took a 36-25 lead into the quarter break.

The Pacers used an 8-0 run early in the second quarter to extend the margin to 16 and later pushed it to as many as 18 points. With veterans Young and Collison leading the

way, Indiana shot the lights out nearly the entire first half, shooting 62.2 percent from the field.

But the Nuggets got hot late in the half, hitting six of their final eight shots — including three 3-pointers — while closing the half with a 15-2 run to make it 60-57 at the break.

The hosts took their first lead since the opening minutes on Gary Harris' layup with 8:15 remaining in the third quarter. The game was tied at 71 with two minutes left in the frame, but Denver closed the period with an 8-4 run to take a four-point lead into the fourth.

"You have to put 48 minutes together," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said after the game. "In that third quarter, I thought we stopped moving the ball."

Young's bucket trimmed the deficit to 81-80 with 10:58 to play, but the Nuggets reeled off a 10-1 run over the next three minutes to make it a 10-point game.

Young led five Pacers players in double figures, recording a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Collison added 17 points on 7-of-12 shooting, while Domantas Sabonis and Bogdanovic added 16 points apiece, and Turner chipped in 15.

Despite missing the last few minutes, Jokic led all scorers with 26 points to go along with seven rebounds and four assists. Barton and Murray each added 17 points, while Millsap tallied 15 points and 13 rebounds to help the Nuggets secure the victory.

Saturday's game was the first stop of a four-game Pacers road trip against Western Conference playoff teams. Indiana plays in Portland on Monday, at the Clippers on Tuesday, and visits defending champion Golden State on Thursday.

Softball preview

Big-hitting 'Hounds looking to make impact

With almost everyone back from last season, the Carmel softball team is looking forward to a successful campaign in 2019.

The Greyhounds return their top three hitters - including two Division I commits - and pitcher Sommer Edwards for this year's team. Carmel finished the season 12-17 last year, but had a solid performance in the sectional, stretching eventual champion Noblesville in the sectional final.

"We are returning almost a full roster having only graduated two last year," said Greyhounds coach Ginger Britton. The coach said her team is expecting to make an impact sooner this season, "hoping to pick up where we finished last year which was a competitive run in our sectional."

Leading the way on offense is junior Stormy Kotzelnick, who has committed to the University of Washington. Kotzelnick hit .400 last year, leading the team in home runs with seven and runs scored with 34. Right behind her is fellow junior Sarah Goddard, a Duke commit who hit .388 and led Carmel in hits (38), doubles (10) and runs batted in (22). Sophomore Megan Nichols is back after batting .333 last season.

Edwards was solid in the circle for the Greyhounds, while senior Ariana Zdobylak will be a key part of the defense, making

some spectacular catches in the sectional final last year. In addition, Britton said there are "some talented freshmen" on the team that are looking to make an immediate contribution. Other returning varsity players also include juniors Cate Harden, Halle Robinson and Maddie Searles, and sophomores Sophia Derziotis and Caroline Roop.

Carmel opens its season on Tuesday, hosting Hamilton Southeastern.

CARMEL VARSITY ROSTER

Seniors: Kaitlyn Grimes, Ariana Zdobylak.

Juniors: Brooke Bair, Sommer Edwards, Sarah Goddard, Cate Harden, Stormy Kotzelnick, Halle Robinson, Maddie Searles.

Sophomores: Sophia Derziotis, Ella Greenawald, Megan Nichols, Caroline Roop.

Freshmen: Kylie Cunningham, Audrey Hussain, Jessica Remm.

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTER

Sophomores: Heather Freedman, Gabby Gilbert, Marly Ginn, Autumn Jackson, Kristen Jenkins, Olivia Lafferty, Averie Miner, Maria Morales.

Freshmen: Eva Cox, Aubry Norris, Ella Ohrvall, Chloe Rogers, Alyssa Sigman, Maddie Stacy, Maddie Tuttle.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville runners Marissa Schneider, Arianna Reis and Lindsey Wormuth smile after racing on the 4x200 relay at Taylor University Friday night. The Millers finished fifth with a time of 1:56.61.

Westfield, Sheridan track teams compete at HSR Qualifier

The Westfield and Sheridan track and field teams competed in the Lawrence Central Hoosier State Relays Qualifier #4 Saturday at the University of Indianapolis.

Westfield's boys won the 4x200 and 4x400 relays, while the Shamrock girls won the 4x800 relay. Sheridan's Heather Barker tied for first in the high jump.

BOYS MEET

60 dash - Finals: 3. Francis Agbo (Westfield) 7.19. Preliminaries: 38. Brent Vought (Sheridan) 7.89, 50. Manny Ramirez (S) 8.62.

3200 run: 3. Joe Barnett (W) 9:58.71, 25. Austin Bond (S) 15:35.78, 26. Joey Strandberg (S) 16:23.85.

60 hurdles - Finals: 7. Calvin Grenda (W) 8.87. Preliminaries: 9. Amaron Ballard (W) 9.15, 11. Nick Burnell (S) 9.41, 26. Clayton Brooks (S) 11.76.

4x200 relay: 1. Westfield (Agbo, Boehm, Kukura, Piening) 1:33.30.

4x400 relay: 1. Westfield (Grenda, Djour, Homberg, Kukura) 3:34.98.

4x800 relay: 3. Westfield (Mannella, Springborn, Novak, Harris) 8:39.77, 17. Sheridan (Aleman, Poprik, Taylor, Zachery) 10:22.98.

Distance medley: 2. Westfield (Smith, Harris, Bogdajewicz, Douthit) 11:06.67, 16. Sheridan (Poprik, Bond, Roberts, Zachery) 13:38.61.

High jump: 3. Burnell (S) 5-10.

Long jump: 29. Ramirez (S) 15-1.5.

Shot put: 3. Jacob Netral (W) 48-0, 4. Colin Caldwell (W) 47-2, 30. Chris Starks (S) 36-9.

GIRLS MEET

60 dash - Preliminaries: 28. Karen Burnell (S) 9.62, 31. Natalie Hall (S) 10.03.

3200 run: 8. Alexis Weiss (S) 13:31.49.

60 hurdles - Finals: Haley Boehm (W) 9.63. Preliminaries: Grace Killion (S) 14.42.

4x200 relay: 2. Westfield (Boehm, Bullock, Black, Hammes) 1:53.10.

4x800 relay: 1. Westfield (Clark, Coates, Delahunty, Fife) 9:58.14.

Distance medley: 2. Westfield (Brown, Clark, Fife, Porter) 13:31.98.

High jump: T1. Heather Barker (S) 4-11.

Long jump: 4. Sydney Black (W) 15-7.5, 30. Hall (S) 9-11.

Shot put: 3. Rebecca Merritt (S) 36-8, 4. Zoe Pentecost (W) 36-3, 21. Holly Barker (S) 27-6.75.

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