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(From left) Isabel Jensen, Annalee Schade, Kylie Lesmeister, Stacy London. (Back row) Gabe Anderson, State Senator Jim Merritt, Alana Halsted, Stevie Clapp and Tabitha Arnett. See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.

Local students advocate for stricter tobacco laws

The REPORTER
On Dec. 21, 2019, the federal government passed a Tobacco 21 policy which increases the age to purchase all tobacco products from 18 to 21. It also allows individual states to improve compliance and enhance strict penalties for tobacco retailers who sell to youth under the age of 21.

Advocates gathered Tuesday at the Statehouse to support stricter tobacco laws, including six youth from Hamilton County. Two of those youth played a key role and spoke to approximately 200 attendees at the Tobacco Free Indiana Advocacy event.

Lucy Schenk, a junior at Guerin Catholic High School, an advocate for Breathe Easy Hamilton County and VOICE Indiana kicked off the event by saying, "So many teenagers out there don't know how dangerous vaping can be. They don't know how their vaping today will affect their tomorrow."

Advocates young and old traveled from across the state to voice their concerns.

"With the millions of dollars the tobacco industry spends marketing to children, Indiana's youth tobacco crisis grew bigger and faster than any of us imagined," said Breathe Easy Hamilton County Youth Development Director, Stevie Clapp. "It seems like every day, we are hearing about another case of a child becoming addicted to tobacco products. In Indiana, 30 percent of all cancer cases are caused by smoking. I am thrilled our youth are ready to take action."

The group also wants to shift more of the focus from youth being penalized more than the retailers.

"There is a huge discrepancy in the way that Indiana is enforcing underage tobacco sales [laws] sometimes penalizing youth more harshly than the retailers who sell these deadly products," said Bryan Hannon, the Tobacco Free Indiana Chairman. "The objective of the Tobacco Free Indiana Advocacy Day was to fight for legislation that



Photo provided
Lucy Schenk, a junior at Guerin Catholic, and State Senator Victoria Spartz.

would have tougher consequences for retailers that break the law and sell to those under the age of 21."

Alana Halsted, a freshman at Westfield High School and also a youth advocate agreed.

"It is too easy for kids to access smoking products and kids should not be punished for this," Halsted said. "It's not their fault and retailers are getting away with this."

The current law, for example, states the maximum fine for a retailer that sells to an underage person is \$400 and for the youth the fine could be up to \$500.

The Breathe Easy Hamilton County/VOICE Indiana youth advocates met with legislators to share their stories in hope that they would gain their support to have stricter enforcement for T21 policy.

Law enforcement, civilian employees will benefit from new Wellness Unit

The REPORTER
Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush says he is proud to announce the establishment of a Wellness Unit at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

"While our men and women are focused on keeping our community safe, they unfortunately experience tragic, difficult and highly stressful situations on a regular basis," said Quakenbush. "Partnering with our employees in their physical, mental, and spiritual health will help ensure we are taking care of those who are looking out for our safety."

Michelle Furgason and Susan Sherer-Vincent partnered with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to establish the new Wellness Unit. Furgason is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate and a National Certified Counselor. Sherer-Vincent's resume includes: Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, and Certified Alcoholism Counselor.

On top of that, both women have master's degrees and are Certified in



Quakenbush



Furgason



Sherer-Vincent

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR). "These qualifications are impressive, but their unique focus on serving first responders is even more advantageous," said Quakenbush.

Deputies, Correctional Officers, as well as civilian employees all deal with trauma, which is inflicted upon them from working in the realm of law enforcement. The entire staff will receive training related to mindfulness, depression, suicide prevention, resiliency, PTSD, critical incidents, vicarious trauma, addiction and officer wellness.

"I wish to thank all of our elected leaders who helped make this new initiative possible," said Quakenbush. "This Wellness Unit will help keep our staff's mental health a priority along with striving to improve our already exceptional ability to be resilient. It is a proactive solution to a complex problem, and it would not have been possible without the full support of our County Council and County Commissioners."

Westfield Lions raffling off tickets to Zach Brown Band

The REPORTER
The Westfield Lions Club is offering you the chance to see the country/rock group The Zach Brown Band with VIP seats. The Club is holding a raffle for two VIP box seats along with lounge access and VIP parking for the Sept. 11, 2020 concert at Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center in Noblesville.

Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$30 each. This is a

package valued at \$1,500. The drawing will be held at the Lion's Poker for Sight finals on April 18. The winner does not need to be present.

As with all Lions Club projects, 100 percent of the net proceeds go to charity.

For a chance to win this great Grand Prize, call (317) 804-1875. Don't wait! With only 500 tickets this should sell out fast. Email westfieldlions.in@gmail.com or contact any Westfield Lion.

"We are really thrilled to make this awesome event possible to our wonderful Lion Club supporters," said Poker for Sight Chairman Mike Birk. "This is the first time we are adding a raffle to our charity fund raising event. The chance to win this VIP package is really exciting."

About the Lions
Lions Clubs International is a non-political service organization of

over 1.7 million members worldwide, established originally in 1917 in Chicago by Melvin Jones. It now has over 46,000 local clubs in more than 200 countries. The Lions' motto is "We Serve." Local Lions Club programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues and many other programs.

Carmel Parks & Rec offers Homeschool Hoopla for families

The REPORTER
Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will hold the first in a series of Hamilton County Homeschool Hoopla events from 9 a.m. to noon on March 19 at the Monon Community Center. This is an opportunity for families to learn about homeschool-specific opportunities offered by local businesses and non-profits that fit their curricula and extracurricular needs.

This event is a collaboration with several other Hamilton County organizations. Guests will have the opportunity to learn about programming and events from organizations including: Codelicious, Conner Prairie, Carmel Clay Public Library, Hamilton County East Public Library, International Talent Academy, Futsal Indy, Westfield Washington Public Library, Caravan Classes, Actors Theatre of Indiana (STEP), Museum of Miniature Houses and Other Collections, Indianapolis Fencing Club, and Let's Go Sports.

Through demonstrations and mini-lessons with instructors, guests will have hands-on experiences ranging from sports, art, theater, robotics, engineering and more. CCPR demonstrations will include:

- Homeschool Nature: Meet live animals with CCPR's resident naturalist.
- Homeschool Gym: Get moving with sports skills and drills.
- Homeschool Science: Try out video game design, coding and scratch.

"Over the last few years we have seen an increased need in our community for home-school programming. It's something we've been working on at Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation and we've found that other local organizations are also growing their home-school-specific offerings," said CCPR Recreation Program Supervisor Erica Foreman. "We're excited to team up and offer this opportunity for local families to come out and experience all that Hamilton County has to offer – there are a lot of incredible opportunities out there that I think attendees will be excited about."

The cost to attend the Homeschool Hoopla is \$6 per family. To register visit carmelclayparks.com/programs and use Activity #3012011-01.

Commissioners may rethink roundabout at 141st Street/State Road 37 in Fishers

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com



Budget concerns for the State Road 37 project in Fishers could result in the scuttling of plans to provide an east-west roundabout on 141st Street and State Road 37, but nothing has been decided officially. The rising cost of construction is cited as the reason for possibly rethinking the project.

Minutes from a Jan. 31 Hamilton County Commissioners meeting question whether the roundabout at 141st Street and State Road 37 in Fishers will be constructed as originally planned, possibly in favor of a right-in/right-out design. According

to those minutes, Commissioner Christine Altman said Fishers Mayor Scott Faddness recently asked her whether county officials are "committed on 141st Street or not."

"Altman's impression was we were going to jettison 141st Street in terms of major improvements to avoid costs if we had to," according to the minutes published on the Hamilton County website.

"The City of Fishers had a conversation with the Commissioner due to the projected cost increases to discuss contingencies related to the project if



Altman



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again, according to the meeting minutes, Hamilton County Highway Director Bradley Davis told commissioners "there is the option to go to right-in, right-out at that location. That has not been 100 percent decided if that is a good thing to do from a logistic/traffic standpoint."

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Davis added that the 146th Street and 131st Street interchanges were designed with the assumption that there would be a single-lane roundabout overpass at State Road 37 at 141st Street, and added traffic to the other two adjacent routes would be impacted if the 141st Street connection to State Road 37 ended up as a right-in/right-out intersection.

“We are currently analyzing for traffic impacts and cost savings,” the city said on the possibility of switching 141st at State Road 37 to a right-in/right-out. “Work continues to move forward to acquire right-of-way and finalize designs for the planned interchange. If construction costs (labor, right-of-way land values, utility, etc.) continue to rise at the rate we’ve seen since 2015 when this was originally estimated, there is a possibility that we construct a RIRO (right-in/right-out).”

As plans stand now, 131st Street will be an overpass roundabout at State Road 37, and 135th Street will have right-in/right-out access to the highway.

The minutes also refer to some preliminary budget projections.

“The unofficial estimate on 135th is around \$31 million,” according to the meeting minutes. “In 2020 to get 131st and 135th to letting is about \$9.5 million; (Davis) listed \$4.6 million as over-run as the county’s share. In 2021, 141st to construct a right-in, right-out is about \$7.5 million. To construct a full interchange is about \$25 million.”

Responding to the issue of funding, here is the statement from the City of Fishers:

“The project budget for SR37 was estimated in 2015. With 141st Street’s estimated timing of 2022 for implementation, we’re taking precautions to make

sure the drastically rising costs of construction, utility relocations, right-of-way land value, etc. don’t impact the overall project. Less than half of the project has been bid with real cost valuation. After October 2020’s planned bidding of the other two intersections of 131st and 135th, we will have a much clearer idea of where we stand with the budget for overall SR37. At this point approximately 75 percent of the project will be bid with real cost valuations.”

In response to a question from Commissioner Altman, Davis said no additional cash is being requested for the State Road 37 project at this time, based on the meeting minutes.

The total Fishers State Road 37 budget was originally set at \$124 million, with the City of Fishers and Hamilton County chipping in \$12 million each and the State of Indiana providing \$100 million.

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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:

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Carmel HS students' lunch room compost initiative keeps 1 ton of food out of landfill

By SIERRA HIGNITE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

One ton of food: That's what Carmel High School has taken out of landfills in just one month.

They did this using a concept that is common on the West Coast but isn't as widely used in the Midwest.

It may look like your average high school cafeteria, but what is happening at Carmel High School has turned into one of the largest composting programs for any school in Indiana.

Three Carmel High School sophomores went to a leadership camp at Butler University over the summer. They were challenged to create an initiative that would impact their community. Thus became the high school's new Environmental Club and the idea to

start a compost program in their cafeteria.

"A lot of the food that is wasted goes and sits in landfills and it actually makes up 35 percent of all landfills and that sits and rots into methane gas, which is 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide," said Maanya Rajash, one of the students who created the initiative at Carmel High School.

The school says the transition was fairly seamless.

"So, it is really just the excess material from fresh fruits and veggies we were generating in the morning, and we generate probably two buckets, two to three buckets just from that a day," said Holly Huepenbecker-Hull, food service manager at Carmel High School.

The food that can be separated into compost as opposed to thrown in the trash is fairly simple.

"Anything that comes from the ground can go back to compost," said Huepenbecker-Hull.

In just one week, Carmel High School fills about 29 bins amounting to nearly 500 pounds of food that would normally be going to a landfill. But because of this project, now that 500 pounds of food gets turned into soil.

"In this particular one, we probably serve around 3,000 kids a day," said Huepenbecker-Hull.

"As of Feb. 17, I believe it is 1,820 pounds of compost, so just under one ton of food has been composted," said Grace Belt, another student who helped create the initiative.

The cafeteria workers also separate compostable material from the lunch leftovers. At the end of the day, the bins are loaded onto the dock to wait to be collected once

a week by Earth Mama, a local composting company.

"The environmental impact that we are making here in just under a month that we are making in one cafeteria, imagine if we put this in multiple cafeterias in multiple schools it would just have a huge environmental impact," said Sarah Patel, the other student who helped start the initiative.

"Our staff is thrilled to be able to do something like this just to know we are keeping food out of the landfill and actually turning it into something useful," said Huepenbecker-Hull.

Right now, there are only two schools within the Carmel Clay School District that do a composting program. The girls who started the program say their goal is to get every school in the Carmel Clay district on board with this composting initiative.

Fishers Arts Council looking for musicians

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

The Fishers Arts Council (FAC) sponsors receptions at City Hall each month introducing new art on display. The council has added music to the reception experience.

The Arts Council is issuing a callout to fill musician groups for the remaining receptions in 2020. You can see the artistic themes and accompanying music for each date in the box above right.

Preparation/setup time starts at 5 p.m. with the music from 6 to 8 p.m. Deadline for submission is 3 p.m. on Friday, April 3.

Eligibility

To be eligible to submit for this opportunity, artists must:

- Be able to meet all of the project requirements
- Be 16 years old or older
- Be willing to meet all contractual obligations

Requirements

- Musicians must be able to perform live music in The Art Gallery at City Hall in the space provided.
- Musicians must bring their own instrument and, if electrified, must bring their own sound equipment.
- Musicians must be able to adjust volume if requested by FAC.
- Musicians must be available to come to the event site at least one week prior to view the space and to select their performance location at the venue.
- Music must be family-friendly with limited vocals.

Compensation

Musicians will be paid a flat rate of \$200 for their performance time at the event (whether solo or a band). Musicians will be permitted to sell copies of their music during the event (with no required commission).

Date	Artistic theme	Music
May 15	Experimentalist/Typography	Edgy/Modern
July 10	Fine art/Nature	Mild/Gentle
Aug. 7	Photography/Man & nature	Mild/Gentle
Sept. 18	Illustrations/Caricatures	Quirky/Fun
Nov. 20	Graphic art/Mixed media	Quirky/Fun

Selection Process

Musicians must submit their qualifications by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 3. Representatives from the Fishers Arts Council will review submitted qualifications and select one musician/band to perform per event. There is a total of five available event dates, with the possibility of booking five different musicians/bands.

While this is the intended selection process, Fishers Arts Council reserves the right to personally invite specific musicians to apply/performance if there is a lack of qualified applicants.

Timeline

- Deadline for submissions: 3 p.m. on Friday, April 3
- Notification of selection: on/by Friday, April 17
- Event dates: May 15, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 18 and Nov. 20

How to Apply

Artists must submit the following information to info@FishersArtsCouncil.org or via mail:

1. Applicant information: Please include the following information in your cover letter:
 - Artist or band name
 - If a band, include the main contact's name
 - Full mailing address
 - Phone number
 - Email address
 - Website (if available)
2. Cover letter: In addition to the above contact information, please include:
 - A statement about your interest in this callout
 - A synopsis of what type of music/songs you will play at the event

- Musicians must specify which date/dates for which they are applying:

3. Examples of previous work: Include at least two to three examples of your work. Submit any combination of audio and/or video weblinks or recordings.

4. Performance information: Provide information about past performances, if applicable: Event name, date performed, client/venue name, and a brief (one to two sentences) description of the type of event/performance.

Delivery of Submissions

Submissions may be emailed to info@FishersArtsCouncil.org, shared via Dropbox/Google Drive, or mailed to Fishers Arts Council.

Mailed or hand-delivered submissions must be loaded on a single USB drive. CDs, DVDs, or printed items cannot be accepted. USB drives must arrive at Fishers City Hall (to be placed in the Fishers Arts Council mailbox) no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, April 3. A Dropbox/Google Drive share request must be time-stamped by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 3, and all items must be included in the shared folder by that time. Any item that is time-stamped as being uploaded after 3 p.m. will be disqualified from consideration.

The delivery address is:

ATTN: Musicians 2020
Fishers Arts Council
1 Municipal Drive
Fishers, IN 46038

If you have questions, email the Fishers Arts Council at info@FishersArtsCouncil.org.

Register your team now for annual Noblesville Lions dodgeball tourney

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Lions Club will hold its annual Dodgeball and Cornhole tournament at noon on April 18 at the Ivy Tech Gym, 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville.

The tournament will be a double-elimination format with two dodgeball leagues and two cornhole leagues. There will be a maximum of 10 teams in each of the two leagues in both dodgeball and cornhole equaling a total of 40 teams. In the

dodgeball competition it will require the best two out of three games to advance in a bracket. Cornhole will require one game to advance in a bracket.

The entry donation is \$40 per team which will include admission to the tournament for family members of the team. The entry donation is totally refundable up to 10 days before the tournament. If a team wishes to participate in both tournaments, they will have an entry fee

for both tournaments of \$80 total. The two leagues winners will play each other for the tournament championship. Tournament champs in both dodgeball and cornhole will receive embroidered baseball caps, and runner ups will receive medals.

Teams interested in more information or participating in the tournament should text or call Steve Shaw at (317) 727-1771 or Larry Jacobi at (317) 508-0571, or call Jerry Graham at (317) 435-4752.

Kelly Mitchell campaign rolls out list of endorsements for her Congressional race

Submitted

The Kelly Mitchell for Congress campaign has released the following endorsements from prominent community leaders within the 5th Congressional District:

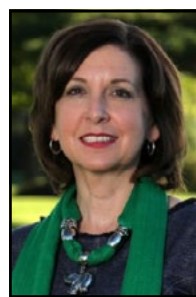
- Clinton Bohm – President of the Whitestown Town Council
- Paul Ayers – Former President of the Hamilton County Council
- Cindy Noe – Former Indiana State Representative
- David Abernathy – President of VIA Credit Union
- Ken Alexander – Hamilton County Councilor
- Kelli Heuer – Madison County GOP Secretary
- Tom Santelli – Boone County Commissioner
- Bruce Kimball – Carm-

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"I am honored and humbled to have the support of so many important leaders from across the 5th District," said Mitchell. "Just as I have done as State Treasurer, in Congress, I will be a strong voice for responsible fiscal policy and will work every day to make Indiana a better place to live, work, and raise a family."

In addition to the above endorsements, the campaign previously announced support from the following individuals:

- Steve Collier - City of Lawrence Mayor
- Tom Shevlot - Lawrence Common Council Vice



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- Andy Zay - State Senator
- Craig Melton - Zionsville Town Councilor
- Sue Finkam - Carmel City Council Vice President
- Mike McDaniel - Former State Party Chairman
- Jeff Papa - Former Zionsville Mayor
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2. The secret guests, by Benjamin Black
3. Westering women, by Sandra Dallas
4. House on fire, by Joseph Finder
5. Thief River Falls, by Brian Freeman
6. When you see me, by Lisa Gardner
7. Heart of black ice, by Terry Goodkind
8. Forever hidden, by Tracie Peterson
9. Song of the risen god, by R.A. Salvatore
10. All the ways we said goodbye: a novel of the Ritz Paris, by Beatriz Williams

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Rachel Maddow, by Lisa Rogak
2. The power of showing up: how parental pres-

ence shapes who kids become and how their brains get wired, by Daniel Siegel

3. The math of life & death: 7 mathematical principles that shape our lives, by Kit Yates
4. Martha Stewart's organizing: the manual for bringing order to your life, home & routines, by Martha Stewart

5. Taste of home skinny Instant Pot cookbook: 100 dishes trimmed down for healthy families, by Taste of Home Books

6. Kill reply all, by Victoria Turk
7. SAM: one robot, a dozen engineers, and the race to revolutionize the way we build, by Jonathan Waldman

8. 999: the extraordinary young women of the first official transport to Auschwitz, by Heather Dune Macadam

9. eBay for dummies, by Marsha Collier
10. My iPad for seniors, by Michael Miller

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2. Black and blue
3. Boruto: Naruto next generations. 04, episodes 40-52
4. Eaton by lions
5. Mister America
6. The lighthouse
7. The Turkey Bowl
8. Gemini man
9. Harriet
10. My name is Myeisha

New Music CDs

1. The traveler - Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band
2. Tuscaloosa - Neil Young
3. Echo in the canyon: original motion picture soundtrack - Jade Castrinos
4. Ellevation - Elle Varner
5. Game of thrones. Season 8: music from the HBO series - Ramin Djawadi
6. Gold & grey - Baroness
7. Indigo - Chris Brown
8. Let's rock - Black Keys
9. World peace - Keb' Mo'
10. The space between the shadows - Scott Stapp

Letter to the Editor

SR 37: Something is not adding up

Dear Editor:

Thursday night, Feb. 20, there was a meeting to update the public on the State Road 37 project. I was unable to attend but in reading the recap of the meeting from Larry Lannan in his LarryInFishers blog post, it seems he shares my concern that something is amiss.

Last August, I warned that there was concern the project won't have the funding to build out the 141st interchange. At the Jan. 31 Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting this was discussed, along with making the 131st interchange a "right-in, right-out" similar to the already-announced 135th intersection. Here is a link to the minutes which addresses this issue on page 5.

However, let me save you the time and highlight the specific issue:

"Davis shared the project status update they reviewed with Council President Rick McKinney in preparation for the Council Highway Committee meeting. Davis reported they reviewed the projects out to 2024. Critical projects include SR 37. Altman reported she has been asked by the Mayor if we are committed on 141st Street or not. Davis replied we are not committed as far as he knows. Altman thinks we should decide whether we are going or not because we already know where the numbers are. Altman's impression was we were going to jettison 141st Street in terms of major improvements to avoid costs if we had to. Davis replied there is the option to go to right-in, right-out at that location. That has not been 100% decided if that is a good thing to do from a logistic/traffic standpoint. There is a concern that if we don't do a full interchange there the traffic will migrate to 146th and 131st and there is a question how it will impact how it has been designed at those locations. Those were designed with the theory that 141st would be an interchange. That is still a

question that Fishers needs to try and get an answer to. 141st will be deferred to mid-2021 and will be the last intersection. Converting 131st and 135th to right-in, right-out are on the October letting schedule. After February 5th we will have an idea with what will happen with 146th so the numbers could change if we receive good bids. The unofficial estimate on 135th is around \$31 million. In 2020 to get 131st and 135th to letting is about \$9.5 million; he listed \$4.6 million as overrun as the county's share. In 2021, 141st to construct a right-in, right-out is about \$7.5 million. To construct a full interchange is about \$25 million. Davis listed the range as half the costs, assuming 50% each. These are all estimates. Altman asked if there is a need for additional cash, assuming the bids come in as projected? Davis replied no. They will use INDOT's \$100 million and they are doing the inspection which is saving us a lot of money."

So back full circle. Perhaps this is just an honest clerical mistake as there are contradictory statements in the above but it is fair to say that my concerns expressed in August are likely to come to fruition and they will eliminate the 141st interchange. What is more frightening is that they may also be forced to eliminate the 131st interchange as well.

For those of you paying attention, you might note this means cross traffic will occur only at 126th and 146th, thereby defeating the original canard that this project was required to improve east/west traffic in Fishers.

It also means a very large number of businesses on the west side of SR 37 will be irreparably harmed or a massive tax increase is coming to pay for this mistake. Don't say you haven't been warned.

Bill Smythe

President, Fiscal Conservatives
of Hamilton County
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Thursday, March 12, 2020 / March 26, 2020 / third meeting tbd
Durbin Elementary School
18000 Durbin Road
Noblesville, IN 46060
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

White River Township

Thursday, March 5, 2020 / April 16, 2020 / July 23, 2020
Walnut Grove Community Center
25587 State Road 213
Cicero, IN 46034
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Adams Township

Thursday, February 27, 2020 / March 17, 2020 / June 25, 2020
Sheridan Community Center
300 East 6th Street
Sheridan, IN 46069
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please call our office at (317) 776-8490 if you should have any questions.
2/24/2020, 3/2/2020, 3/9/2020

RL3140

Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held for property owners of 205 N. West St. Arcadia, IN. on March 02, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Arcadia Town Hall.
Subject matter: Edward Fennell
Petitioned the town of Arcadia IN. to Vacate Public Right of Way of 14 ft. 6" X 140 ft. to be added to the west side of Lots #4 and # 5.

RL3185

2/22/2020

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

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Jo Anne Messersmith
November 29, 1942 – February 20, 2020



Jo Anne Messersmith, 77, Westfield, passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Wellbrooke of Westfield. She was born on November 29, 1942 to Charles and Vera (Cope) Arthur in Indianapolis.

For many years Jo Anne was part owner of MCM Enterprises, then she worked for Michaels Craft Store before retirement. Jo Anne was a member of Eagle Creek Friends Church. She liked to spend time in her garden, was a collector of nativity scenes, and enjoyed crocheting. Jo Anne made the most amazing cream puffs. Most of all, she loved spending time with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Ronald "Ron" Messersmith; son, Charles Messersmith; daughter, Paula (James) Myers; grandchildren, Andrew and Benjamin Messersmith, and Cory, Hannah and Samantha Myers.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Ken Ramsey officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Eagletown Cemetery in Westfield. Family and friends are invited to share a meal at the Eagle Creek Friends Church community building following the burial.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516 Topeka, KS 66675.

Arrangements

Calling: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 24
Service: 1 p.m., Feb. 24
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Gladys M. (Ely) Parks
June 15, 1931 – February 20, 2020

Gladys M. (Ely) Parks, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born on June 15, 1931 to Vernon Ray and Addie Pauline (Musick) Ely in Dryden, Lee County, Va.

Her greatest gift to those who knew her was her kind heart, and the love she shared with everyone around her. Her parting words were always, "I love you!"

Proverbs 31:10 says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." KJV. That was our Mother, Mamaw and Grammie!

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. John E. Parks; her parents; and her brothers, Robert and Don Ely.

She is survived by her children, Claretta (Curt), Alfred, Darrell (Evelyn), Velma and Dewey (Rhonda); grandchildren, Tonya, Michael John, Darrell Wayne, Stephanie and Justin; great-grandchildren, Makayla, Jonathan and Brantley; three sisters, Betty Humbert, Anna Mae Slemple and Joyce Mullins; brother, Gene Ely; sister-in-law, Cornie (Parks) Shepherd; and a host of family and friends too numerous to mention.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020 and from 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at noon on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, with Rev. Alfred Parks officiating. Burial will be at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

A special thanks is extended to the doctors and nurses who assisted in her care.

Arrangements

Calling: 5 to 8 p.m., Feb. 24; 11 a.m. to noon, Feb. 25
Service: Noon, Feb. 25
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, . . .

Acts 4:1-8 (KJV)

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NOBLESVILLE, CARMEL, WESTFIELD, SHERIDAN, HAMILTON HEIGHTS, FISHERS, UNIVERSITY, GUERIN CATHOLIC, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN

Royals beat Bulldogs, clinch share of HCC championship

Hamilton Southeastern clinched a share of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship on Friday night, as the Class 4A No. 10 Royals won a tough game over 4A No. 9 Brownsburg 37-35 at the Southeastern gym.

The Royals got off to a great start, leading 15-5 after the first quarter. Mabor Majak was dominant, scoring nine points in that period. The Bulldogs came back, though, and had the game tied at 22-22 by halftime.

Brownsburg then edged ahead 31-30 after three periods, but DeAndre Rhodes made a basket early in the fourth to put the Royals up 32-31 and give them the lead for good. Neither team scored again until the clock got under two minutes, when Rhodes made a jumper. Dalton Robinson made two free throws, and Southeastern held on from there.

Majak finished the game with 14 points; he and Kole Hornbuckle both collected six rebounds. Rhodes had five rebounds and three blocked shots, with Hornbuckle also making three blocks. Vinny Buccilla handed out four assists.

'Rocks hold off Flashes

Westfield held off Franklin Central 68-66 in a back-and-forth Hoosier Crossroads Conference game Friday at The Rock.

The Flashes leaped out to a 25-19 lead after the first quarter, but the Shamrocks took control in the second period, allowing FC only eight points. As a result, Westfield led 38-33 at halftime. The 'Rocks added to their and were up 55-45 after three quarters, then held off a Franklin Central comeback in the fourth.

Braden Smith scored 26 points for Westfield, including five 3-pointers, and also handed out eight assists and pulled seven rebounds. Nic DePasquale added 19 points and Cam Haffner scored 18 points.

The Shamrocks finished up HCC play with this game, and are 4-3 in the league. Westfield is 14-6 overall and plays at

The Royals will share the HCC title with the Bulldogs, as both teams finished the conference season with 5-2 records. Southeastern is now 16-5 and on a 12-game win streak; it will finish the regular season Thursday at Lawrence North.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 37, BROWNSBURG 35				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
DeAndre Rhodes	4-7	0-2	8	2
Kole Hornbuckle	3-9	2-3	8	2
Elliot Robinson	0-1	2-2	2	1
Michael Viele	0-1	0-0	0	0
Mabor Majak	6-8	2-3	14	1
Dalton Retzner	1-2	0-0	2	1
Vinny Buccilla	0-4	0-0	0	2
Sam Jacobs	0-0	0-0	0	0
John McCall	0-1	0-0	0	1
Alex Totton	1-1	0-0	3	1
Totals	15-34	6-10	37	11
Score by Quarters				
Brownsburg	5	17	9	4 - 35
Southeastern	15	7	8	7 - 37
Southeastern 3-point shooting (1-7) Totton 1-1, Buccilla 0-3, Hornbuckle 0-1, Robinson 0-1, Viele 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (28) Hornbuckle 6, Majak 6, Rhodes 5, Buccilla 3, Jacobs 2, McCall 2, Robinson 1, team 3.				

WESTFIELD 68, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 66				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	9-18	3-4	26	1
Benji Welch	0-1	0-0	0	2
Matthew Penley	0-0	0-0	0	2
Cam Haffner	8-12	1-1	18	1
Nic DePasquale	7-10	5-5	19	0
Camden Simons	0-2	2-2	2	4
Eli Patchett	1-2	0-0	3	0
Saaki Vishnumolakala	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach Byrer	0-3	0-0	0	2
Totals	25-48	11-12	68	12
Score by Quarters				
Franklin Central	25	8	12	21 - 66
Westfield	19	19	17	13 - 68
Westfield 3-point shooting (7-13) Smith 5-9, Haffner 1-2, Patchett 1-2.				
Westfield rebounds (19) Smith 7, Haffner 3, DePasquale 3, Welch 2, Penley 1, Patchett 1, Vishnumolakala 1, Byrer 1.				

New Castle tonight.

FISHERS 58, ZIONSVILLE 39				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Dominic Castellani	2	2-2	7	1
Alex Szilagyi	7	0-1	17	1
Charlie Smith	5	2-2	13	2
Geoffrey Brown	3	1-2	7	2
Jeffrey Simmons	1	9-10	11	2
Drew Turner	0	1-2	1	2
Bryce Williams	0	0-0	0	0
Isaac Farah	1	0-0	2	3
Josh Forbes	0	0-0	0	1
Lucas Prewitt	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19	15-19	58	14
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	15	16	12	15 - 58
Zionsville	4	9	17	9 - 39
Fishers 3-point shooting (5) Szilagyi 3, Castellani 1, Smith 1.				

After seven straight games and over a month on the road, the Tigers finally return home to the Tiger Den on Tuesday to play their regular-season finale against North Central.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Hamilton Southeastern's Mabor Majak (50) scored 14 points for the Royals in their win over Brownsburg on Friday. Southeastern clinched a share of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship with the victory.

NHS names two new head coaches

Noblesville Schools announced two new Noblesville High School (NHS) head coach appointments on Friday.

Aaron Becker has been named head girls cross country coach, replacing Dennis Scheele, and Anne Phillips steps in to the head volleyball spot, replacing former coach Jill Almodovar.

Becker, who has been serving as the girls assistant cross country coach, brings

extensive personal running experience, including the completion of almost a dozen prestigious marathons and a 2007 state cross country finalist placement as a student runner. An eighth-grade science teacher at Noblesville West Middle School, Becker holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a secondary education certification from Indiana University.

Phillips brings to her new role experience as a club volleyball coach at Grand Park and Team Pineapple, as well as over 10 seasons of playing experience at the high school, club and college levels. A former NHS volleyball player, she holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Trine University and is a fourth-grade teacher at Stony Creek Elementary. "We're excited to welcome Aaron and Anne in these leadership roles," said Leah Wooldridge, athletic director for NHS. "Their athletic experience and drive to serve students will be great additions to their programs and our athletes."

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BY RICHIE HALL

NOBLESVILLE - While the Noblesville boys basketball team fell short in its regular-season and Hoosier Crossroads Conference finale with Avon Friday, it was still a game to remember at The Mill.

The Millers were down 11 points with two and a half minutes left in the fourth quarter before making a huge comeback in front of a loud crowd. Noblesville cut the Orioles' lead to one with a little over a minute to go before Avon escaped with a 60-54 victory.

"I like the way our guys didn't give up," said Millers coach John Peckinpough. He said it could've easily wound up being a 20 or 30-point game.

"But we just kept fighting, fighting," said Peckinpough. "Found a way to make it a game."

The game was close during the first part of the first quarter, which opened with both teams exchanging 3-pointers. Alex Hunt's triple tied the game at 3-3.

But Avon took over after that, eating up most of the first period and the beginning of the second with a 17-4 run. That put the Orioles up 20-7 early in the second period.

"We came out sluggish there out of the gate," said Peckinpough. "Dug ourselves in a hole. They're as talented as anybody in our conference. If you give them some confidence and get them going, then they can play. And they made us play tonight."

The Millers began to find themselves after that. David Lloyd came off the bench and helped out big in the second quarter, scoring seven points, including a 3-pointer that got Noblesville within 22-14. The Millers were able to stay at that margin going into halftime, trailing 26-18.

Noblesville was still within 34-24 with 6:08 left in the third quarter, this after two free throws from Hunt and a basket by Brendon Fisher. The Orioles went on an 8-2 run at that point to lead 42-26.

Jordan Gadis helped out with four points late in the third quarter, but Avon kept the Millers at arm's length for much of the second half, still leading 52-41 with 2:36 remaining in the fourth. But that's when a sudden outburst got Noblesville back in it.

Fisher drained a 3-pointer to start the run. Seconds later, Wilson made a free throw. The Millers got the ball back and Wilson scored while being fouled. Avon got called for a technical foul, and after making the and-1, Wilson hit both free throws.

"Evan did a lot of good things for us," said Peckinpough.



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Noblesville's David Lloyd scored nine points for the Millers during their Friday game with Avon at The Mill.

Just like that, Noblesville was only down 52-50. Wilson then scored after the Orioles made a free throw, and the Millers were within 53-52. But Avon would hold them off, finishing the game with a 5-of-6 effort from the line.

Peckinpough called the Millers student section "amazing."

"It was awesome," said Peckinpough. "If we get crowds like that every night, it'd be pretty cool. And they helped us get back in the game. Our student section was off the charts, and it's kind of like old-school Noblesville basketball."

Hunt finished the game with 13 points, with Wilson scoring 10. Lloyd scored nine points.

The Millers finished conference play 1-6 and the regular season 11-12. Noblesville will be off until the week of March 2 when it hosts Class 4A Sectional 8. The IHSAA will announce the sectional draws at 3 p.m. Sunday on ihsaatv.org.

AVON 60, NOBLESVILLE 54

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jordan Gadis	2	2-4	6	3
Brendon Fisher	2	0-0	5	1

E.J. Smith	2	2-2	6	1
Noah Harris	2	1-2	5	3
Alex Hunt	3	6-7	13	3
Evan Wilson	2	6-7	10	2
Trenton Reed	0	0-0	0	3
David Lloyd	4	0-0	9	1
Preston Roberts	0	0-0	0	0
Levi Calvert	0	0-0	0	0
Keagan Smith	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	17-22	54	17

Score by Quarters

Avon	18	8	18	16	60
Noblesville	7	7	18	22	54

Noblesville 3-pointers (3) Fisher 1, Lloyd 1, Hunt 1.

Huskies fall to LCC in championship game

Carmel plays at Warsaw tonight...
'Hounds drop MIC finale at Warren

Hamilton Heights dropped a hard-fought Hoosier Conference championship game at Lafayette Central Catholic 68-61 Friday.

The Class 1A No. 5 Knights led 13-9 after the first quarter and 37-27 at halftime. The Huskies played even with Central Catholic in the second half, but the Knights were able to keep their lead.

Gus Etchison led Heights with 22 points, followed by Camron Knott's 12 points and Lucas Letsinger's 11 points. All three Huskies players made three 3-pointers. Etchison also handed out seven assists. Hudson Hochstedler led the rebounds with five, and also had five assists and four steals.



Hochstedler

The Huskies are 13-7 and finish second in the conference. Heights returns home tonight to play Tri-West.

LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 68, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 61

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gus Etchison	8-20	3-5	22	3
Issiack Hickok	1-1	0-0	3	1
Camron Knott	4-10	1-2	12	1
Brent Pennington	2-7	1-2	6	1
Hudson Hochstedler	1-7	0-0	3	2
Lucas Letsinger	3-5	2-2	11	4
Luke Carroll	2-3	0-0	4	2
Jonny Cambron	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	21-53	7-11	61	14

Score by Quarters

Heights	9	18	17	17	-61
Central Catholic	13	24	15	16	-68

Heights 3-point shooting (12-30) Knott 3-9, Etchison 3-7, Letsinger 3-5, Pennington 1-4, Hochstedler 1-4, Hickok 1-1.

Heights rebounds (15) Hochstedler 5, Etchison 3, Knott 3, Hickok 2, Letsinger 1, Carroll 1.

Carmel dropped its Metropolitan Conference finale Friday at Warren Central by the score of 58-50.

The Warriors led 21-15 after the first quarter. The Greyhounds cut that lead to 29-26 by halftime, but Warren took control in the third period, going up 49-32 by the end of the quarter. Carmel outscored the Warriors 18-9 in the fourth, but the Warren lead was too much to overcome.

Brian Waddell scored 21 points for the 'Hounds, with Peter Suder adding 10 points. Bryce Beery collected seven rebounds and blocked two shots, while Jackson Jannsen dished out six assists.

Carmel finished its MIC season 4-3 and is 13-7 overall. The Greyhounds play tonight at Warsaw.

WARREN CENTRAL 58, CARMEL 50

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Brian Waddell	8-13	3-4	21	3
Connor Gioia	3-6	0-0	6	3
Peter Suder	3-9	4-7	10	4
Bryce Beery	2-2	0-0	4	4
Jackson Jannsen	1-3	0-0	3	0
Josh Whack	1-2	0-0	2	1
Charlie Williams	2-5	0-0	4	1
Wil Leary	0-2	0-0	0	0
Totals	20-42	7-11	50	16

Score by Quarters

Carmel	15	11	6	18	-50
Warren Central	21	8	20	9	-58

Carmel 3-point shooting (3-12) Waddell 2-5, Jannsen 1-3, Gioia 0-2, Suder 0-1, Leary 0-1.

Carmel rebounds (25) Beery 7, Suder 4, Waddell 4, Whack 4, Gioia 3, Williams 2, Jannsen 1.

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Boston	39	16	.709	1.5
Philadelphia	35	21	.625	6.0
Brooklyn	25	29	.463	15.0
New York	17	39	.304	24.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	47	8	.855	-
Indiana	33	23	.589	14.5
Chicago	19	37	.339	28.5
Detroit	19	39	.328	29.5
Cleveland	15	40	.273	32.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	35	20	.636	-
Orlando	24	32	.429	11.5
Washington	20	34	.370	14.5
Charlotte	19	36	.345	16.0
Atlanta	16	41	.281	20.0

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	38	18	.679	-
Utah	36	19	.655	1.5
Oklahoma City	34	22	.607	4.0
Portland	25	32	.439	13.5
Minnesota	16	38	.296	21.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	42	12	.778	-
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5.5
Sacramento	22	33	.400	20.5
Phoenix	22	34	.393	21.0
Golden State	12	44	.214	30.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	35	20	.636	-
Dallas	34	22	.607	1.5
Memphis	28	28	.500	7.5
San Antonio	24	31	.436	11.0
New Orleans	24	32	.429	11.5

Friday's scores	
Dallas 122, Orlando 106	Boston 127, Minnesota 117
Cleveland 113, Washington 108	Oklahoma City 113, Denver 101
Indiana 106, New York 98	San Antonio 113, Utah 104
Toronto 118, Phoenix 101	L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 105
	New Orleans 128, Portland 115

Five county wrestlers advance at state finals

Five Hamilton County wrestlers advanced to the quarter-finals at the IHSAA state meet, which began Friday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

The first athlete to win was Carmel senior Suhas Chundi at 106 pounds. He pinned Western junior Anthony Martin in the second period, and moves on to wrestler Crown Point freshman Sammy Goin this morning.

Westfield senior Carson Eldred moved on in the 120-pound division, getting a 7-3 decision over fellow senior Sam Scott of Heritage Hills. Next up for Eldred is Churubusco senior Dominic Heath.

Carmel senior Gabe Davin won his 170-pound match, moving on with a 9-4 decision against Elkhart Memorial junior Clayton Lundy. Davin will take on undefeated Plymouth senior Graham Calhoun in the quarter-finals.

Fishers senior JD Farrell also picked up a decision win, getting past Fort Wayne Carroll junior Matt Lepper 5-2. Farrell, now 39-2 for the season, will take on Heritage Hills senior Phoenix Rodgers in the morning session.

Hamilton Southeastern senior Andrew Irick, at 285 pounds, finished the night up with a 14-4 major decision victory

against Franklin Community sophomore Jacob Johnson. Irick improved to 35-1 and will wrestle Western junior Braydon Erb in the quarter-finals.

Six other county wrestlers lost their first-round match on Friday. At 113 pounds, Carmel sophomore Brac Hooper dropped a 7-4 decision to Sullivan freshman Lane Gilbert, while Westfield junior Dylan Driver was pinned by Evansville Mater Dei junior Cole Ross in the first period.

Carmel senior Brendan Mattingly dropped a 138-pound match to Rensselaer Central senior Elijah Hickman by an

8-4 decision. At 145, Greyhounds junior Jake Shafer was pinned by Avon junior Jaden Reynolds in the first period, while Southeastern senior Reece Luhmann lost a 5-1 decision to Center Grove junior Riley Rust. Carmel senior Haakon Van Beynen lost by a first-period fall to Chesterton junior Evan Bates.

The quarter-finals begin at 9:30 a.m. at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, with the semi-finals to follow. Consolation matches start at 5 p.m., with the championship matches under the spotlight starting at 7:30 p.m.

Pacers claw their way past Knicks

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It wasn't pretty, but the Pacers clawed their way to a win on Friday night at Madison Square Garden in their first game after the All-Star break.

T.J. Warren scored 27 points and Domantas Sabonis added 24 points and 13 rebounds as Indiana (33-23) began its playoff push with a 106-98 road win over the New York Knicks (17-39).

"I think we all felt a bit rusty," Sabonis said. "First game after All-Star, the most important thing is to get the win. It wasn't the prettiest, but glad we got the win."

The Pacers definitely showed some rust early on Friday in their first game in nine days. Indiana went just 6-for-23 from the field and 0-for-6 from 3-point range in the first quarter. Fortunately for the Blue & Gold, the Knicks were only marginally better, taking a 20-15 lead after one.

Playing a lineup of four reserves alongside their All-Star big man Sabonis, the Pacers were much better offensively at the start of the second quarter, surpassing their first-quarter point total just 4:09 into the frame.

Indiana took the lead shortly thereafter, using a 14-4 run that included seven points from their leading scorer, Warren, to open up a five-point lead. The visitors scored on their last three possessions of the half, with Myles

Turner and Victor Oladipo hitting back-to-back 3-pointers before Oladipo blew by R.J. Barrett for a layup that pushed the lead to 51-44 at the break.

The Pacers quickly blew the game open after half-time. Sabonis, Turner, and Warren combined to score the first six points of the half. Then after a Barrett layup, Brogdon sank a floater and then Warren converted layups on the next two possessions to cap a 12-2 run to open the third quarter.

The Blue & Gold extended their lead to as many as 22 points in the third — buoyed by 11 points in the frame from Warren — and took an 80-65 lead into the fourth quarter.

New York managed to trim the deficit back down to single digits after a pair of free throws by Bobby Portis with 8:08 remaining. Doug McDermott appeared to halt New York's rally, drilling a 3-pointer and drawing a foul with 7:40 left.

But after the four-point play, the Knicks continued to chip away, scoring seven straight to make it a six-point game with 6:15 to play.

This time, Warren took over, scoring five straight points to push the lead back to 96-85 with 5:12 remaining.

Indiana went cold after that, failing to hit a field goal the rest of the way. But the Knicks never managed to get

within a possession of the lead.

Damyean Dotson's 3-pointer with 23 seconds left made it 98-94, but Brogdon hit a pair of free throws and Randle missed two foul shots on the other end, effectively sealing the outcome.

"Both teams looked a little winded in the first half," Pacers head coach Nate McMillan said. "I thought the second half we came out, had a solid third quarter, they got going in the fourth quarter. We were able to finish. The key was to come out and put together a solid 48-minute game and I thought our guys did."

McDermott finished with 14 points off the bench, going 4-for-6 from the field and 2-for-3 from 3-point range. Brogdon added 11 points, eight rebounds, and six assists.

Oladipo tallied eight points on 3-of-8 shooting, three rebounds, and one assist in 25 minutes off the bench, but exited in the third quarter with a sore back and did not return.

Portis led New York with 19 points and six rebounds off the bench. Barrett added 17 points on 8-of-19 shooting, while Frank Ntilikina had 14 in the loss.

The Pacers wrap up a two-game road trip on Sunday night in Toronto against a Raptors team that handed the Blue & Gold a pair of narrow defeats earlier this month.

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