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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly, then partly cloudy.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.
HIGH: 42 LOW: 32



Caleb Ashby (left), Madalynne Boffing (center) and Cole Ginley (right) are just a few of the children of first responders who have been helped through the Hamilton County Professional Firefighters Foundation.

Firefighters trivia challenge helps kids, families in need

By **STU CLAMPITT**
ReadTheReporter.com

Next Saturday, you can both test your trivia expertise and help the families of local first responders. The Fire-fighter's Fathead Challenge will take place at 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, in the parish life center. Happy hour and check in start at 6 p.m. and trivia starts at 7 p.m. on Feb. 22.

"The Firefighter's Fat-head Challenge is a trivia event hosted by the Hamilton

County Profes-sional Fire Fight-ers IAFF Local 4416," Commu-nications Director Erik Scheub told The Reporter. "The event was founded on the idea of helping brother and sister fire-fight-ers who have children with extraordinary medical needs. We're very thankful for our health insurance, but you know as well as I do that there are many obligations



Hiner

associated with children with special medical needs that are not covered. It's the goal of the event to help fill the gap." In addition to the money raised from trivia contest entry fees, the event will include auction items, opportunities to donate, food and fun for all.

According to both Scheub and Event Chairman Chad Hiner, 100 percent of

the proceeds go to Hamilton County Professional Fire-fighters Foundation to help those in need.

David and Michelle Bobo started this event 11 years ago and Hiner has been involved since the beginning. Seven years ago, he started helping the Bobos run the event and this year marks his third as the event chairman.

In addition to helping the children of local firefighters,

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Just a family reunion

It was last Friday and I was on my way to work but turned onto 146th Street instead of 126th. I needed to get to my mother ASAP.

Her voice was cracking as she whispered into the phone, "Janet, I think the good Lord is calling me home."

I was not prepared to hear those words. I knew the broken rib, with all the pain and her not eating due to the nausea from the pain medication, had weakened her.

I know she is 93 ... but. She looked so frail when I got to her bedside. The concern on the faces of the nurses told me a lot.

She whispered for me to call my daughter, Emily, who lives in Tampa. She took the phone from me and told her, "Emily, I think this is it. I need you to come home."

Mom and I spent the next hour talking about my dad and all the memories we had over the 64 years I had shared with them. She said she would be giving him a big hug from me. She had missed him all these soon to be 14 years since he passed.

We had the opportunity to share our hearts. As sad as it was, it was a beautiful tender moment. We left no



COLUMNIST
JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

words unsaid. We left no feelings uncommunicated.

Emily had called my daughter-in-law, Angie. She brought my granddaughter, Abby, with her. Angie confirmed that Grandma was not doing well.

Emily would be on a plane in a few hours.

Within three hours of the call with my mother, we had a family reunion. My kids, grandkids, Mom's sister, several cousins and friends who are like family ... all showed up.

Hospice was called. Conversations were had that I never wanted to have.

Mom had the opportunity to tell everyone how she felt.

At one point she asked everyone to gather around her bed. She looked around the room and said, "I want you all to know I love you and I have one thing to ask of all of you, to 'be nice' to one another."

That was always something that Mom had told me, time and time again, no matter where I was going: "Janet, be nice." It was her way of saying that I should always be kind and considerate and do right by others.

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Photos provided

Come out for some family-friendly comedy as CrossRoads Church hosts comedians Kay Dodd (left), Lee Hardin (center) and Ross Bennett (right).

Pizza and Punchlines coming to Westfield

The REPORTER

As we near the end of a long winter, why not get together with friends and neighbors to share some laughs?

On Saturday, Feb. 22, CrossRoads Church in Westfield is holding its fourth annual Pizza and Punchlines, a free comedy event at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St. Pizza is served at 6 p.m. and the comedy show starts at 7 p.m.

According to Lead Pastor Eric Lohe, the show is family-friendly and features three nationally

known entertainers.

New York resident Ross Bennett will host this fun night. Joining him will be Lee Hardin from Nashville, Tenn., and headlining will be Kay Dodd from Atlanta, Ga.

Pizza and Punchlines is part of the church's For Our Neighbor initiatives to serve the people in the local community.

"This event is one of three big free events for our community so that people can meet, know, enjoy, and serve their local neighbors," Lohe told The Reporter.

"We say it this way: In our world, sometimes it seems like people have lots working *against* them. What if we chose to be *FOR* one another? What if we sought to understand one another and care for our neighbors who have needs? What if we gave each other *hope and a reason to live*?"

This event is free and open to the public.

Go to ForOurNeighborLife for more information on all of the Westfield Crossroads Church "For Our Neighbor" community outreach programs.

HSE senior Sydney Parrish breaks county scoring record



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Hamilton County Reporter sports editor Richie Hall presented a commemorative basketball to Hamilton Southeastern senior Sydney Parrish in recognition of her breaking the county girls scoring record. Parrish, who will soon be playing for the University of Oregon, scored 1,925 points in her career, which included a Class 4A state championship for the Royals in 2019.

Westfield Washington Township offers spring, summer programs

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Township offers a variety of programs for all people.

Spring classes will start in March and are now available for registration.

Preschoolers can enroll in an hour and a half enrichment class or a beginner's dance or tumbling class.

Camps will be available this summer for children ages 3 to 17. Registration will open on April 13. Some favorite camps include cooking, STEM and Astronomy.

Enrichment classes ranging from Safe Sitter to sewing are a great way to get

your tween/teen engaged.

Adults can sign up for language classes, fitness classes, enrichment opportunities and various free workshops to learn about Social Security and Medicare.

Also, be sure to visit MacGregor Park to hike with your dog or to take photos of the beautiful passive nature park. The park is open year-round from sunrise to sunset.

You do not have to be a Westfield Washington Township resident to register for a program. The Our Westfield Washington Network (OWWN) Program Guide comes out four times a year

and lists all available classes.

[Click here](#) to view the entire online guide and to register online.

About Westfield Washington Township

Founded in 1834, the Westfield Washington Township trustee and elected board are responsible for Township assistance, fire protection, cemetery maintenance, weed control and other duties as specified by the state legislature. In addition, Westfield Washington Township oversees MacGregor Park, and Parks & Recreation activities, programs and events for all ages.

Alleged rapist arrested in Arcadia Friday night

The REPORTER

An Arcadia man was arrested late Friday night by the Pendleton District All Crimes Policing Team on a Felony Warrant for Level 3 Felony Rape in Hamilton County.

The warrant was the result of an ongoing inves-

tigation by Indiana State Police Detective Wade Heiny from the Indianapolis District that began in late November 2019.

Dominick D. L. Conley, 18, was arrested at a residence on Martz Street in Arcadia by Pendleton District Trooper Trent

Jones. Conley was lodged in the Hamilton County Jail.

The charge stems from an incident that occurred in Hamilton County in late November with an alleged victim that was under the age of 18 at the time of the incident.



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the Hamilton County Professional Firefighters Foundation also helps families when tragedy strikes.

“One of our captains lost his leg above the knee in a motorcycle accident,” Hiner told The Reporter. “We were able to do a pop-up auction and with permission from him we made a replica of the leg lamp from the movie ‘A Christmas Story’ and auctioned that off. All the proceeds went to help his family. The medical bills were just ridiculous. A lifeline helicopter was \$44,000. Our insurance if good, but it doesn’t cover some things.”

The Fathead Challenge allows L4416 to help families in a variety of ways. Hiner told The Reporter about a little girl born with bladder exstrophy, a birth defect where the bladder is partially outside the abdomen.

“Our insurance will cover medical expenses, but what it doesn’t cover are a family’s daily trips down to Riley Hospital when they have to be down there every day for months, food while they are down there, both parents missing work,” Hiner said. “Those kinds of things stack up over time and we can’t provide that relief entirely, but we can help take a small chunk out of it to help.”



(Above) For the last 11 years, the Firefighters Fathead Challenge has packed the house. Register your team at [this link](#). (Right) In addition to the trivia contest, auction items like this leg lamp help fund Local 4416’s various programs.



Last year, a Fishers police officer was injured, paralyzed from the waist down in a motorcycle accident.

“We auctioned off a couple Hamilton tickets and a hotel stay in Chicago,” Hiner said. “I believe someone from the crowd bid \$3,200 on it and all those proceeds went to his family to help them out.”

Registration is open until Wednesday, Feb. 19. Visit fatheadchallenge.com to register your team, to become a sponsor, to sign up as a volunteer at the event and for more information.

To see a video of some of the kids who were helped by this event last year, visit fatheadchallenge.com/meet-the-kids.



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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.) 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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Community First Bank to open new Noblesville branch

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana is pleased to announce the official opening on Monday, Feb. 17 of a new branch location at 17661 Village Center Drive, Noblesville.

President and CEO Robb Blume said, “We are tremendously excited to be opening our first full-service banking facility in Noblesville and our third Hamilton County office inside of 12 months. Our talented staff stands ready to assist you with your banking needs, whether personal or business. We look forward to deepening our ties to Hamilton County by serving your banking, mortgage and investment needs.”

With this new branch, Community First Bank can now offer a 24/7 ATM, night drop, coin machine and more staff to serve customers in Noblesville.

When asked about the expansion into Hamilton County, Marketing and Communication Manager Lainey Schroer told The Reporter, “We just see so much potential in these communities. We see the need for a community bank to be there and the type of people who would respond well to that. We like that our new location in Noblesville close to our Westfield locations, so it is an extension of our Hamilton County presence.”

Their current location in Noblesville is a storefront in the Pebble Village shopping area.

“We built this new full-service branch right in front of it, closer to the road,” Schroer said. “This allows us to serve our clients better and gives us more space to meet with them, give them a 24/7 ATM, drive through services, and it just opens us up to serve them so much better.”

Joshua Faudree, Branch Manager, was born and raised in Hamilton County, went to college at Manchester University, and has worked in the banking industry since 2012. He is involved with “Keep Noblesville Beautiful” and the Noblesville Cham-



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(From left) Customer Service Representative Gabrielle Dawson, Financial Services Representative Chris Fisher, Assistant Branch Manager Natalie Morrow, Branch Manager Joshua Faudree and Customer Service Representative Slater Young.

ber of Commerce.

“I look forward to continuing the great service our community has come to rely on with the opening of our new Noblesville location,” said Faudree. “Welcome to our family!”

Scott Hammersley, Commercial Loan Group Manager, is a graduate of Ball State University and has over 27 years of banking experience both in retail and commercial banking.

“I have a tremendous passion for what we do,” said Hammersley. “I want to have meaningful, in-depth conversations about your business/industry, your competitors, your long-term goals, your decision-making strategy and whatever else might be top of mind. When this is accomplished, I can then assemble YOUR bank TEAM and match financial solutions to your needs.”

The public Grand Opening celebration with the Noblesville Chamber of Com-

merce and Ribbon Cutting ceremony with the Mayor will be held at 4:30 p.m. on March 25.

About Community First Bank

Community First Bank was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo. There are currently three branches in Kokomo, two branches in Westfield and one branch in Noblesville. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

Fishers Signature Table sharing the love of food

By DENISE MOE
For The Reporter

The Signature Table at The Fishers Test Kitchen is a performance and teaching kitchen designed for dinners, tasting events, skills and cooking classes with top chefs, beverage specialists and creative food artisans from around the region.

The Signature Table offers classes, tastings, demonstrations and unique dinners and can also be rented out for private events. The Signature Table creates a cultural space that promotes an appreciation of the art of cooking.

The Proprietor of the Signature Table is local food writer, author and WISH-TV’s Indy Style regular guest, Jolene Ketzenberger. She loves to share her passion for cooking and hospitality with guests at The Signature Table.

The Reporter got to visit the Signature Table for a special pre-Valentine’s Day cooking class with 2016 MasterChef, fourth-place



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(From left) The Signature founder Jolene Ketzenberger, local chef Tanorria Askew and The Reporter’s own Denise Moe, home cook.

contestant and local chef Tanorria Askew, whose shrimp and grits Gordon Ramsay said was the best he’d ever tasted. Since her time as a contestant on MasterChef, Askew has built her personal chef business,

Tanorria’s Table. At The Signature Table, she will offer demos of her signature shrimp and grits as well as her other specialties in various class formats.

All tickets include the cooking demonstration and

sampling of all dishes as well as soft drinks. Other beverages are a viable for purchase.

For information about The Signature Table or dates and times or class, visit thesignaturetable.com.

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It was her way of leaving a legacy ... a very endearing legacy.

Mom confirmed what she wanted done for her funeral. Years ago, she had Emily write down her wishes. Who would speak, who would sing, what she would wear. Even who she wanted to do her hair.

We took turns sitting by her side throughout the day and into the night.

At midnight my son, Brandon, looked at me and said, “Mom, you are looking old ... go home.” He spent the night.

On Saturday morning, Mom woke up and looked around the room and then said to Emily, “Where am I?”

Emily asked her where she thought she was. Mom smiled and said, “Well, I didn’t expect to be here.” They both laughed.

Mom then asked Emily, “So what was all that talk about me dying?” Emily just shook her head. “Grandma, you said that God must be taking you home.”

It’s been quite the week.

Emily has now flown back to Tampa. Mom has had the opportunity to tell everyone what is on her

heart. She knows the sand continues to empty from the top of her hourglass even more quickly.

For the time being, the good Lord seems to have hit the “Pause” button. It is quite the emotional roller-coaster.

Mom is gaining strength. She is smiling and is eating pork rinds. Her heart is clear. She has given us our marching orders to BE NICE.

This is a hard journey we are on. It’s like a long refrain of the old gospel song, “I will meet you in the morning, over there.” The moments are ever so precious.

Someday there will be calls that I don’t want to make, but until then, I will continue to enjoy my time with her ... and buy more pork rinds.

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Rachel Priddy’s mobile coffee bar will continue to service farmers markets and festivals in Hamilton County.

Independent coffee shop, café to open soon in “WestCarFishVille”

The REPORTER

Rose & Lois café is opening Saturday, March 7 with live music and free menu samples, including drip coffee, soups, sandwiches and charcuterie board items (olives, prosciutto, cheese, crackers and candied pecans). “Those of you who have followed our mobile coffee bar know that this café opening has been in the works for quite some time,” said Owner and Operator Rachel Priddy. “To have the café now opening is a dream, and I am so grateful to those who have encouraged and supported us along the way.” “Rose & Lois” is named after Priddy and her husband Cain’s two daughters, Amberlee Rose, 1, and Anna Lois, 3. Both girls are also named after their great-grandmothers, so

the business name carries special significance for the family as well. The mobile coffee bar will continue to service local farmers markets and festivals, and a second trailer is now available specifically for private events including weddings. The café, however, brings full circle the local café experience that Priddy was passionate about creating: A place for life to take place. To get work done, play with your kids, connect with others in the community, read, and savor the moment – all while enjoying exceptional specialty coffee roasted locally. In December 2018, Priddy was on maternity leave contemplating returning to a career in sales. As a food scientist, she had been in technical sales for most of her career, but with two kids two and under at the time, she wanted to build a lifestyle that would allow her not to travel away from her family while still exposing her to people, as a self-proclaimed “people person.” This launched her trajectory of building a coffee shop business. (The mobile business was born after initially pursuing a café while patiently negotiating on different locations for a lease.) After finding a roaster whose coffee Priddy “fell in love with,” Blue Mind Roasting of Indianapolis, she set to work growing her knowledge of coffee. After initially working to develop flavors, specifically coffee flavors, at a flavor house in Indianapolis, she then called on a large coffee retail chain, selling them flavors and helping with development of flavor profiles for coffee and syrups. From

there, she began “drinking from the firehose,” as she calls it, trying to educate herself on as much about the beautiful world of coffee as possible. “We could not be more excited to be going into our space at 7249 E. 146th St., Suite 110, Carmel,” Priddy said. The location borders Westfield, Carmel, Fishers and Noblesville. Priddy says she was dedicated to having a drive thru as she understands the challenge parents face constantly buckling and unbuckling car seats. She also wanted outdoor seating, which this location offers in a back patio. Additionally, the café features a small meeting room to host other local entrepreneurs when meeting clients, and a children’s play area to accommodate family life. The café is located just around the corner from home for the family, and Priddy has enjoyed biking to the café to monitor progress with her kiddos. “To me, launching the café is just a microcosm of life coming together,” Priddy said. “I see it as an opportunity to invest in our community (including a worldwide reach of coffee purchased sustainably to provide a livable wage for the farmers), connect with the lives of other people, and teach our employees and our kids strong work ethic, customer service, problem-solving, responsibility, integrity, and so much more. Thank you for joining us on this adventure!”

Letter to the Editor

Right legislation could end surprise medical billing

Dear Editor:

Most Hoosiers agree on the need to reduce health care costs, to improve access to care and to end the practice of surprise medical billing. And Indiana physicians would agree.

They have witnessed families struggle to pay for emergency or unplanned medical services from providers that are outside their health insurance network. However, the two pieces of “surprise billing” legislation moving forward in the Indiana General Assembly, Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 1004, lack any methods to determine fair payment for the medical professionals who are there when patients need them most.

That’s why doctors in Indiana and across the country are advocating for independent dispute resolution, or IDR, a process by which an unbiased third party is available to settle payment disputes between insurers and out-of-network physicians. Otherwise, there will be no obligation for insurers to pay physicians a fair rate.

Without an IDR process, physicians are concerned the repercussions will lead to higher health care costs and less access to critical care – the exact problems lawmakers have vowed to fix.

Cost of Health Care

A priority for the Indiana General Assembly is to lower health care costs for Hoosier consumers, and rightfully so. But doctors are not the problem here. According to the Health Care Cost Institute, physician fees in Indiana cost employers 22.5 percent less than the national average. In fact, Hoosier companies spend less per person on their employees’ professional medical services than all but three states in the U.S. – and less than every neighboring state.

Cutting physician fees in Indiana when such fees are already well below the rest of the nation will not make health care cheaper and more accessible. It will lead to more practice groups getting acquired by health systems or simply closing altogether. Such consolidation will result in less competition in the market, higher prices, longer wait times and fewer doctors available to serve our communities.

Access to Health Care

For vulnerable populations, especially in rural areas, the only thing worse than surprise medical billing is not having any medical providers at all. Some independent physician groups contract with rural facilities to staff evening and weekend hours. These arrangements could be impacted without a fair solution for payment disagreements between insurance companies and out-of-network providers, leaving rural citizens without 24/7 emergency medical care.

An Effective Solution

To be a truly effective solution, surprise billing legislation at both the state and federal level needs to include an unbiased, market-based approach – the kind that IDR provides.

The competing federal bills up for consideration in Washington, D.C. include independent dispute resolution. A bipartisan effort to end surprise billing was recently proposed in the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee by the ranking Republican, Rep. Kevin Brady (R-Texas), and the committee chair, Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-Mass.). Their bill, “Consumer Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills Act of 2020,” would eliminate surprise billing AND provide a method for fair payment with IDR serving as a backstop to incentivize parties to contract in good faith.

I urge you to contact your state and federal lawmakers to support this approach to end surprise billing – including an independent, third-party arbitration that is fair, fast and free of bureaucracy. That way, patients can focus on getting the medical care they need, when and where they need it, at a cost they can reasonably afford.

Julie Reed, JD
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Indiana American Water still accepting grant applications

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Indiana American Water is now accepting applications for its 2020 Environmental Grant Program.

"Indiana American Water's commitment to providing our customers with clean, safe, reliable water service also means that we share a commitment to protecting our environment," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "Everyone is responsible for protecting our nation's water supply, and this program encourages municipalities, schools, environmental organizations and civic groups to apply for a grant that will benefit their watersheds and the communities we serve across the state."

Indiana American Water's Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect

the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships. Last year, Indiana American Water funded several watershed projects across the state. In 2020, the company will be awarding several grants for a combined total of more than \$10,000.

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community

- Be completed between May 1, 2020 and Nov. 30, 2020

- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program

- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations

- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the grant monies are utilized), and

- Be located within one of Indiana American Water's service areas across the state.

Projects will be judged based on criteria that include clarity of project goals and projected impact, strength of collaboration with other community and/or municipal organizations, and evidence that the project will provide sustainable environmental results after Indiana American Water's funding ends.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2020, and mailed to Indiana American Water, 153 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, IN 46143, ATTN: Joe Loughmiller. Award recipients will be notified by April 30.

Additional Information and application requirements can be obtained online at the Environmental Grant section of the [company website](#).

How much did the new Governor's Mansion cost?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

1851 – Ida Husted Harper was born in Fairfield in Franklin County. She became a nationally-known journalist and advocate for women's suffrage. In addition to her many publications, she authored a three-volume biography of Susan B. Anthony.

1862 – The first group of Confederate soldiers arrived at Camp Morton prison in Indianapolis. The camp was located on the old state fairgrounds in an area bordered by 19th and 22nd streets between Talbott Street and Central Avenue. The camp Commandant was Union Colonel Richard Owen.

1904 – James Baskett was born in Indianapolis, where he attended Arsenal Technical High School. He trained as a pharmacist, but his interest in acting took him to Chicago where he worked with Bill "Bojangles" Robinson. Moving to California, he found steady work in radio and motion pictures. He is most famous for his portrayal of



Uncle Remus in Walt Disney's "Song of the South." For that role, he received an honorary Oscar in 1948. He died shortly thereafter and is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery.

1913 – The Woman's Press Club of Indiana was formed in a meeting in the Tea Room at the L. S. Ayres Department Store in Indianapolis. There were 13 members at the first gathering. Hester Alverson Mofett, publisher of the *Elwood Daily Record*, was elected president. Now in its second century, the organization continues to serve communicators in print and broadcast reporting, social media, public relations, marketing and book publishing.

1917 – A huge rally for women's voting rights was held at the Indiana Statehouse. The Huntington

Press reported that "every train and every interurban car came loaded with men and women interested in suffrage measures." Participants wore suffrage streamers and carried large banners through the corridors. It would be three more years before women were given the right to vote across the country.

1945 – The Indiana General Assembly agreed to allocate \$100,000 for the purchase of a home to be used as the new Governor's Mansion. The proposal needed only the approval of the budget committee and not the Governor's signature. Governor Ralph Gates, like his predecessor, Henry Schricker, had said he did not want to be in the position of buying a new home for himself during his tenure.

Paul Poteet... Your Hometown Weatherman!

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 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
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DNR's grasslands program has successful first year

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The DNR says its Grasslands for Gamebirds & Songbirds (GGS) initiative made a quantifiable impact in establishing habitat for birds and pollinators in its first year.

Grassland habitat also improves soil health and water quality, which can in turn improve overall human health, and increases recreational opportunities for Hoosiers.

In recent years, native grassland habitat has declined in Indiana and across the country, as have many of the birds and pollinators

that rely on that habitat. GGS aims to reverse that trend by providing Indiana landowners with technical and financial assistance to restore that habitat.

In 2019, 138 habitat projects on more than 1,800 acres started establishing native grasses, wildflowers and shrubs. Efforts to spread the word about declining grasslands, birds and pollinators have reached more than 850,000 people through the efforts of DNR and its partners. Research and monitoring efforts are also underway to assess the impact newly established habitat has on grassland bird species. More than 300 bird surveys on 14,500 acres were completed in 2019. Additional research is being conducted through Indiana's first National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative (NBCI) focal area.

In coordination with GGS, more than 2,000 acres of private land were enrolled in Access Program Providing Land Enhancements (APPLE) to improve habitat and provide new recreational opportunities.

Since APPLE started in 2017, 114 new gamebird hunting opportunities have been provided.

GGS, led by DNR Fish & Wildlife and in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), brings \$2 million of additional conservation funding to DNR and Indiana residents.

Conservation funding through RCPP as well as contributions from private citizens, businesses and non-governmental organizations, have increased DNR's capacity to assist landowners with grassland habitat establishment and enhancement projects. This increased capacity includes three new DNR grassland biologist positions, dedicated habitat teams and increased financial assistance for habitat projects on private land across the landscape.

To learn more or get involved, visit on.IN.gov/Grasslands. A summary of 2019 GGS accomplishments is available at [this link](#).

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Acts 3:4-7 (KJV)

Fishers road construction updates

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State Road 37

On Monday, Feb. 24, the left turn lane onto westbound 126th Street from northbound State Road 37 will close. This is the first step of construction as the temporary barrier wall will be installed. During the left turn lane closure, there will be cross access.

Beginning on Sunday, March 1, the west approach of east 126th Street at SR 37 will close and is anticipated to reopen in July. During this time, cross access and all left turns will be restricted, with only right in and right out until this phase ends. Local access to businesses will remain open via Lantern Road. The official detour route will direct drivers to use 116th Street or 131st Street to Allisonville Road. Detour route markers

and advance warning signs will be in place prior to the closure.

For a map of the detours, [click here](#). Please drive with caution through this area. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

Lantern Road

Lantern Road is closed to thru traffic, beginning south of 116th Street to Fishers Pointe Boulevard, as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project to improve the sanitary sewer underneath Lantern Road. Access to Fishers Elementary is available from 106th Street. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

96th Street

Periodic lane restric-

tions are in effect as part of the road widening project. For more information, view the [Fact Sheet](#).

Keep Fishers DPW safe

Road construction continues around Fishers, so please remember to slow down and drive carefully around road workers. [Click here](#) to see the Fishers DPW crew talk about worker safety.

While this list encompasses numerous project updates, it does not list all DPW projects throughout the city. The most recent projects are detailed, however please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting. The city appreciates motorists' patience and caution while driving through construction sites.

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Girls state swim meet: Carmel 1st, Fishers 2nd, HSE 6th...

Carmel extends win streak to 34; Casey and Huff win individual titles

By RICHIE HALL
INDIANAPOLIS - Even after 34 consecutive years of winning state championships, it isn't difficult for the Carmel girls swim team to keep its program fresh. That's because it always seems like every year, new swimmers step up and make their presences known. They certainly did Saturday at the IU Natatorium, where the Greyhounds continued their state title streak in their usual dominant fashion.

Carmel scored 426.5 points to win its 34th straight state title, extending its national record for most state championships in a row. That point total is the fourth largest in state meet history, something that likely exceeded the expectations of Carmel itself.

"I don't think a year ago looking at this team, you would've predicted as many scoring swims in our score as we did today," said Greyhounds coach Chris Plumb. "Kudos to them and how far they've come over the past year. Certainly was not what we would've predicted a year ago."

Two underclassmen led the way for Carmel, both of whom picked up an individual state title and also swam on two of the Greyhounds' three state-winning relays.

Sophomore Gretchen Lueking finished first in the 200 freestyle in the early part of the meet, then swimming on the 200 and 400 free relays in the latter stages. Freshman Berit Berglund opened the meet up by participating on the winning medley relay, then scored a victory in the backstroke before swimming on the 400 free relay.

"Those girls have worked hard," said



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The Carmel girls swim team continued its national record state championship streak on Saturday, winning its 34th straight state title Saturday at the IU Natatorium. The Greyhounds scored 426.5 points.

Plumb. "I think our senior leadership helped create an atmosphere where great athletes can emerge and I feel really good about the group of people leaving as well as the ones we have coming in."

"It's so amazing," said Lueking. "All the girls and all of our teammates are just so close. It's like a big family, so it's just amazing to swim for everyone in the

stands and everyone on deck. It's just such an amazing opportunity to be a part of."

Carmel's other relay participants were Maggie Love, Meredith Berglund and Colleen Duffy in the medley relay; Duffy, Avery Williams and Madelyn Christman in the 200 free relay, and Madelyn Christman and Meghan Christman on the 400

free relay.

Overall, the Greyhounds had 22 medal winners at the state meet. Meghan Christman was second in the 50 free, with Lueking the runner-up in the 100 free. MacKenna Lieske placed second in the individual medley and third in the breaststroke. The 'Hounds had four fourth-place finishers: Berit Berglund in the 200 free, Madelyn Christman in the IM, Meghan Christman in the 100 free and Erin Cummins in the 500 free.

Meredith Berglund tied for fifth in the butterfly, with Madelyn Christman getting fifth in the 100 free and Love placing fifth in the breaststroke. Duffy finished fifth in the backstroke and sixth in the 50 free, while Love was also sixth in the IM. Seventh-place finishes went to Hayley Reed in the butterfly and Taylor Conley in the backstroke, with Morgan Croaning taking eighth in the 500 free.

TIGERS TAKE SECOND, CASEY WINS DIVING

Fishers had an outstanding state meet, placing second with 208 points. It's the second time the Tigers have received the runner-up trophy; the first time was in 2015.

Fishers earned eight state medals, including one with a blue ribbon: Morgan Casey won the diving event, scoring 508.90 points.

"This has been the best meet I've ever dove. I PRed by like, 40 points," said Casey. She became the second Fishers diver to win a state title, the first being Shelby Bartlett in 2012.

"I have never scored a 500-point meet before and it was just crazy and awesome," said Casey. "It was just amazing. I'm still in shock right now."

Casey had some nervous moments



Fishers finished as state runner-up for the second time in program history. The Tigers scored 208 points.

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in the last dive, as she was battling with Plainfield’s Daryn Wright, who scored 502.90 for her 11 dives. Casey’s final dive score of 39.10 was enough to get her over the top.

“I was just hoping and praying for that last dive, because I knew that I needed it, and so I just went up and I did it,” said Casey. “And that was it.”

Over in the pool, freshman Jo Jo Ramey had a great day, winning four medals. She finished as the runner-up in the 500 free, joined Lydia Reade, Alexandra Stein and Kalli Agapios to take fourth in the medley relay, placed fifth in the IM and teamed up with Ellen Fero, Kate Mouser and Hannah Pratt to finish in the fifth in the 400 free relay.

Reade took fourth in the breaststroke, while Fero, Agapios, Stein and Pratt placed fifth in the 200 free relay. Corinne Yorkman earned a seventh-place medal in the 500 free.

“They took care of the things they needed to do last night,” said Fishers coach Joe Keller. “No doubt today, they fought through the entire meet to get the job done. What an awesome job by Morgan Casey, being a state champion, really cool.”

ROYALS FINISH IN SIXTH

Hamilton Southeastern reached a landmark by finishing sixth at this year’s state meet. This is the 20th year that the Royals have placed in the top 10. Southeastern got its first top 10 finish in 1998, so the Royals have achieved that status in 20 of the past 23 years.

“I was really proud of the girls,” said Southeastern coach Andy Pedersen. “They fought hard today and they capped off this really, really good season. Just super proud of them. They swam well.”

Molly Pedersen finished the day with four medals. She placed sixth in the 200 free and seventh in the 100 free, later joined Kennedy Fisher, Bri Saple and Kayleigh Witt to take sixth in the 200 free relay, then finished the meet by teaming with Abigail Harter, Witt and Grace Newton for a sixth-place finish in the 400 free relay.

Harter also took third in the backstroke, an event she won medals in all four years of her high school career. She will swim at Purdue next year. Witt is headed to Ball State.

“I was just so proud of her, she was special today,” said Andy Pedersen. “People don’t realize that one of the things that she does that’s really, really special and elite is she always swims the 400 relay and she swims it great.”

Senior Sarah Ballard finished sixth in the diving, the second time she earned a medal in that event, after placing fourth

as a sophomore. She will dive for Iowa next year.

MILLERS' HUFF WINS THE BREASTSTROKE

Noblesville junior Sammy Huff made some history on Saturday, as she became the first Millers swimmer in 10 years to win a state championship at the meet.

Huff won the breaststroke, emerging on top of a close race where the top five were separated by 0.61 seconds. After trailing by .04 seconds halfway through the race, Huff turned it on in the final 50 yards and won in a time of 1:02.87.

“It’s always exciting, and being able to see the people next to you makes it even more exciting and your competitive spirit comes out in races like that,” said Huff.

This is the third medal Huff has won in the breaststroke, after placing fourth last year and eighth as a freshman. She is the first state champion at the swimming/diving meet since Meghan Potee won the diving in 2010.

Huff had extra incentive for winning state: She wanted to do it for coach Rich Wolfred, who is retiring at the end of the season.

“It’s Rich’s last year, and I really wanted to swim it for Rich and finish his coaching career off strong,” said Huff.

The Millers placed 16th as a team with 34 points. Huff also got points with an 11th-place finish in the IM. Caitlin Marshall took 15th in the butterfly, and both swimmers joined Jordan Cooley and Abby Harvey to place 14th in the medley relay.

Team scores (Top 10 and all county): 1. Carmel 426.5, 2. Fishers 208, 3. Franklin Community 165, 4. Northridge 158, 5. Fort Wayne Carroll 155, 6. Hamilton Southeastern 136, 7. Zionsville 130.5, 8. Homestead 121, 9. South Bend St. Joseph 110.5, 10. Chesterton 77, 16. Noblesville 34.

200 medley relay

“A” Final: 1. Carmel (Berit Berglund, Maggie Love, Meredith Berglund, Colleen Duffy) 1:41.33, 4. Fishers (Jo Jo Ramey, Lydia Reade, Alexandra Stein, Kalli Agapios) 1:44.74.

“B” Final: 9. Southeastern (Rebecca Ang, Kennedy Fisher, Abigail Harter, Grace Newton) 1:45.49, 14. Noblesville (Jordan Cooley, Sammy Huff, Caitlin Marshall, Abby Harvey) 1:48.46.

200 freestyle

“A” Final: 1. Gretchen Lueking (C) 1:47.50, 4. B. Berglund (C) 1:48.72, 6. Molly Pedersen (HSE) 1:50.88.

“B” Final: 9. Erin Cummins (C) 1:51.19, 11. Hannah Pratt (F) 1:52.34,



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Noblesville's Sammy Huff won the breaststroke event, becoming the first Millers swimmer to win a state swimming title in 10 years.

12. Kayleigh Witt (HSE) 1:52.46, 14. Kate Mouser (F) 1:53.06, 16. Abby Johns (F) 1:54.95.

200 individual medley

“A” Final: 1. Devon Kitchel (Z) 1:59.47, 2. MacKenna Lieske (C) 2:00.78, 4. Madelyn Christman (C) 2:02.44, 5. Ramey (F) 2:03.07, 6. Love (C) 2:03.48.

“B” Final: 9. Reade (F) 2:04.22, 11. Huff (N) 2:06.26, 16. Corinne Yorkman (F) 2:07.67.

50 freestyle

“A” Final: 1. Elizabeth Broshears (Evansville Memorial) 22.97, 2. Meghan Christman (C) 22.99, 6. Duffy (C) 23.33.

“B” Final: 14. Ellen Fero (F) 23.96.

One-meter diving

Finals: 1. Morgan Casey (F) 508.90, 6. Sarah Ballard (HSE) 463.65, 12. Grace Mousing (F) 430.50. Semi-finals: 20. Alexa Williams (Hamilton Heights) 290.90. Preliminaries: 21. Alaina Heyde (C) 185.70, 22. Darci Commons (C) 182.60.

100 butterfly

“A” Final: 1. Kitchel (Z) 54.04, T5. M. Berglund (C) 55.20, 7. Hayley Reed (C) 55.26.

“B” Final: 9. Avery Williams (C) 56.50, 15. Marshall (N) 57.76.

100 freestyle

“A” Final: 1. Kristina Paegle (Bloomington South) 49.57, 2. Lueking (C) 49.76, 4. Me. Christman (C) 50.53, 5. Ma. Christman (C) 50.92, 7. Pedersen (HSE) 51.63.

“B” Final: 14. Fero (F) 52.58.

500 freestyle

“A” Final: 1. Mary Catherine Pruitt (SBSJ) 4:47.03, 2. Ramey (F) 4:54.73, 4. Cummins (C) 4:57.59, 7. Yorkman (F) 5:01.73, 8. Morgan Croaning (C) 5:03.43.

“B” Final: 10. Jahns (F) 5:02.48, 12. Vivian Wilson (C) 5:04.04.

200 freestyle relay

“A” Final: 1. Carmel (Duffy, Williams, Lueking, Ma. Christman) 1:32.61, 5. Fishers (Fero, Agapios, Stein, Pratt) 1:35.18, 6. Southeastern (Pedersen, Fisher, Bri Saple, Witt) 1:35.29.

100 backstroke

“A” Final: 1. B. Berglund (C) 53.41, 3. Harter (HSE) 54.74, 5. Duffy (C) 55.09, 7. Taylor Conley (C) 55.58.

100 breaststroke

“A” Final: 1. Huff (N) 1:02.87, 3. Lieske (C) 1:03.11, 4. Reade (F) 1:03.13, 5. Love (C) 1:03.48.

“B” Final: 10. Fisher (HSE) 1:04.35, 11. Mouser (F) 1:04.92.

400 freestyle relay

“A” Final: 1. Carmel (Lueking, Ma. Christman, Me. Christman, B. Berglund) 3:21.22, 5. Fishers (Fero, Ramey, Mouser, Pratt) 3:28.85, 6. Southeastern (Pedersen, Witt, Harter, Grace Newton) 3:28.91.



Hamilton Southeastern's Bri Saple, Kayleigh Witt and Kennedy Fisher prepare for a race.

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As water reflects a face, so a man's heart reflects the man. Prov. 27:19

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Girls basketball regional

Fishers falls to Northwestern

The Fishers girls basketball team’s historic season came to an end on Saturday, as the No. 3-ranked Tigers fell to No. 1 Northwestern 67-40 at the Class 4A Marion regional at the Bill Green Arena.

Fishers came out ready to play, as the Tigers used back-to-back 3-pointers from Katie Burton and Kaitlynn Feagan to take an early 6-2 lead. Another Burton basket put Fishers ahead 8-4 midway through the first quarter.

But Northwestern took over after that. Kendall Bostic, one of its two star players, made a three-point play to put Northwestern up 9-8, and it never trailed again, eventually running out the first quarter and taking a 20-12 lead. Northwestern then cruised through the second period to lead 37-19 at halftime.

“Their length on defense just gave us a lot of trouble,” said Tigers coach Lauren Votaw. “We turned the ball over way more times than we have and I’m going to credit a lot of that to Northwestern. They were solid defensively and like I said, their length really bothered us. We hit some shots early, I thought we might be okay. We couldn’t find a way to get the ball in the middle, which is where we felt like it was open.”

Fishers continued to fight in the third quarter. Burton added another four points, then Audra Emmerson made a 3-pointer. The Tigers’ freshman twins, Hailey and Olivia Smith, provided some good minutes in the third quarter, with Hailey making a layin, then Olivia scoring off a steal to keep Fishers within 48-34.

Northwestern’s Klair Merrell made a layin to end the third period and put her team up 50-34. That began a 10-0 run for Northwestern, whose defense took over again and allowed the Tigers only six points in the fourth quarter.

Burton led Fishers with 15 points, both she and Hailey Smith collected four rebounds. Lydia Stullken blocked two shots.

The Tigers finished their season with a school record 23 wins against just two

losses. Fishers will graduate three seniors, Stullken, Feagan and Tamia Perryman, who left quite a legacy for the Tigers.

“They win 23 games, which is a school record,” said Votaw. “They won a (Hoosier Crossroads) Conference title outright. They won a sectional title, which we haven’t done since 2014. They got the chance to be a part of not one, but two buzzer-beaters. And I just told them in there, not many high school girls basketball players get to say any of that, let alone all of that.”

As for the seniors’ legacy, Votaw summed it up with this:

“Sometime in the fourth quarter, I’m watching the game and Lydia Stullken – I mean, we’re down 20-plus, probably, at this point – and Lydia Stullken is going around and finding her teammates and giving high fives, because she knows that talk and touches is what keeps a group together,” said Votaw. “That is the legacy that those seniors are going to leave. That’s how we do things here. We compete to the end and we’re great teammates.”

NORTHWESTERN 67, FISHERS 40					
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Audra Emmerson	2-4	0-0	6	0	
Kaitlynn Feagan	1-1	0-0	3	2	
Tamia Perryman	1-9	0-0	2	3	
Lydia Stullken	2-6	0-0	4	2	
Katie Burton	7-13	0-1	15	4	
Hailey Smith	3-8	0-2	6	4	
Olivia Smith	1-6	0-0	2	3	
Katie Howard	0-2	0-0	0	0	
Shae Shaffer	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Jordan Imes	0-0	0-0	0	0	
Kaiya Walker	1-1	0-1	2	0	
Totals	18-50	0-4	40	18	
Score by Quarters					
Fishers	12	7	15	6	40
Northwestern	20	17	13	17	67
Fishers 3-point shooting (4-17) Emmerson 2-4, Feagan 1-1, Burton 1-1, Perryman 0-5, Howard 0-2, H. Smith 0-2, O. Smith 0-2.					
Fishers rebounds (24) H. Smith 4, Burton 4, Emmerson 3, Perryman 3, O. Smith 3, Stullken 3, Feagan 1, Imes 1, team 2.					



Reporter photos by Kirk Green
Fishers' Audra Emmerson drives to the baseline and draws a foul during the Tigers' girls basketball regional game with Northwestern Saturday morning at Marion's Bill Green Arena.

Wrestling semi-state

HSE's Irick wins at 285, county sends 11 to state

Eleven Hamilton County wrestlers qualified for next weekend’s state meet after their performances at Saturday’s New Castle semi-state.

Carmel finished fourth as a team with 85 points and qualified six athletes on to state. Suhas Chundi was the runner-up at 106 pounds. Brendan Mattingly (138) and Gabe Davin (170) both took third place in their respective divisions, while Brac Hooper (113), Jake Shafer (145) and Haakon Van Beynen (220) all finished fourth.

Hamilton Southeastern placed eighth in the team standings with 42 points and advanced two wrestlers to state. Leading the way was Andrew Irick, who won the 285-pound division. After taking his first match by fall, Irick won three tough deci-

sion matches, including a 4-3 win in the title match over Cathedral’s Holden Parsons. Irick is 34-1 for the season. Reece Luhmann finished as runner-up at 145 pounds and also heads to state.

Westfield took ninth place with 39 points and has two state qualifiers. Carson Eldred was the runner-up at 120 pounds, while Dylan Driver took third at 113.

Fishers’ J.D. Farrell finished as runner-up at 195 pounds, qualifying for state. Farrell’s performance gave the Tigers 22 team points, good for 15th place.

Cathedral dominated the team standings with 150 points, followed by Warren Central with 94.5 and Roncalli with 92.5.

The state meet begins Friday evening at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.



Olivia Smith goes up to score two points for Fishers.

Millers gymnastics competes at Connersville

The Noblesville gymnastics team placed sixth out of 10 schools at the Connersville Invitational on Saturday.

The Millers earned a team score of 88.70. A new gymnast provided a boost for Noblesville: Freshman Keira Harper. In her first-ever meet, Harper totaled 31.80 for her all-around score, placed 10th in the balance beam event with an 8.325 and a “beam stick,” and also had the Millers’ highest score of the day, totaling 8.35 on the floor exercise.

“This is one of Keira's best events and we will continue to see her floor score rise towards the end of the season with her high value skills on floor,” said Noblesville coach Jody Ramey.

Hailey Knoll led the way on vault with a 7.95, while Harper scored a 7.225 on the uneven bars. The seniors did well, with Ella Deno scoring a 7.90 on the balance beam with a “beam stick,” and Cailey Hurst scoring a 7.575 on the floor.

Ramey was proud of her team, noting that its total score jumped 10 points, “which is a huge rise in a total score for

the sport of gymnastics.”

Noblesville will finish the regular season on Wednesday by hosting Crawfordsville at Noblesville East Middle School. The meet begins at 6:30 p.m.

Team scores: Columbus North 109.30, Richmond 107.725, Roncalli 101.55, Northwestern 98.65, Connersville 91.95, Noblesville 88.70, Franklin Central 88.625, Morristown 82.50, Lapel 36.45, Union County 33.625.

All-around scores: Keira Harper 31.80, Hailey Knoll 28.10, Ella Deno 26.625, Lexi Reister 25.40.

Vault: Knoll 7.95, Harper 7.90, Deno 7.70, Cailey Hurst 7.70, Reister 7.50. Uneven bars: Harper 7.225, Knoll 6.625, Reister 5.025, Deno 3.65.

Balance beam: 10. Harper 8.325, Deno 7.90, Knoll 6.75, Reister 5.85.

Floor exercise: Harper 8.35, Hurst 7.575, Deno 7.375, Reister 7.025, Knoll 6.775.

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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	33	22	.600	5.0
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	18	.673	5.0
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	32	.418	11.5

Boys basketball

Millers drop tough game to FW Wayne

By RICHIE HALL
NOBLESVILLE - Noblesville was dealt a tough loss at The Mill on Saturday night, falling to Fort Wayne Wayne 51-49.

The Generals made the first big run of the game, outscoring the Millers 7-0 in the first quarter to take a 9-5 lead. Alex Hunt ended the run with a 3-pointer, but Wayne's Isaac Fowlkes answered that with a 3, giving the Generals a 12-8 lead at the end of the period.

Wayne's lead stretch to 18-10 midway through the second quarter before Noblesville closed out the half on a 6-0 run, keeping the Millers within 18-16. David Lloyd made a layin, then Trenton Reed took care of the other four points, with free throws and a basket.

Noblesville made its move in the third quarter, with Hunt draining a 3-pointer to spark a 10-1 run that gave the Millers a 27-21 lead. EJ Smith added five points and Noah Harris finished it off with a layin. That run helped Noblesville keep the lead throughout the period.

The Millers led 37-30 late in the third quarter, but a basket from the Generals' Quincy Miles finished the period, and kept Wayne within 37-32. That basket began a 13-0 run for the Generals, and resulted in them holding a 43-37 fourth-quarter lead.

"We weren't great on the ball," said Noblesville coach John Peckinpough. "We weren't great in our gaps. We let them get deep penetration and it hurt us

down the stretch there."

Noblesville kept battling, getting within one point twice, first at 46-45 after a Hunt 3-pointer, then at 48-47 with 1:06 left to go. But the Millers would get no closer.

"Our attention to detail tonight wasn't where it needed to be tonight to be successful," said Peckinpough.

Hunt scored 24 points to lead the Millers, including four 3-pointers. He also had five rebounds and two blocked shots.

Noblesville is 10-11 and hosts Guerin Catholic on Tuesday.

FORT WAYNE WAYNE 51, NOBLESVILLE 49				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jordan Gadis	2-5	0-0	4	2
Brendon Fisher	0-2	0-0	0	2
EJ Smith	2-8	3-4	8	3
Noah Harris	1-2	1-2	3	4
Alex Hunt	7-13	6-7	24	4
Trenton Reed	1-1	2-2	4	0
Evan Wilson	1-6	0-0	3	1
Preston Roberts	0-0	1-2	1	1
David Lloyd	1-2	0-0	2	0
Totals	15-39	13-17	49	17
Score by Quarters				
Wayne	12	6	14	19 - 51
Noblesville	8	8	21	12 - 49
Noblesville 3-point shooting (6-22) Hunt 4-7, Smith 1-5, Wilson 1-4, Gadis 0-2, Fisher 0-2, Harris 0-1, Lloyd 0-1. Noblesville rebounds (23) Hunt 5, Harris 4, Wilson 4, Gadis 2, Fisher 2, Smith 2, Roberts 2, Reed 1, team 1.				



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
Alex Hunt scored 24 points for Noblesville during the Millers' game with Fort Wayne Wayne Saturday at The Mill.

Huskies get comeback win at Frankfort

Hamilton Heights came back from a halftime deficit to beat Frankfort 71-58 Saturday night in a game at the Hot Dogs' legendary Case Arena.

Frankfort led 16-12 after the first quarter and 31-21 at halftime. The Huskies turned up their defense in the third period, allowing the Hot Dogs only nine points. Heights got its offense going as well, scoring 25 points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Gus Etchison and Camron Knott both scored 16 points, while Issiac Hickok nailed four 3-pointers on his way to 14 points. Knott and Brent Pennington came close to double-doubles, as Pennington had 10 rebounds and nine points, while Knott had nine rebounds. Etchison, Hickok and Luke Carroll all collected five rebounds and Hudson Hochstedler dished out six assists.

The Huskies are 13-6 for the season. Heights will travel to Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday to play for the Hoosier Conference championship. The Huskies finished East Division play 4-0, while the Knights completed West Division play 4-0 as well.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 71, FRANKFORT 58				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Hudson Hochstedler	3-6	0-0	7	2
Gus Etchison	6-14	3-5	16	2
Issiac Hickok	5-9	0-0	14	2
Brent Pennington	2-5	4-4	9	1
Camron Knott	6-13	2-4	16	2
Luke Carroll	3-6	2-2	8	3
Lucas Letsinger	0-4	0-0	0	1
Jonny Cambron	0-0	1-2	1	0
Totals	25-57	12-17	71	13
Score by Quarters				
Heights	12	9	25	25 - 71
Frankfort	16	15	9	18 - 58
Heights 3-point shooting (9-22) Hickok 4-6, Knott 2-5, Etchison 1-5, Hochstedler 1-2, Pennington 1-1, Letsinger 0-3. Heights rebounds (37) Pennington 10, Knott 9, Etchison 5, Hickok 5, Carroll 5, Hochstedler 2, Letsinger 1.				



Dave Fleming, a 1975 Noblesville graduate, was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame during halftime of Noblesville's Saturday game. Fleming scored 1,042 points in his career and was named to the All-Conference and All-Hamilton County teams multiple times throughout his career.

'Hounds beat Carroll

Carmel bounced back from a tough Friday loss to defeat Fort Wayne Carroll 38-33 in a Saturday game at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Class 4A No. 8 Greyhounds got off to a strong start, leading 18-5 after the first quarter. The Chargers made a comeback in the middle periods, cutting Carmel's lead to 24-14 by halftime and 30-26 after three quarters. But the Greyhounds were able to hold on in the fourth period.

Charlie Williams led Carmel with a solid all-around game of 14 points, four assists, three rebounds and two blocked shots. Brian Waddell led the Greyhounds rebounding with eight.

Carmel is 13-6 and will travel to Warren Central on Friday to finish Metropolitan Conference play.

CARMEL 38, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 33				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Peter Suder	1-4	2-2	4	3
Charlie Williams	6-12	2-2	14	3
Connor Gioia	2-4	2-2	7	0
Brian Waddell	3-7	1-2	8	2
Jackson Jannsen	1-2	0-0	3	1
Bryce Beery	1-1	0-0	2	2
Josh Whack	0-0	0-0	0	2
Wil Leary	0-1	0-0	0	2
Nick Frische	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-32	7-8	38	15
Score by Quarters				
Carroll	5	9	12	7 - 33
Carmel	18	6	6	8 - 38
Carmel 3-point shooting (3-12) Waddell 1-4, Jannsen 1-2, Gioia 1-2, Suder 0-3, Leary 0-1. Carmel rebounds (21) Waddell 8, Suder 4, Williams 3, Gioia 2, Leary 2, Whack 1, Beery 1.				

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