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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Morning snow. Another inch possible. Temps fall into the 20s by afternoon.  
Tonight: Clouds decrease. Chills below zero.  
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## BGCN receives \$15K grant

The REPORTER

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Crosser Family Foundation, a fund of Hamilton County Community Foundation, in support of its Transportation Program for Spring 2020.

BGCN says the support of the Crosser Family Foundation will assist in providing after school transportation from several Noblesville elementary schools to the Club. Due to transportation changes within the Noblesville School District, BGCN is now managing transportation services from several additional schools. This additional transportation responsibility comes with a significant operation cost, approximately \$165,000 a year.

The Club's leadership

team continues to explore funding options with the goal of minimizing the impact on families, including seeking grant funding to offset the expense. Hundreds of children and families depend on a safe, reliable ride to the Boys & Girls Club each day after school to access the affordable, high-quality after school programs designed to meet their needs and interests.

"By ensuring that more than 250 households will have access to a ride to the Club, our local youth will continue to have the chance to take part in positive programs that offer new perspectives and shape character," said BGCN Director of Development Nathan Helm.

"With the support of the



Helm

els and a wide variety of engaging programs.

About the Crosser Family Foundation

The Crosser Family Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of youth and their families in local communities by providing them with everyday needs and opportunities to help them achieve a bright future while setting them up for success so they will grow to be healthy, responsible, active citizens in their communities. The Crosser Family Foundation was established

Crosser Family Foundation, our transportation services will continue to give parents the peace of mind that their children are arriving safely to a consistent safe space with positive role models and a wide variety of engaging programs.

by Janet R. Crosser and the late Richard H. Crosser in 2001. The foundation wishes to continue, celebrate and inspire philanthropy in Hamilton County communities today and in the future. Over the years, the foundation has given grants totaling over 3 million dollars to community groups, organizations and businesses focused on providing services to enrich the lives of youth and their families in local communities.

About BGCN

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives.

## Carmel Schools now requiring background check to visit, eat lunch with your child

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A policy in Carmel Clay Schools will force parents and grandparents to pay for a background check to even eat lunch with their child.

Some say the measure is too extreme. Others say it's an appropriate move to make kids safer.

Effective immediately, all volunteers, and even those who just want to eat lunch with their child in a Carmel school, must pay for their own background check. It costs \$13.95 and is good for three years.

"Ultimately, it's for the good," said Lindsay Pearce, who is a parent of two.

"I'm good with that," adds Cindy McKinney, who has several grandchildren in Carmel schools. "I think that's a minimal cost to someone to ensure the safety of our children."

The old policy had stated a background check for volunteers was needed only every five years and it wasn't necessary for lunchtime guests. But not everyone thinks the new policy is the best way to go about school safety.

"It sounds extreme to

me," said Mike Weiner.

Weiner is married to a teacher in another district and father to a pair of recent Carmel grads.

"I don't feel like I should really have to pay to walk in school to see my own children, especially in a public school," he said.

Lora Shanahan said, "It's too harsh. I can see it for volunteers who work in the classroom, but no parent should have to do this just to eat lunch with their kid."

Even those like Pearce, who support the idea, worry that grandparents or relatives who live far away may not understand or be frustrated, especially by the cost.

Other school districts handle this in a wide variety of ways, like Hamilton Southeastern, which has a policy similar to the one in Carmel. In Noblesville parents can come to supervised events like lunch or a classroom party without a background check, but for events like field trips where parents might be overseeing students without supervision from school staff, a background check is required at the parent's cost.

## Noblesville Chamber's Taste of Business savoring its 20<sup>th</sup> year

The REPORTER

The Taste of Business/Made in Noblesville is entering its 20th year as Noblesville's largest showcase of quality products and services.

The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce will host this year's Taste of Business/Made in Noblesville event from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center. This will be the third year the event will take place at the Embassy Suites.

Taste of Business/Made in Noblesville, made possible in partnership with the City of Noblesville Department of Economic Development, anticipates a crowd of over 1,000 people.

Noblesville Chamber President & CEO Bob DuBois says he is looking forward to this event's special anniversary.

"For 20 years the Noblesville business community has come together on one evening to showcase the best it has to offer," remarked DuBois. "The Chamber is honored to host Noblesville's largest gathering of businesses in partnership with the City of Noblesville Economic Development Department."

Attendees to the Taste of Business/Made in Noblesville come for different reasons. Some want to taste chefs' samples from one of 20 different restaurants. Others simply want to learn more about new businesses



Photo provided

Among the numerous Noblesville eateries to appear at this year's Taste of Business will be Koto Japanese Steakhouse, 13398 Tegler Drive, Noblesville.

in the area. Nearly all guests find their curiosity satisfied with surprising exhibits of products manufactured right here in Noblesville. Over the years, attendees have found new jobs, friends and favorite restaurants simply by attending this event.

"The City of Noblesville has a strong population of manufacturing and innovation companies and this event showcases the products and ideas of these types of businesses alongside our amazing restaurants, chefs

and artists alike," said Community and Economic Development Director Sarah Reed. "Noblesville looks forward to this event each year and we are excited to be a partner and work with the chamber to promote local businesses and our community."

"Taste of Business/Made in Noblesville is our community's chance to celebrate itself," DuBois noted. "We invite residents to join in the celebration and sample the best of Noblesville. Where else can you

taste specialties of the house from 20 local chefs, peek behind the scenes of local manufacturers, and visit with some of Noblesville's newest businesses?"

Tickets for the 20th annual Taste of Business/Made in Noblesville are \$5 in advance at [noblesville-chamber.com](http://noblesville-chamber.com), at STAR Financial Bank, The Farmers Bank, Ginger's Café, First Merchants Bank, or with a coupon at the door. Regular-priced tickets are \$7 at the door.

## Fishers exploring how to improve 116th Street at Allisonville Road

By LARRY LANNAN | [LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)



Anyone navigating the intersection of Allisonville Road and 116th Street in Fishers, one can see how vehicles stack up in the left-turn lanes and can create dangerous traffic hazards during busy times of the day.

The City of Fishers took a step toward working on a solution Monday, although which solution is not yet known.

The Fishers Board of Works and Public Safety approved a design contract with A&F Engineering for \$374,855 at its Monday meeting. That is the start of the process to determine how the intersection will be reconfigured.

The city will use funds from the Highway Safety Improvement Project to pay for the construction. The actual construction is expected to begin in 2024.

"We're confident that we have a solution," Engineering Director Jason Taylor told the board.

The city is reviewing possible options. One would change the configuration of the turn lanes, rather than adding an additional turn lane, in conjunction with timing the traffic signals.

Another option would be what Taylor described as a "Turbo Roundabout," where motorists would choose their lane of direction before entering the roundabout.

## County historian to be guest speaker for Sheridan's Boxley Lecture

The REPORTER

The 2020 version of the annual Boxley Lectures Series, celebrating Sheridan's founder George Boxley, will feature Hamilton County historian David Heighway telling the story of the Blackberry Campaign.

Indiana was a part of the Northwest Indian Wars from 1785 to 1795 as the early settlers coming from what is now Kentucky were met with some resistance by the native peo-

ples who already occupied the land. This resistance resulted in President Washington ordering troops into the Indiana territory from the Ohio River to protect the new settlers. Among the soldiers in these expeditionary forces was a young officer by name of William Clark who, a few years later in the company of Meriwether Lewis, would go on to explore the lands of the newly acquired Louisiana Purchase.

Clark kept a written record

of his army travels through the Indiana Territory and which may have included some travel through present day Hamilton County – or at least that is what Heighway speculates.

The Sheridan Historical Society is offering Sheridan community members a chance to listen to Heighway tell his story and lay out his evidence of the role Hamilton County might have played in this expeditionary adventure with its connection via William Clark

to the more famous Lewis and Clark Expedition of 1803.

This free interesting public program will be held in the Joyce Cline Auditorium in the Sheridan Middle School on Thursday evening, Feb. 20. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. sharp.

In the event of a reschedule due to weather, the program will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the same time in the same place.



David Heighway





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# Fishers Police warns restaurant goers to be on lookout for thieves

**The REPORTER**  
Earlier this month, a patron of the Panera Bread, located at 8510 E. 96th St., reported her wallet was stolen while she was dining at the restaurant. It appears the suspect(s) immediately traveled to the Super Target near 116th Street and Interstate 69 and used the victim's credit cards to purchase \$5,000 in gift cards. Detectives believe the suspects are members of a well-organized theft gang. These gang members normally operate in groups of two or three. The group can be made up of males and females. They are normally well-dressed and use rental cars to better blend in to upscale communities. They

specifically target lunch time eateries located near large retail stores. Most of their victims are female and usually involve thefts from purses or large handbags. The Fishers Police Department offers the following safety tips:

- Always stay alert.
- Be aware of your surroundings and avoid becoming easily distracted (i.e. cell phones, laptop computers).
- Download the Relay App at [Relayapp.com](http://Relayapp.com) and immediately report suspicious activity.
- Always keep valuables visible.
- Purses and handbags should be held in your lap.

Never hang your bag over the back of a chair.

- Make certain purses and handbags are kept closed. Zipper style bags are preferred.
- Set up fraud alerts on all credit/debit cards.

Immediately notify the police if you think you have become a victim. Do not wait until you get home. Time is critical in these cases. The sooner the police are notified the better the chance is the criminals will be caught.

Anyone with information regarding this crime should contact FPD Detective D. Nelson at (317) 496-2610.

# CPD officer enters plea agreement on OWI charges

**The REPORTER**  
Carmel Police Officer Bryan Hood, arrested in September of last year, has entered into a plea agreement on charges of Operating While Intoxicated and Operating While Intoxicated While Endangering Another Person. As part of the agreement, Hood will be required to pay \$485.50 in court costs and fees. Hood was sentenced to 365 days in jail; however, was credited for four days and the balance of 361 days was suspended. Hood's driver's license was suspended for 100 days and he will serve one year probation. As part of the agreement, the charge of Operating While Intoxicated While Endangering Another Person was dismissed. Hood has been suspended with pay since his arrest and now will likely face dismissal from his duties at the Carmel Police Department.



Hood

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– **Mike Bragg**, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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# Fishers-based OfficeWorks welcomes Cooper to the team



Cooper

## The REPORTER

Fishers-based OfficeWorks has named Logan Cooper as Account Executive. In his role, Cooper will service client accounts and develop new business.

"OfficeWorks has a deep history of providing value and excellence to clients. I'm excited to be a part of that," said Cooper.

According to the company, Cooper brings with him several years of commercial furniture and window industry experience, serving clients nationwide. He graduated from Wabash College with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Cooper enjoys fishing, camping and golf.

## About OfficeWorks

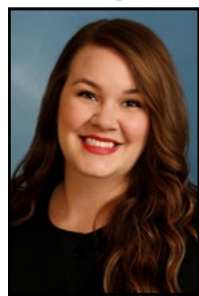
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# Linda Risch promoted to Officer of Centier Bank

## The REPORTER

Michael E. Schrage, CEO and Chairman of the Board at Centier Bank, is pleased to announce the promotion of Linda Risch to Officer of the bank. Risch has served as the Branch Manager at Centier's Fishers Crossing location since last May.



Risch

Risch has 10 years of previous experience in banking and finance. Her current duties include growing and developing her team and branch while also building relationships in her community. She lives in Fishers with her husband, Josh, and her daughter, Scarlett.

Risch also is a part of American Business Women's Association, Board member for One Zone

Young Professionals, and is a volleyball coach for Team Indiana. Risch said she is proud to serve the Fishers community.

"I hope to show my love and appreciation for my community by being an active force through Centier Bank's Servant Heart Culture," Risch explained. "It's a beautiful feeling to wake up every morning excited to make a difference in the lives of your clients, and in the community. I look forward to continuing to lead my team through optimism and enthusiasm for the services they provide."

For more information about Linda Risch, call (317) 845-5930 ext. 5272 or email [lrish@centier.com](mailto:lrish@centier.com). For more information on Centier, visit [centier.com](http://centier.com).

# Spartz's bill addressing high health care costs passes Senate

## The REPORTER

State Sen. Victoria Spartz (R-Noblesville) authored Senate Bill 337 to improve transparency and evidence-based approaches to address health care costs, enhance competition and shift more power back to consumers from the government and large monopolies.

"Health care spending is an important issue for the state of Indiana," Spartz said. "Based on the recent Employer's Forum study, we have the highest price of health care when compared to the other 26 states in the

study — twice higher than Michigan. Also, based on the recent study by Ball State economist, Dr. Michael Hicks, we also have a hospital monopoly problem. Health care cost is an economic development issue and middle-class wealth issue for all Hoosiers."

SB 337 is dealing with a variety of topics, including insurance affordability, price transparency, burdensome licensing requirements, unrea-



Spartz

sonable non-compete clauses, drug market transparency, antitrust enforcement and Medicaid spending, among others.

Spartz says she is committed to improving spending, access, price and value in health care through more transparency, competition and consumer choice. As she stated in a recent op-ed, "We are all losers in this socialized system, but the sick and poor lose the most. Let's not forget: Gov-

ernment is always the biggest problem."

SB 337 recently passed the Senate 43-6 and will now be considered by the House of Representatives.

[Click here](#) for more information on SB 337.

# County Councilor Brad Beaver announces re-election campaign

## Submitted

Brad Beaver, Hamilton County Council Member At-Large and its longest-serving active councilor, announced last Friday he is seeking re-election to the County Council.

He has served on the Hamilton County Council since 1994 and as its president in 2007, 2013 and most recently in 2019.

Participating on and leading a multitude of boards and committees throughout his three-decade tenure as a councilor, Beaver has been closely involved in many of the decisions and developments that have led to Hamilton County's significant growth and prosperity, and its recognition as being one of the nation's most highly desirable residential and commercial locations.

Among other roles, he has participated on the county's Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Solid Waste Board, and its Personnel and Finance Committees.

"Hamilton County has

been my home for my entire life, and I'm deeply vested in seeing that its cities and towns thrive through visionary leadership, effective management of the county's finances, and close stewardship of taxpayer resources," said Beaver. "We've built healthy communities through a commitment to public safety and top-flight school systems, attracted businesses with a low tax rate, brought thousands of well-paying jobs to the area, and enhanced the county's infrastructure to support its remarkable growth during the past 25 years."

With a keen focus on building appropriate transportation infrastructure to support Hamilton County's residents and businesses, Beaver has been instrumental in financing the transformation of 146th Street into a major cross-county thoroughfare, the construction and redevelopment of



Beaver

the 96th Street bridge and State Road 37, and the expansion of the Keystone Bridge and Lowe's Parkway.

He has also worked on establishing the 4-H Fairgrounds, growing the county park system to encompass nearly 20,000 acres, develop a state-of-the-art countywide 911 communication center, expand Riverview Hospital and the county jail, and ensure Ivy Tech's educational presence in Hamilton County.

"My enthusiasm and commitment to the county have only grown during the past 26 years, and there's still a lot of work ahead of us," said Beaver. "Becoming one of the nation's best places to live, work and raise a family doesn't happen by accident. It only happens through efficient and effective leadership. By running for re-election, I intend to continue being that leader for the citizens of Hamilton County."

# Park Superintendent 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](http://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](mailto:jrussell@townofcicero.in.gov) or [dstrong@townofcicero.in.gov](mailto:dstrong@townofcicero.in.gov)

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Meeting Notices

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an executive session at 3 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, 2020, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, to discuss IC5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) regarding job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to discussion of salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020, at the Cool Creek Park Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel.

The Atlanta Town Council will hold a special meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020, at the Atlanta Ball Diamonds, 795 S. Central St., Atlanta.

The Atlanta Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

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## Three ways to weather this year's tax season

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Over half of U.S. adults say financial stress negatively impacted their personal health and work performance in 2018, according to new research from Lincoln Financial Group. When it comes to tax season, preparation is key to easing anxiety, according to experts.

"Tax season can be stressful for many people, but it's also an opportunity to strengthen your financial plan," said Michael Corr, chief estate and business planning strategist, Lincoln Financial Advisors, National Planning Team. "The good news is that there are some simple ways to manage the process."

To weather the 2020 tax season, Corr offers these tips:

Get the 411

Whether preparing your own tax return or paying a professional, good organization saves time and money. In addition to collecting the common tax documents

Be Proactive

Consider what actions you can take prior to the end of tax season to lessen its financial burden.

For example, if you qualify and act prior to April 15, you may deduct contributions to an IRA up to \$6,000 (\$7,000 if you're over 50) on the 2019 income tax return. Maximum Simplified Employee Pension IRA contributions of \$56,000 for 2019 can be made any time prior to the tax filing deadline, including extensions.

Or, if you participate in a high deductible health plan, you may be eligible to contribute to a health savings account with pre-

Use Technology

Embrace these technological advances to reduce tax preparation and filing burdens:

- Whether self-preparing or hiring a professional, tax information from documents filed with the IRS (W-2s, 1099s, etc.) can be downloaded directly into tax-prep software, so be sure to access electronic versions of these documents.
- Online banking makes it easy to manipulate account information and organize data about relevant expenses paid during the year, like estimated tax payments, medical and tuition payments and business expenses.
- The IRS has offered the opportunity for electronic filing of tax returns for several years. Taxpayers who e-file typically receive acknowledgement that their returns have been filed and get their refunds faster than those who paper file.

More information about financial planning and taxes can be found by visiting [lfg.com](http://lfg.com).

From market volatility to managing debt, there are many causes of financial stress today. However, with some prudent strategies, you can greatly reduce your tax-related anxiety.

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# Fishers hires Curt Funk as head football coach

By RICHIE HALL

Whenever Curt Funk and his family drove down Interstate 69 to Indianapolis, he would see the facilities at Fishers High School in plain view of the highway – including, of course, the Tigers’ football field.

Funk had been the coach at Mississinewa High School for 10 years and had developed a solid championship program there. But when the Fishers position became open after the retirement of Rick Wimmer, Funk knew he had to take a chance.

“You hear all these good things about the school system and high school,” said Funk. “I felt like when it was open, I had to apply and give it my best shot to get the job.”

On Wednesday, Funk’s best shot paid off, as he was hired as the Tigers’ new head football coach. The announcement was made at the Hamilton Southeastern Schools board meeting, where Fishers principal Jason Urban gave Funk a warm welcome, and athletic directors Rob Seymour and Jim Brown were there by his side, along with Funk’s wife Janette.

Urban noted that the interview process was a rigorous one, which drew some smiles and chuckles from those in attendance. But Funk welcomed the process, saying that he “would’ve expected nothing less.”

“That way they found the best fit for them, because I think that’s the important thing with any school when they’re hiring a teacher and a coach is that they find the best fit for their school,” said Funk. “And with them doing their homework, they have confidence in me that I’m the best fit for their school, and so that’s why I’m excited to work here, with the administration.”

Funk has a solid track record as a coach. During his 10 seasons at Mississinewa, the Indians have compiled a record of 77-36, and had winning campaigns for nine consecutive years. Mississinewa has had at least 10 wins over the last four seasons, sectional titles in 2017 and 2019, going 11-2 in the latter season.

Funk served as the defensive coordinator for the 2017 North All-Star team and has been the head wrestling coach for the Indians for the past four years. Prior to his years at Mississinewa, Funk was also an assistant coach at Mooresville (2006-10), Muncie Southside (2005-06) and Bluffton (2003-05).

“With a winning record over the past nine seasons, Coach Funk has proven



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers High School welcomed Curt Funk (center) as the Tigers' new head football coach Wednesday at the Hamilton Southeastern Schools board meeting. Funk comes from Mississinewa, where he coached for 10 seasons and had multiple winning seasons and sectional titles. Also pictured are Fishers athletic directors Rob Seymour (left) and Jim Brown.

himself as a successful football coach,” said Seymour. “However, what really excites us about Coach Funk is his dynamic personality and his passion for the success of his student athletes.”

Fishers has been a remarkable story in football since the school re-opened in 2006. With Wimmer leading the way from day one, the Tigers had winning records in 11 of their 14 seasons, three sectional championships and a state title in 2010. Funk said Wimmer has laid an “awesome foundation” at Fishers, calling him a top-notch coach.

“The challenge is to build on that success, for sure,” said Funk, who will teach in the physical education department at Fishers High School. He graduated from

Purdue in 2003 with a BS in Industrial Technology Education and holds a K-12 certification in physical education.

Funk said he will be meeting with the players today during their lunch periods. His official start date is Feb. 24, but he is ready to meet his new team.

“I’ve been watching them on film,” said Funk. “I know them by their numbers and their names on the roster, but I’m excited to see their faces tomorrow.”

Funk graduated from Bluffton High School in 1999, where he was on the football team. He was also a standout wrestler, qualifying for the state meet during his junior and senior years. Funk finished third in the state at 152 pounds

in his junior year, and won sectional and regional titles both seasons, moving up to 160 his senior year. He was also a regional qualifier at 152 his freshman and sophomore seasons.

In fact, Curt and Janette Funk’s oldest son Kyler, a senior at Mississinewa, has followed in his father’s wrestling footsteps. Kyler is a four-time semi-state qualifier, and made it to the state meet during his sophomore year at 182, winning a sectional title as well.

This season, Kyler has already won sectional and regional championships at 195, and will compete in the New Haven semi-state on Saturday. Curt and Janette have another son, sixth-grader Camden.

## Girls state swimming/diving meet is this weekend

Carmel will look to continue its state championship streak at the girls swimming and diving state finals, which takes place this weekend at the Indiana University Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis.

The Greyhounds have 26 swims at the meet, with Fishers qualifying 21 swims. Hamilton Southeastern has 12 swims at

the meet, followed by Noblesville with seven, Westfield with two and Guerin Catholic with one. In addition, Carmel and Fishers will have two divers competing, with Southeastern and Hamilton Heights both qualifying one diver each.

The meet begins with the swimming preliminaries at 6 p.m. Friday. The diving prelims and semi-finals are set for 9 a.m.

Saturday, with the consolations and finals in swimming and diving later that afternoon at 1 p.m.

### Advancement

The top 16 in each swimming event during Friday’s prelims will return for competition on Saturday with the top eight individuals vying for state championship honors. Those finishing nine

through 16 on Friday will make up the competitors in the consolation heats. All diving will take place on Saturday with the top 20 of 32 competitors advancing from the prelims to the semis after five dives each. After three dives each in the semis, the top 16 will advance to the final round for another three dives each.

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# NBA standings

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	-
Boston	37	16	.698	2.5
Philadelphia	34	21	.618	6.5
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14.0
New York	17	38	.309	23.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	-
Indiana	32	23	.582	14.5
Chicago	19	36	.345	28.0
Detroit	19	38	.333	28.5
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	-
Orlando	24	31	.436	11.5
Washington	20	33	.377	14.5
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17.0
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	-
Utah	36	18	.667	1.5
Oklahoma City	32	22	.593	5.5
Portland	25	31	.446	13.5
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	-
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	4.5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20.0
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20.5
Golden State	12	43	.218	30.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	-
Dallas	33	22	.600	1.5
Memphis	28	26	.519	6.0
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11.0
New Orleans	23	31	.426	11.0

<b>Wednesday scores</b> Cleveland 127, Atlanta 105 Orlando 116, Detroit 112, OT Brooklyn 101, Toronto 91 Indiana 118, Milwaukee 111 Washington 113, New York 96	Memphis 111, Portland 104 Charlotte 115, Minnesota 108 Dallas 130, Sacramento 111 Phoenix 112, Golden State 106 Utah 116, Miami 101 L.A. Lakers 120, Denver 116, OT
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# Pacers enter All-Star break with win over Bucks

By BRENDAN ROURKE  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

In the Pacers' final game before the much-needed All-Star break, head coach Nate McMillan gave the team one simple message — play a full 48 minutes.

On its six-game losing skid, Indiana had lost each game during crunch time of the fourth quarter.

But not tonight.

Up by eight with 1:21 to play, T.J. Warren reeled off a personal 6-2 run to put Milwaukee away in crunch time. The Blue & Gold's leading scorer for the year finished with a game-high 35 points on a stellar 16-of-19 from the floor to lead Indiana (32-23) to a 118-111 victory over the NBA's top team, the Milwaukee Bucks (46-8).

The Pacers shot a blistering 26-of-42 (61.9 percent) from the floor in the first half, including 15-of-24 (71.4 percent) in the first quarter, to take a 68-45 lead into halftime. The smothering defense forced 11 first-half turnovers, including eight steals, while limiting the Bucks to 15-of-42 shooting (35.7 percent) for the half. Milwaukee connected on just three of their first 14 shots.

But after a sluggish third quarter, the Blue & Gold appeared to be headed down an all-too-familiar path. The path became even more inviting as Milwaukee cut the lead to four with 8:57 to go.

But a 12-4 run from the squad, followed by Warren's late spree helped the Blue & Gold into the winner's column.

"Coach called timeout, and rallied (us), like, we're still up" Domantas Sabonis said after the Bucks threatened. "Things aren't going our way, but we're still up. We just got to — no matter how — just get it done. You know, coach was saying believe, and I felt like we believed. And we got the necessary stops and executed on offense at the right time

to build that lead."

Six Pacers scored in double figures. Malcolm Brogdon notched a double-double, recording 17 points and a game-high 13 assists. Domantas Sabonis added 15 and eight boards. Myles Turner also finished with a double-double, recording 14 points and 10 boards. Additionally, Victor Oladipo and Jeremy Lamb tallied 13 points apiece.

Indiana raced out to an 8-3 lead in the first 1:42 of the game behind stellar defense and six early points from Warren. With 10:18 to play, N.C. State forward picked the pocket of Khris Middleton and finished with an easy two-handed flush to force Bucks head coach Mike Budenholzer to call an early timeout.

With 5:19 to play, Oladipo wowed the crowd with a thunderous slam off a back pass from Brogdon. The flush extended the Pacers lead to 19-7.

Later, Turner began to heat up. The big man connected on three consecutive buckets, including a three from the right wing, to maintain a double-digit lead for Indiana, 26-11, with 3:37 left in the frame.

As time ticked down, Justin Holiday and Doug McDermott connected on triples, while Lamb sank a right-handed floater from the left block to take a 34-20 lead into the second quarter.

Just 47 seconds into the second, the Pacers managed to stretch their lead to 19 before Ersan Ilyasova connected on a pair of free throws for the Bucks. At the 9:45 mark, Indiana finally extended its lead to 45-25 behind a baseline triple from Lamb.

From there, the Pacers continued to play lights-out on the defensive end while extending their lead. The Blue & Gold held the Bucks to just two points over the next 3:07 of the frame, and the squad earned a 51-27 lead before a Don-

te DiVincenzo dunk ended Milwaukee's scoring drought.

Later in the period, the Bucks used a 10-2 run, seven from 11-year veteran Brook Lopez, to claw back to within 16. However, with 2:03 remaining, Oladipo ended the spree by finishing a nifty one-handed, finger-roll layup to put Indiana up 61-43.

The Blue & Gold finished the half strong, reeling off a 7-2 run to close out the half.

But then cracks started showing. The Pacers failed to find the net for the first 2:59 of the period. Five unanswered from Milwaukee to start the scoring trimmed Indiana's lead to 18 before Oladipo sank a trey to put the Pacers up 71-50.

Luckily for Indiana, Milwaukee found itself also struggling from the floor. Despite having a few wide-open, potentially momentum-swinging looks from deep, the Bucks shot just 3-of-14 from the field through the first five minutes of the period.

Neither team managed to make a significant run by the midway point of the period. After Pat Connaughton airmailed a three, Sterling Brown found an easy offensive rebound to trim Indiana's lead to 77-60 with 4:03 remaining. But Brogdon soon responded with a three from the left wing to put Indiana back ahead by 20.

But after Brogdon's three with 3:41 left in the third, the Blue & Gold entered another scoreless spell; this one lasting 2:13. The Bucks slowly chipped away at the Pacers' lead. Back-to-back threes from Brown and Marvin Williams cut Indiana's lead to 14 before Warren ended the spree with a jumper.

After Warren's jumper, the Bucks tallied five more unanswered, including a deep three from Middleton with 3.0 seconds remaining, to trim Indiana's lead to

82-71 before the teams headed into the final period. The Pacers were outscored 26-14 in the quarter.

Six unanswered Bucks points to start the fourth quarter cut Indiana's lead to just five with 10:50 remaining. On several occasions, Milwaukee found success driving into the heart of Indiana's defense and finishing in the paint.

Brogdon stopped Milwaukee's hot streak briefly, finding two buckets and throwing a beautiful pass to Lamb for an easy finish to give Indiana a 88-79 lead with 9:35 to play.

But the Bucks kept on charging into the paint and getting to the charity stripe. Eric Bledsoe finished a three-point play, while Brown followed with a pair of free throws to cut Indiana's lead back to four, 88-84, with 8:57 to go.

But the Blue & Gold would not surrender.

Brogdon and Warren then combined for nine points of a 12-4 run over a 3:38 span to extend Indiana's lead to 100-88 heading into crunch time.

Then, with 5:19 to play, the defense clamped down, limiting the Bucks to just three points for the next 3:05 to hold on to a 106-91 lead.

But the Bucks would not go down easy. A three from DiVincenzo, followed by six straight from Ilyasova, trimmed Indiana's lead back down to 108-100 with 1:21 to play.

But Warren made sure that would be the closest Milwaukee would get. The elite scorer sank two buckets and a pair of free throws to lead a personal 6-2 spurt that sealed the win.

Warren then completed his night with a cathartic dunk with 35.2 seconds remaining. After a six-game losing streak, the Blue & Gold are entering crunch time of the regular season on a high note.

# SWIMMING

### Defending Girls Team Champion

Carmel is the 33-time defending state champion, the longest active string of state championships in the country in any sport or gender. Coach Chris Plumb, also the school's boys coach, has guided the Greyhounds to their last 13 girls titles, the most in state history.

### Defending Individual State Champions

Three individual champions, all juniors, return to defend their state titles from a year ago. Hobart's Emma Wright is back aiming for a repeat in the 100 freestyle after winning last year in 49.95. She enters the weekend with the second-fastest sectional time in the state at 50.07, just behind Carmel's Gretchen Lueking with 49.97.

Northridge's Elsa Fretz was last year's 50 free champion in 22.88. She clocked a 23.42 in last weekend's sectional race, the fifth-best time in the field which was topped by Wright in 23.20.

Mary Catherine Pruitt, last year's 500 free winner, returns as this year's favorite in the event. Her 4:50.61 last Saturday places her at the head of the field and just off last year's winning time of 4:49.52. A fourth title winner from 2019 is Mal-

lory Jackson, a Carroll (Fort Wayne) senior. Jackson claimed last year's 100 back crown but is not entered in this year's field. Instead, she's focused on the 200 individual medley where she's seeded fifth overall (2:03.04). Jackson is also expected to swim in all three of Carroll's qualified relay teams. Interestingly, Wright, Pruitt and Jackson all scored the first individual state titles in their respective school's history a year ago.

### Tickets

General admission tickets are \$8 per session or \$15 for both days and available at the Natatorium ticket office. Preschool children admitted at no charge for unserved seating.

### Doors Open

Doors open to spectators at 4:30 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday.

### Parking

Spectators may park in the Sports Garage located off New York Street just east of the Natatorium. Please note that IUPUI charges a parking fee to access the garage.

### Videostream at IHSAAtv.org

All competition will be streamed live at IHSAAtv.org. It will also be available in the On-Demand tab following the

meet's conclusion.

### Hamilton County qualifiers (Listed by seed time)

#### 200 medley relay

1. Carmel 1:42.40, 5. Fishers 1:44.61, 6. Hamilton Southeastern 1:45.15, 9. Noblesville 1:46.22.

#### 200 freestyle

1. Gretchen Lueking (C) 1:47.26, 4. Kate Mouser (F) 1:50.25, 6. Berit Berglund (C) 1:50.68, 7. Molly Pedersen (HSE) 1:50.73, 8. Hannah Pratt (F) 1:51.27, 10. Erin Cummins (C) 1:51.96, 12. Kayleigh Witt (HSE) 1:52.24, 17. Macy Hoaglan (W) 1:52.99, 23. Abby Jahns (F) 1:53.70.

#### 200 individual medley

2. Madelyn Christman (C) 2:01.67, 3. Jo Jo Ramey (F) 2:02.65, 6. Maggie Love (C) 2:03.30, 8. MacKenna Lieske (C) 2:04.38, 11. Sammy Huff (N) 2:05.55, 14. Lydia Reade (F) 2:05.76, 19. Corinne Yorkman (F) 2:06.91, 22. Abigail Harter (HSE) 2:08.25.

#### 50 freestyle

3. Meghan Christman (C) 23.27, 6. Ellen Fero (F) 23.45, 8. Colleen Duffy (C) 23.57, 14. Kennedy Fisher (HSE) 23.98, 26. Grace Newton (HSE) 24.24.

#### One-meter diving

2. Alaina Heyde (C) 490.40, 7. Sarah Ballard (HSE) 480.15, 9. Morgan Casey (F) 466.80, 10. Darci Commons (C) 450.90, 15. Grace Mossing (F) 423.85, 23. Alexa Williams (HH) 399.45.

#### 100 butterfly

6. Meredith Berglund (C) 55.52, 7. Hayley Reed (C) 55.61, 11. Avery Williams (C) 56.40, 15. Caitlin Marshall (N) 57.27, 21. Abigail Miller (F) 57.74, 24. Alexan-

dra Stein (F) 57.85.

#### 100 freestyle

1. Gretchen Lueking (C) 49.97, 4. Meghan Christman (C) 50.96, 6. Madelyn Christman (C) 51.35, 9. Molly Pedersen (HSE) 51.47, 13. Ellen Fero (F) 51.97, 19. Hannah Pratt (F) 52.46, 23. Erica Hunckler (GC) 52.78.

#### 500 freestyle

2. Jo Jo Ramey (F) 4:54.97, 5. Abby Jahns (F) 4:59.94, 6. Erin Cummins (C) 5:00.07, 7. Corinne Yorkman (F) 5:00.65, 11. Morgan Croaning (C) 5:03.82, 14. Macy Hoaglan (W) 5:05.39, 18. Vivian Wilson (C) 5:06.55, 19. Caitlin Marshall (N) 5:06.74.

#### 200 freestyle relay

2. Carmel 1:34.77, 3. Fishers 1:34.83, 4. Hamilton Southeastern 1:35.36, 26. Noblesville 1:40.06.

#### 100 backstroke

1. Berit Berglund (C) 54.04, 3. Colleen Duffy (C) 54.91, 7. Taylor Conley (C) 56.04, 8. Abigail Harter (HSE) 56.05, 23. Olivia Harter (HSE) 58.11, 24. Kalli Agapios (F) 58.18.

#### 100 breaststroke

1. Sammy Huff (N) 1:03.27, 3. Maggie Love (C) 1:03.60, 4. Lydia Reade (F) 1:03.71, 6. MacKenna Lieske (C) 1:04.29, 8. Kate Mouser (F) 1:04.40, 10. Kennedy Fisher (HSE) 1:04.71, 18. Mackenzie Pierce (F) 1:06.08, 20. Vivian Kraabel (C) 1:06.21.

#### 400 freestyle relay

2. Hamilton Southeastern 3:28.13, 3. Fishers 3:28.15, 6. Carmel 3:30.14, 14. Noblesville 3:34.54.

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