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Tonight: Snow showers. HIGH: 34 LOW: 26



## **New stadium coming to Noblesville**

Enhanced facility expected to open for football, band in 2022

Noblesville Schools has announced the construction of a new, larger community stadium for football, band, track and other activities without the use of referendum funds or an increase in the tax rate. The facility will be located off of Field Drive behind Noblesville High School where the district's former Transportation building sits.

The new on-campus stadium will be larger than the existing space, with 50 percent more seating, expanded concessions and restrooms, and on-site parking. It will also be designed to maximize traffic flow and provide a safer environment for appropriately monitoring and managing crowds. Enhanced lighting, locker rooms for home and away teams, up-to-date broadcast technology capabilities, practice fields, athletic training space and additional storage are also included in the plans.

The need for a new multipurpose stadium has existed for some time. Beaver Materials Field at the Dale V. Swanson Sports Complex was built in 1969 when the population of Noblesville was approximately 7,500 (12 percent of today's approximately 63,000 residents). The 4,200seat facility is regularly over capacity and many fans are currently forced to stand or be turned away.

"This new stadium has been a long time coming for Noblesville and we're excited to be making it happen," said Dave Mundy, associate superintendent for Noblesville Schools. "We have outstanding support in our community for both athletics and performing arts, and the demand for more space to accommodate our programs has continued to increase as we



Noblesville's new multipurpose stadium will fill a need that school officials believe has existed for a long time.

have grown to be one of the largest high schools in the state."

The district has studied the issue of a new stadium for several years and new construction was determined to be a more-

cost effective option than trying to expand It's expected to be completed in the spring the current facility. Construction will be approximately \$14 million, financed through a bond without the use of referendum dollars or an increase in the tax rate.

of 2021 for track and fall of 2022 for football and band.

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Photo provided

(From left) Cicero Town Board President Dan Strong, Captain Grinshaw and Cicero Town Board member Chad Amos.

## Cicero officer credited with saving child's life

## The REPORTER

On Jan. 27, Cicero Police Department hold on much longer. Captain Grishaw answered a call from dispatch of a report of someone hearing a cry for help around the lake area in Hidden Bay.

Grishaw responded to the call and searched the area diligently. After a few minutes, he heard a weak cry for help and began heading toward the sound of the cry. He then found a little boy who had fall-The boy was holding on to the bottom of the rescue.

a dock and told Grishaw that he couldn't

Grishaw radioed dispatch and requested medical assistance, then proceeded to pull the boy from the water. According to the Cicero Police Department, the boy had been five-feet deep in 36-degree water for more than 15 minutes.

Captain Grishaw was awarded the Department's Live Saving Pin for going en into the icy water of Morse Reservoir. above and beyond the call of duty during

## Longest ballot awaits voters

#### By FRED SWIFT

ReadTheReporter.com

Hamilton County voters in this year's Republican primary will encounter the longest ballot in recent history when they go to the polls May 5.

Trump will probably be alone for president as will Eric Holcomb for governor, but from there on unusually large numbers of candidates will be listed.

All four Hamilton County judges up for re-election this year appear to be going back into office unopposed. With the filing deadline at noon Friday, only the incumbent judges have filed for the Republican primary, and no Democrats have indicated intentions to run.

Circuit Court Judge Paul Felix and Superior Court judges William Hughes, Richard Campbell and David Najjar will be running for new six-year terms. The three other Superior Court judges: Michael Casati, Jon Brown and Gail Bardach, are not up for election this year.

Voters will see a contested race for Dist. 32 Treasurer with Kim Good and Susan Byer running.

Nine people have so far filed for the county council At-Large position, in- Dist. 88 cluding one Democrat. Those individ-

- Ralph F. (Rick) McKinney (R)
- Brandon (Brad) Beaver (R)
- Sue Maki (R)
- Jeff Hern (R)

- Steven R Nation (R)
- Lyneen Burrow (R)
- John Ditslear (R)
- Gardiner P. Bink III (D) • Tony Scott (R)
- Ten candidates have filed for Confollowing incumbent Susan At the top of the ballot, Donald Brooks' decision to retire. They are:
  - Kent Aberthany
  - Andrew Bales
  - · Micah Beckwith
  - Allen Davidson
  - Beth Henderson Matthew Hook
  - Danny Niederberger
  - Mark Small
  - · Russell Stwallley
  - Victor Wakley
  - Victoria Spartz Running for state representative whose districts are in whole or in part
  - within Hamilton County are:
    - Donna Schaibley, Dist. 24 • Chuck Goodrich, Dist.29
    - Mike Vick (D), Dist. 29
  - Daniel Bragg and Tony Cook,

  - Todd Huston, Dist. 37 • Jerry Torr, Dist. 39
  - Chris Jeter and Leah McGrath,

Running for state senate in local districts are:

• Scott Baldwin and John Gaylor in

· Terry Michael and John Ruckelshaus in Dist. 30

## Al Patterson's passion for parks will be greatly missed

#### Submitted

After a career of overseeing the development of award-winning parks for Hamilton County, Al Patterson is saying farewell. His retirement announcement was made to a gathering of park employees last Thursday in Cool Creek Nature Center, a facility that was built five years into his nearly 28-year run as the park department's director.

The nature center, which now attracts 50,000 visitors annually, is an example of the approach Patterson took when envisioning the future of parks and recreation in Hamilton County when he was

for Hamilton County in 1992.

"At that time, I was responsible for park property that totaled just 191 acres," Patterson said.

Today, the department oversees operations of 13 parks covering 1,600 acres throughout the county, including its largest – Strawtown Koteewi Park. Because of the director's firm commitment to keeping the parks sioner Mark Heirbrandt, having relevant, guests to a county park may enjoy experiences ranging from relaxed bird watching to heart-pounding ziplining.

Under his directorship, the

named Superintendent of Parks then developed well-known parks make our parks a destination not such as Cool Creek Park, Coxhall Gardens, Potter's Bridge Park and Strawtown Koteewi Park. Each of these parks, like the balance of the park properties in the park system, was uniquely developed, with the agency's mission and the future recreational needs of the community in mind.

Hamilton County Commisworked with Patterson for eight years, observed, "When I think of Hamilton County Parks, I think of Al Patterson and his forward-thinking vision to bring parks department acquired and transformational concepts that

only in Indiana, but throughout the Midwest."

Patterson is quick to point out that the success he has achieved has required the help of not only a team of dedicated and talented staff and a supportive park board and elected officials, but also the love and support of his wife Laura and their children Aaron and

"My family has become as much a part of this park department as I have, and I will be forever indebted to them for the



Photo provided Patterson says he and his wife plan See *Patterson* ... Page 2 to spend more time with family.

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Josh Blackmore iblackmore@carmeldadsclub.org

## **New Stadium**

Beaver Materials Field cient access to the field," at the Swanson Sports Com- added Mundy. "We can't plex will remain a district wait to share it with the crosse, rugby, band compe- one to begin enjoying it." titions and other uses.

every program will now philanthropic stadium ophave a place, we'll be able portunities, including namto provide adequate space ing rights, and is currently for our fans and visitors, seeking sponsorship partand our stadium will be part ners. The sponsorship camof the high school campus paign will offer supporters

facility to accommodate la- community and for every-

The district is extending "With this new facility, a variety of promotional and to allow for safe and effi- the opportunity to directly

impact Noblesville Schools educational and athletic opportunities through this historic addition to the Noblesville community. Individuals or organizations interested in learning more about stadium sponsorship opportunities can contact the district's marketing and communications department at (317) 773-3171 or adriann\_young@nobl. **k12.in.us**.

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## **PATTERSON**

terson added.

and recreation field who member. know Patterson acknowledge that he will be sorely missed as a staunch advocate for parks.

single park visitor, there is casting a fishing line in the missed.

ing me build this department Chris McConnell, Parks and throughout my career," Pat- Recreation Superintendent for the city of Westfield, Professionals in the parks and former county park staff

Park staff will tell you that Al not only knows how to manage a park, he knows how to ENJOY a "When speaking about park. Whether catching the parks with governors, con- unusual mating rituals of gressional members, state woodcocks played out at

from Page 1 roles they've played in help- no better messenger," said calm waters of Coxhall Gardens, Al has truly earned his

moniker as "The Park Guy." What's next for Patter-

"Laura and I are proud grandparents of a beautiful baby boy and we plan on spending more time with him and family in Wisconsin," Patterson says, with his trademarked smile that many have come to recognize, and representatives or just a Strawtown Koteewi Park or one that will also be greatly

## Thanks for readi

## Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse www.prevailinc.com

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 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.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County. - Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably) Individually packaged snacks
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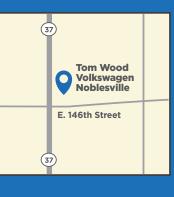
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## Local vet runs 100 miles in 24 hours to support veterans' issues

By KATIE WISELEY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A veteran in Hamilton County took a month-long health and fitness challenge and turned it into a 24-hour mission. The goal was to run 100 miles in one day while raising awareness around veterans' issues.

It's something that takes a lot of training and practice. The point is to promote cardiovascular health, and it started at Camp Taji in Iraq 10 years ago for soldiers to try and stay active while deployed. Now, people all across the world are signing up.

Dustin Johnson spent 10 serves as the Indianapolis find the time to give back.

chapter captain for Team Red White and Blue, a non-profit group that connects veterans through physical and social activities.

Johnson ran 100 miles last year in support

five miles a day, sometimes even 20. Johnson says it can be difficult to find the time because he's a full-time dad and a full-time ground operations agent for Southwest His running group was by Airlines.

years as a human resources overseas fighting to keep us specialist in the Army. He safe can, then he can surely



**Johnson** 

"One of the things that makes challenge special is that it's for a higher purpose," Johnson said. "It's a commitment that's beyond me and using that and

with the training of Taji 100 but decided to that I've had from the milstart a new challenge for itary, just with having that himself this year. He runs perseverance to keep going no matter what to accomplish a task, I think that's what will really carry me through."

Johnson wasn't alone. his side. His route took But he says if those place in Westfield near the Monon Trail. He finished Sunday morning and has raised more than \$200.

Trump mentioned

the United States'

unwavering

commitment to

dangerous coro-

navirus outbreak

combatting

## No injuries in apartment fire

Shortly before 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to a possible apartment building on fire at 401 Harbour Town Drive.

The first units on scene were met by heavy smoke coming from a maintenance building attached to the apartment complex. Crews were able to enter the building and quickly bring the fire under control. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters.

The fire appears to have started in the maintenance building, where it was con-

NFD was assisted by the Noblesville Police Department and the Cicero Fire Department.

While this fire did not take place in a home, NFD would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to sleep with their bedroom doors closed. A closed door can help create a safe, breathable space in the event of a fire.

#### **Meeting Notices**

The Carmel Clay School Board of Trustees will neet for a workshop session at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at the Carmel Clay Schools Education al Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County E911 Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, in the Mayor's Conference Room at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

## Rep. Brooks commends President Trump's State of the Union address

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Susan W. Brooks (R-Ind.-05) provided the below statement to benefit our following the 2020 State of the Union.

"President Trump delivered a strong State of the Union speech tonight. The President challenged Congress to continue working with him to deliver strong results for the American people couraged by the President's and to create a country where mention of lowering the hope Congress can come people from every background and every walk of life can find new opportunities.

"President Trump highlighted some of the progress am also pleased President Americans."

made in his first term including signing USMCA country's manufacturers, small businesses, and farmers, and securing the Phase One trade deal

with China. "I am especially en- States and abroad. cost of healthcare for Amer- together in a bipartisan way ican families while con- to tackle these critical istinuing to invest in life-sav- sues and provide meaninging medical innovation. I ful results for hard-working



**Brooks** 

and protecting the health of American citizens both in the United

"As 2020 progresses, I

## Park Superintender

**Now Hiring** 

The Cicero Parks Department is currently accepting applications for the position of full-time Park Superintendent. Applications will be accepted until February 18, 2020. For a full job description, list of duties and benefits please see Town of Cicero website at www.cicero.org or Town of Cicero Facebook page.

Applications can be downloaded from the Town of Cicero web site or picked up at the Utility Office, 331 E Jackson St., Cicero 46034.

Applications can be submitted to jrussell@townofcicero.in.gov or dstrong@townofcicero.in.gov Contact Jack Russell at 317-900-2144 or Dan Strong at 317-372-0379 with any questions.



#### **Meeting Notices**

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2020, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers. The agenda includes the annual report, encumbrances, Rainy Day Fund transfer and township assistance guidelines

The Westfield Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.



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Letter to the Editor-

## Reader pushes back against climate "alarmists"

I am writing in response to the three young ladies who expressed their passion for environmental issues in the January 12 edition of The Reporter. I am extremely proud of them for their ambitions as environmentalists. But it is important that they get their facts straight. I too have such passion. I have studied environmental science since studying Ag science and majoring in Forestry at Purdue.

I have never associated with an energy company. I study peer-reviewed research almost daily which the three clearly have not because they follow Greta Thunberg who is totally misinformed and Al Gore his self-serving propaganda - he is a convincing salesman.

I am a practical environmentalist that applies peer reviewed research only. Anything that claims to be settled science is not science at all. But I'll present facts that may convince them to study. I will say climate change is real and has been for 4 1/2 billion years.

Last November marked the 10th anniversary of "Climate-gate" - the release of thousands of emails among activists who'd been and still are falsely colluding to create the perception of a manmade climate crisis, a notion already in their minds and in computer models, but they were not in the real world.

Few people know the inconvenient facts about the supposed manmade climate crisis. For example, since 1998, average global temperatures have risen a mere few hundredths of a degree. For a time, they even declined slightly and seem to be de-

You may recall the claim long since debunked that 97 percent of scientists supported the global warming theory. But what it really was, was a small select group of researchers dependent on grants who were handpicked and polled - they knew they had to please their grantors - thus 97 percent agreed. IT WAS A FRAUD!

There are tens of thousands of peer reviewed researchers who have NOT been able to prove that CO, CAUSES warming. But the UN and the Paris Climate Accords insist otherwise and seem to have vast numbers of school teachers and college instructors on the other side. They insist fossil fuel produces CO, and that CO, causes warming but only say so incessantly yet NOT proving how CO, does its warming. They

of citizens – even predicting the end of hu-mankind in 11 years. (70 percent may be DISCUSS THEIR VIEWS BEFORE THE high with more people catching on to the

Alarmist educators and broadcasters pressure children into fear and depression. Children are thinking it will end in 11 years and therefore they are worthless – begin to despair, exhibit forms of mental illness and lash out at others. Some kids are faced with near daily barrage of news that they and their parents are killing Mother Earth and that people must give up travel and stop enjoying activities they enjoy that requires energy. And by all means don't have children!

Among the doomsday predictions that who made it up and made his millions with were absolutely debunked are a 1989 AP story, "Rising seas could obliterate nations." A UN official warned that entire countries would be eliminated if the world failed to reverse warming by 2000 - yes that's 20 years ago and it did not happen. Al Gore made his millions with this and other preposterous predictions. That did not stop Gore from using the discredited "hockey stick" graph in his doom and gloom climate change movie, "An Inconvenient Truth." Computer models that Gore wanted you to believe were based on junk input such as rigged temperatures on ancient thermometers and ones placed near buildings, pavement and air conditioners. Today we mostly

An international group of 500 distinguished climate researchers - actual experts - sent a letter to the UN Secretary General on climate change. The letter from the five began: "There is NO CLIMATE EMERGENCY. CO, is not a pollutant. It is essential to all life on earth. More CO<sub>2</sub> is beneficial for nature and greening of Earth; additional CO<sub>2</sub> in the air has promoted growth of global plant biomass. And is good for agriculture, increasing the yields of crops worldwide." It went on to say "Global warming has NOT increased natural disasters. There is NO statistical evidence that it is intensifying hurricanes, floods, droughts, sea levels nor making them more frequent. There is no emergency, therefore there is no cause for panic and alarm. THE AIM OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY SHOULD BE TO PROVIDE RELIABLE AND AF-FORDABLE ENERGY AT ALL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

That was the letter to the UN from 500 recognized researchers. None of the letter's signatories with hundreds of cumulative climate research projects and thousands of do succeed in freighting some 70 percent peer reviewed publications between them

UN DURING THIS RECENT CLIMATE SUMMIT.

There are several causes of climate cycles. But El Nino and La Nina are weather phenomena. They have a profound effect on weather in North America - but NOT ON GLOBAL CLIMATE.

Each of the following has detailed peer reviewed research. I'll simply list a few:

The sun's dominant role, the largest of which is the effect on galactic sun rays. These charged particles from interstellar space which end up in the earth's atmosphere and bring about changes in cloud cover. Sun spots and sun flares are on a near regular cycle. (Sun spots cooling – sun flares warming.) These are a major cause of

Greenland's glaciers are in their third year of growth and the University of Iceland has reported that its glaciers have begun to grow. The Northern Atlantic Oscillation in which the northern Atlantic Ocean shifts from warming to cooling is a 20- to 30-year cycle. It is in its third year. Oh yes, we now have more polar bears than ever before recorded.

Greenland was settled by Norsemen a thousand years ago. The land was green and supported livestock and crops, but they left or died as the ice grew. Any one volcano spews out more CO, and particulates than humankind has in all our existence, but that's not reported in the media. Antarctica's ice has built up millions of tons A YEAR to the extent that it is glaciated off its shelf – into the ocean. Many have mistaken this for melting. You may remember that about three years ago a tour boat of Chinese researchers got frozen in the ice and it took Russia's best ice breaker three months to break them free.

Fortunately, the CO<sub>2</sub> that humans have been pumping into the air since the middle of the 20th century has enriched plant growth, thereby contributed to record crop yields, helping to bring about the LARG-EST DECLINE IN HUNGER, malnutrition and starvation in human history.

Most plants arose when CO, levels were much higher than they are today. Over time, the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere slowly declined to the extent that during the most recent ice age they fell to dangerous levels – just 180 parts per million (ppm). Plants begin to die when CO<sub>2</sub> reaches 150 ppm because they are unable to photosynthesize food from CO, and water. Since

we rebounded from that ice age 10 to 15 thousand years ago, CO, has gone up to 280 ppm — still far below the levels existing when plant life began to colonize the land.

Since the wide spread development and use of fossil fuels, world poverty and hunger have DECLINED rapidly. Despite the additional 3.2 billion people on the planet since 1968, poverty and hunger have fallen at a faster rate than any time in human history. 44 percent of the world's population lived in absolute poverty in 1981 - that's 44 percent in '81. In the following 34 years, the share of people living on that level FELL BELOW 10 percent.

Additional research shows there is now 17 percent more food available PER PER-SON than there was 30 years ago. Crop yields have regularly set records year after year as fossil fuel use and CO, levels increased in the atmosphere - likewise for timber. Think about it, all animals and plants are made of carbon - and water and calcium, of course! We are DEPENDENT

As of May 2018, The Heartland Institute has reported the increase in atmospheric CO, has increased agriculture production per unit of land by 28 to 70 percent, depending on the crop. Please remember my point THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN PROV-EN THAT CO, CAUSES WARMING! There is no evidence other than Al Gore's word that has made him rich.

Solar panels and wind turbines do not create a net employment increase as reported, and are much more expensive than cleaned up fossil fuels. Turbines have corrosion issues and break down, as do solar panels. Each year turbines and some panels kill millions of birds, including eagles, and other raptors as well as bats and the insects they feed on. They still only supply about 5 percent of our power at the most! Even though their price is dropping their NET COST IS RISING.

A so called "carbon tax" might cut our use of fossil fuel – BUT WHY? They will increase your cost of EVERYTHING and I assure you such taxes will not change climate cycles. So why do Gore, politicians, professors, teachers and our kids insist that the world is in trouble? Well, many countries are backing off funding such issues -

I conclude the best advice to conservatives and progressives alike is to help populations adjust to realties of climate effects.

Mic Mead Westfield

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## Spartz announces campaign for 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

Victoria Spartz, a self-proclaimed no-nonsense conservative Republican State a born-and-raised Hoosier, on Senator and business owner, has announced that she is running for Congress in 2020 in Indiana's 5th Congressional District.

'We must reverse our country from the socialistic course we are on and return to the founding principles of limited government and individual freedoms," said Spartz. "Our country is run by special interests, large corporate groups, and the Washington political machine. The politically connected and rich keep getting richer, and everyone else is becoming more and more equally poor. Our debt is out of control, our immigration system is broken, our education system is substandard, our health care system is destroying the middle class, our criminal justice and welfare systems are suppressing the poor, our higher education system is bankrupting young people, yet Washington, D.C. is more concerned with the 'circus' and political drama."

after meeting her future husband, a train in Europe. Now, married with two daughters and living in Noblesville, she and her husband. Jason, have a variety of businesses, including a commercial farm operation, and are active members of the Hamilton County community.

Spartz also worked as a CPA in the Big people," Spartz said. Four public accounting firms where she handled some of the most complex Fortune 500 companies, taught at the IU Kelley School of Business in Indianapolis, and served as the CFO of the Indiana Attorney General's Office.

In 2017, when her local state senator announced he would retire, Spartz announced she would seek the District 20 seat and was elected by caucus in a seven-way race to fill the remainder of the term.

Spartz, a native of Ukraine, immigrated and business expertise, legislative expe-



**Spartz** 

rience and willingness to fight against the status quo are exactly what we need in Washington, D.C. I will stand and fight with conservative and freedom-loving legislators and President Trump for liberty, justice and opportunity for all Americans. I've been fortunate to experience the American Dream, but it's getting harder and harder to reach for a lot of

Spartz continued, "For someone who grew up in socialism and spent all my mature life here in the United States, protecting individual liberties and rights to Life, Liberty, and Property is a hill I am willing to die on. Our constitutional republic is the only dream of freedom existing in the entire world and we cannot let it vanish! I believe our greatest days are ahead of us, but we MUST reverse our collision course NOW!"

To find out more about Victoria Spartz "My unique life experiences, financial and her campaign, visit SpartzForConLetter to the Editor—

## Shaffer warns of "virus of debt"

Dear Editor:

Forget the coronavirus.

Hamilton County faces a much more severe outbreak. It's the Corrosive Virus of debt.

The county's nine townships suddenly have accumulated \$126.3 million in total outstanding obligations, according to the current Indiana Department of Local Government Finance's Gateway database, "Debt Management."

Remain calm, however. The outbreak seems confined to Clay Township, which has the same boundaries as the City of Carmel.

Three township board members have racked up \$122 million in debt without taxpayer approval.

So, 96 percent of the virus is con-

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tained just in Clay Township. Quarantined, so to speak.

**Bill Shaffer** 

Carmel

## Vick running for Indiana House District 29

#### Submitted

The 2020 race for state representative ucation funding, criminal justice in Indiana's 29th district just got bigger.

Mike Vick, a Noblesville resident and field canvass director with Indiana's largest consumer advocacy organization, has announced he is running in the Democratic Party primary.

"We need an Indiana that works for all, not just a few people at the top," Vick said. "I want to end the cycle of wealthy donors putting their politically connected friends into positions of power to benefit themselves at the expense of working class and middle-income Hoosiers."

Vick, 37, is an evangelical Christian and a libertarian socialist. While some might shy away from such labels, Vick embraces both.

"I believe in democracy and I want to extend that to our workplaces," Vick said. "I believe in a society built around human need, not profit, a country where we make real the idea of treating our neighbor as we would wish to be treated."

Vick's platform includes policies aimed at lowering cost of living in the district. He also advocates for union jobs, worker-owned, democratically-run coop-

& family room w/gas fireplace. Finished basement w/egress windows, rec room, & so much more.
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erative enterprises, equitable edreform, green renewable energy, and campaign finance and electoral reform.

Vick said he plans to speak to residents of the district who would not normally be engaged in the political process.

As a theologically conservative Christian, Vick also said he wants to reach out to political conservatives in the district with a message of unity in solving the problems the district

"My wife is a Republican," Vick said. "Many of my closest friends are Republicans. We have a lot of things that divide us in this country. It's easy to shout past each other. I'd rather build bridges than walls."

Vick is running unopposed for the Democratic Party nomination.

#### Candidate background

Mike's father was a union iron worker and organizer, and his mother was a teacher and school board member. From a young age, Mike's parents instilled a com. Connect with Mike deep commitment to working class values and to ensuring the least among us are **Instagram**.



treated as we would want to be treated ourselves.

Mike lives in Noblesville with his wife Amanda and their two children. On Sundays, you'll find Mike at Waterline Church with his family. His Christian faith influences every part of his worldview. He wants a fair and just society where everyone, not just a privileged few, have a

voice in their government and workplace. Mike serves as field canvass director for Indiana's largest consumer advocacy group, fighting for fair utility rates, energy policy reform, pollution prevention

and family farmers. Mike organized home care and child

care workers, fighting for better pay and working conditions. He also raised funds for a global non-profit organization fighting for a green and peaceful future.

For more information, please visit votevick2020. on Twitter, Facebook and staff. You can submit your own *Letter to the Editor by email to* News@ReadTheReporter.com.

#### TODAY'S **BIBLE READING**

And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: . . .

Acts 2:19-20 (KJV)







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Guerin Catholic advances to Sectional 27 semi-finals...

## Golden Eagles beat Shortridge

By RICHIE HALL INDIANAPOLIS - The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team had a goal for its first sectional game: To be able to practice on Thursday.

To do that, the Golden Eagles would have to win their first-round game at Class 3A Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard. Guerin did so, easily, beating Shortridge 50-21. The Golden Eagles advanced to Friday's semi-final, where they will play Heritage Christian, a 76-18 winner over Manual.

"We didn't want to talk wins and losses, we just wanted to be able to practice tomorrow," said GC coach Marc Quaranta. "We got to go in and work hard, because Friday's going to be a pretty tough

Guerin Catholic never trailed against Shortridge, but the game was a scrappy one. The Golden Eagles led 13-5 after the first quarter, finishing the period on a 6-0 run. Olivia Labus scored five of GC's first seven points, with Aliyah Dorsey also making a layin. Kathryn Loso, MT Ford and Nicole Cunningham all made baskets during the Golden Eagles' late run.

Guerin took a 23-11 lead into halftime, with Loso finishing the half by making a triple. The Golden Eagles then used a 13-0 run to dominate the third quarter, with Dorsey contributing six points. Meanwhile, Guerin Catholic held the Blue Devils to just one basket at the beginning of the quarter, and a free throw at the end.

"We pride ourselves on guarding the ball and being aggressive defensively," said Quaranta.

The Golden Eagles began the fourth quarter with a 12-0 run, including five points from Cunningham. Freshman Megan Cobb helped out with four points in the quarter.

"We made a few, not really adjustments, but just tried to emphasize a couple things about helping in the paint and they did a better job in the second half," said Quaranta.

Balance was the key for Guerin. Loso led the scoring with 11 points, followed by Labus with 10. Cunningham added nine points, Dorsey had eight and Ford



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Guerin Catholic's Nicole Cunningham scored nine points for the Golden Eagles during their Sectional 27 game against Shortridge Wednesday at Bishop Chatard. Guerin Catholic won 50-21 to advance to Friday's semi-finals.

Guerin Catholic improved to 9-14 af- Ally Sponhauer ter the win.

#### **GUERIN CATHOLIC 50, SHORTRIDGE 21**

Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Katie Koger	0	1-4	1	1
Aliyah Dorsey	4	0-2	8	1
Nicole Cunningham	4	0-0	9	2
Kathryn Loso	4	2-3	11	1
Olivia Labus	3	4-8	10	2
Delaney Klee	0	0-1	0	0
MT Ford	3	0-2	7	1
Mia Thompson	0	0-0	0	5

Score by Quarters Caitlyn Sharpe 6 3 7 - 21 Guerin Catholic 13 10 13 14 - 50 Hannah Weitzel Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (3) Cunningham Megan Cobb Totals

## Huskies fall to Yorktown in OT

Yorktown 43-42 in overtime at Class 3A Sectional 24.

It was a back and forth game for the entire 36 minutes. The Huskies led 10-8 after the first quarter, but the Tigers came back to go up 19-15 by halftime. Heights regained the lead by the end of the third period, going ahead 28-27. York-

town tied the game at Moran 37-37 at the end of regulation, then edged out the Huskies 6-5 in

the extra period. "Tough one," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "Proud of how we battled." The coach said his team definitely had the opportunity, but "just missed some opportunities down the stretch."

MyKayla Moran led the Huskies with 17 points and seven rebounds. Bayleigh Runner scored 10 points and also had six

Hamilton Heights lost a tough sec- rebounds, five assists and four steals. Jiltional game on Wednesday, falling to host lian Osswald dished out five assists and made five steals.

> "Really appreciative of our senior class and all they have done for our program," said Cherry. "They will all be

Heights finished its season 14-11.

#### YORKTOWN 43, **HAMILTON HEIGHTS 42** (overtime)

Heights		FG	FT		ΤP	PF
Jillian Osswald		3-10	0-0	)	6	1
Bayleigh Runner		3-10	3-4		10	4
Payton Dissett		1-8	0-0	)	2	4
Kaylee Rhoton		2-4	0-0	)	5	1
Sydney Runyan		1-3	0-0	)	2	1
MyKayla Moran		8-8	1-1		17	0
Totals		18-43	3 4-5	,	42	11
Score by Quarter	s					
Heights	10	5	13	9	5 -	42
Yorktown	8	11	8		6 -	-
Heights 3-point shooting (2-10) Runner						
1-3, Rhoton 1-1, Dissett 0-3, Osswald 0-2,						
Runvan 0-1						

Heights rebounds (17) Moran 7, Runner 6, Rhoton 2, Osswald 1, Runyan 1.



Kathryn Loso led Guerin Catholic in scoring Wednesday with 11 points.



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## **NBA** standings

#### **Eastern Conference**

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	37	14	.725	-
Boston	35	15	.700	1.5
Philadelphia	31	20	.608	6.0
Brooklyn	23	27	.460	13.5
New York	15	36	.294	22.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	43	7	.860	-
Indiana	31	20	.608	12.5
Chicago	19	33	.365	25.0
Detroit	19	34	.358	25.5
Cleveland	13	39	.250	31.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	34	16	.680	-
Orlando	22	29	.431	12.5
Washington	17	32	.347	16.5
Charlotte	16	35	.314	18.5
Atlanta	14	38	.269	21.0
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Thursday scores Detroit 116, Phoenix 108 Boston 116, Orlando 100 Brooklyn 129, Golden State 88 Toronto 119. Indiana 118

Atlanta 127, Minnesota 120 Oklahoma City 109, Cleveland 103 Memphis 121, Dallas 107 Denver 98, Utah 95 L.A. Clippers 128, Miami 111

### **Western Conference**

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	36	16	.692	-
Utah	32	18	.640	3.0
Oklahoma City	31	20	.608	4.5
Portland	23	28	.451	12.5
Minnesota	15	35	.300	20.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	38	11	.776	-
L.A. Clippers	36	15	.706	3.0
Phoenix	20	31	.392	19.0
Sacramento	19	31	.380	19.5
Golden State	12	40	.231	27.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	32	18	.640	-
Dallas	31	20	.608	1.5
Memphis	26	25	.510	6.5
San Antonio	22	28	.440	10.0
New Orleans	20	31	.392	12.5

## Late 11-0 run sends Raptors past Pacers

#### By BRENDAN ROURKE Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers (31-20) gave it their all, but could not knock off the Toronto Raptors (37-14) at Scotiabank Arena on Wednesday night, falling 119-118 in the final seconds. The victory extended the Raptors' winning streak to a new franchise record 12 games, while Indiana's losing skid stretches to three games. The Blue & Gold have now lost 12 straight on the road against the Raptors, with their last win coming on March 1, 2013.

Serge Ibaka's 3-point shot from the right elbow with 30.4 seconds remaining capped an 11-0 Raptors run to end the game and put them ahead for good. He scored Toronto's final six points to finish with 30.

On the final Indiana possession, Victor Oladipo missed a three, but grabbed his own rebound and found Malcolm Brogdon to give Indiana once final chance. But as Brogdon drove the lane, he committed Indiana's 19th and final turnover of the game. Fred VanVleet swiped the ball away, sealing victory for the Raptors.

Coming into tonight, the Raptors had a +57 turnover margin during their streak and led the NBA in points per game off turnovers (23.9). Tonight, they finished +9 and tallied 27 points off Indiana's er-

high 32 and eight boards, while Pascal Siakam added 25 and a team-high nine rebounds in his first game against Indiana this season.

Despite the loss, Domantas Sabonis top 15-9. recorded his third career triple-double,

finishing with 15 points, 11 boards, and five, but the fast break ability of Toronto Raptors continued their charge. Another 10 assists. Brogdon finished with a teamhigh 24 points on 10-of-14 shooting, while Justin Holiday added 22, including six treys. Doug McDermott finished with 19 points, four boards and a game-high +21 rating.

After falling behind by 10 after one, the Blue & Gold's reserves charged back McDermott and an all-Holiday alley-oop to put together a 43-point second quarter effort – 27 from Doug McDermott and Justin Holiday. It was the most points in a quarter that the Raptors have surrendered all season. They left the first half with a 63-48 lead.

But, the Blue & Gold committed nine third-quarter turnovers that allowed Toronto to climb back to within four, 86-82, as they entered the final frame.

All signs pointed to an Indiana win after the team rattled off an 8-0 run behind the three ball with 3:50 to go. But, in similar fashion to Monday night's game against the Mavericks, Indiana didn't finish strong down the stretch.

Indiana had early positives, after Victor Oladipo started the night with a nifty baseline reverse layup. Brogdon then connected on his first three shots of the game, including a 3-point shot from the right wing to grab a 9-7 lead for Indiana with 8:00 left in the first frame.

But after Brogdon's triple, the Pacers Kyle Lowry finished with a game- finished the quarter 6-of-16 from the field for the quarter.

the next 3:06 – four each from All-Stars

Indiana managed to cut the lead to

Chris Boucher sank a running layup with 1:55 to go. Toronto finished the night with 31 fast-break points. Toronto finished out the first with a 30-20 lead.

But then the bench checked in.

A 12-2 Indiana run – 10 points from knotted things up 32-32 at the 8:25 mark the period.

The energy of backup point guard T.J. McConnell also gave Toronto fits during the second quarter. First, McConnell drove the lane to finish a three-point play. He then blocked a Fred VanVleet shot on the defensive end. On the next Pacers' possession, he drove the lane once more, but kicked out to a wide-open Justin Holiday for an easy trey from the left wing to give Indiana a 38-35 lead with 6:23

The triple sparked Holiday, as he connected on his next three straight 3-point attempts to extend Indiana's lead to 47-39 with 4:43 remaining.

The Blue & Gold stretched their lead to as high as 12 on a pull-up jumper from Oladipo before Toronto brought it back down to seven, 51-44, with back-to-back buckets from VanVleet and Boucher with 2:51 left in the frame.

But Indiana was not done. Oladipo continued to improve his rhythm, sinking on cold-blooded trey in the face of An 8-0 spurt from the Raptors over a Toronto defender to grab a 59-46 lead with 1:19 to go. Then, Brogdon finished 15-point edge at the break.

> Early in the third, back-to-back threes from Oladipo and Brogdon stretched the Blue & Gold's lead to 19, 69-50, with 10:22 to play.

> For the next few minutes, the Pacers continued to hold on to a double-digit lead. But, the Raptors began climbing back into it, scoring 10 straight points in a 2:53 span to claw back to within eight, 75-67, with 4:16 left to play in the frame. The run was capped by back-to-back threes from Lowry and undrafted rookie Terence Davis.

Despite a Nate McMillan timeout, the

soon put the Pacers into a 25-15 hole after three from Davis fell through, and cut Indiana's lead to 77-74, with 2:38 remain-

But, clutch three from Justin Holiday - his fifth - followed by a fast break slam from Jeremy Lamb put Indiana ahead by six, 84-78 with 1:04 to play.

Lowry then managed to cut the Pacers' lead to two with 22.9 seconds remaining, but Sabonis finished a reverse layup on the other end to give the Blue & Gold an 86-82 lead heading into the final period. After Ibaka started the fourth-quarter

scoring with an and-one finish, Indiana rattled off an 11-2 run, including two treys from McDermott and another from Sabonis, to grab a 97-87 lead with 8:53 Minutes later, Lowry led a personal

7-0 run to bring Toronto back to 103-99 with 6:51 remaining. However, 20 seconds later Aaron Holiday responded with a big three to push Indiana's lead back to

Later, with Indiana leading 103-106, Justin Holiday connected on his sixth three of the night to put the Blue & Gold up by six. Oladipo then followed that with a teardrop floater in the paint. After Siakam missed a three, Brogdon pulled up from beyond the arc and drilled his shot, ending an 8-0 Indiana run that gave them a 114-103 lead with 3:50 to go.

But Toronto didn't go away.

After the teams traded free throws, wry followed a Siakam layup with a Lowry and Ibaka, put Toronto back on the period with two tough layups from clutch 3-point shot from the right side to the left side to give the Blue & Gold the cut Indiana's lead to 118-113 with 1:34

> After a loose ball review went in favor of the Raptors, Siakam connected on 1-of-2 free throws to cut the Pacers lead to four. Siakam then snagged a steal and finished an easy layup to trim Indiana's lead to 118-116 with 1:07 remaining.

> After Oladipo missed a floater on the other end, Siakam snagged the rebound and pulled up from 26 feet away. He'd hit nothing but net. Indiana then failed to

The Blue & Gold hope to rebound against Toronto at home on Friday night.



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