



Photos provided
(Top) Carmel High School's team "Mock-arena" was the 2020 HCBA Mock Trial Champion.
(Bottom) Westfield High School's team "The Fanny Pack" was the 2020 HCBA Mock Trial Runner-Up.
Both teams are shown here with Judges David Najjar and William Hughes.

Carmel, Westfield take top 2 spots at Mock Trial

The REPORTER
For 20 years, Hamilton County high school students have had the opportunity to participate in a mock trial program sponsored by the Hamilton County Bar Association (HCBA). Students, along with a teacher coach, are provided a fictitious case in each fall by the bar association. Teams are made up of 7 to 10 students. Each team assigns witness and attorney roles to team members and then prepare both the prosecution and defense sides of the case. Members of the HCBA serve as team mentors to assist with case preparations. In January and February, teams participate in five rounds of preliminary competition rotating their presentations between the prosecution and defense. Local judicial officers and attorneys judge the

Thanks Al, great job

One of my favorite people in the Hamilton County family of public servants is the "park guy," Al Patterson. Unfortunately for the county, Al is retiring after 28 years of building our award-winning county park system to become the best in the state. Many counties have maybe one small park, some have none administered by the county. Hamilton County had a small park system consisting of about 190 acres in 1992 when Al became parks director. Some of that land was not yet developed for park use. In a county such as ours, it was obvious that the ideal land was going fast for residential and commercial development, so acquiring land with park potential was a "now or never" proposition. Al took the lead in getting most of the current 1,600 acres of parkland. About half that land came through working with the estate of the late Dan Taylor who owned the historic farm we now know as Koteewi Park at Strawtown. Development of Cool Creek Park near Westfield with its widely acclaimed See Al . . . Page 2



Carmel UMC offers convenient Ash Wednesday Service

The REPORTER
The Carmel United Methodist Church is offering a free drive-thru of Imposition of Ashes and a prayer on Ash Wednesday. This is convenient for anyone who is busy and cannot attend an Ash Wednesday Service but would like to acknowledge this day and kick off the season of Lent. Anyone is invited to participate. Just arrive between 6:30 and 9 a.m. and follow the arrows to get in line. The ashes will take place under the church's driveway-covered entrance. So, no matter the weather you will be dry. Guests stay in the car to receive the ashes and the blessing. Carmel United Methodist Church is located at 612 S. Range Line Road.

Contracts awarded for State Road 37 upgrade

Changes made for parking garage

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com
Construction contracts have been awarded on two new interchanges on State Road 37, and work has begun at the 126th Street intersection with 37. This is the first of a massive plan to upgrade 37 to a freeway style highway without stop-and-go signals from Noblesville to Interstate 69. Reith-Riley Construction has begun work at 126th on a project that will necessitate closing access to 37 from the west next month. When work is completed on the west lane of the new roadway later this year, access from the east will then be halted temporarily. The \$22 million project will be followed by a reconstruction of the 146th and 37 intersection, also to be undertaken by Reith-Riley at a cost of \$29.8 million, according to County Highway Director Brad Davis. Work at the 146th Street site will get underway this summer. Davis said bids were reasonably close to estimates and reports of giving up a full interchange at 141st Street to save money is only an option should future bids exceed estimates. The overall 37 upgrade will proceed for the next three years. Total cost was originally estimated to be about \$125 million. The State of Indiana has committed to pay \$100 million of the cost. Davis appeared at Monday's county commissioners meeting to report on progress on various highway projects. Commissioners decided to postpone replacing the bridge deck on the Carrigan Road bridge until fall after business owners in the area asked for a delay. A contract with DHA Consultants for planning improvements to 236th Street from U.S. 31 to Deming Road will be signed soon, Davis said. The improvements include widening traffic lanes by about two feet, lowering elevation on a hill, constructing paved shoulders and a paved pathway for pedestrians and bicycles. Construction is already underway on this type of improvement east of Deming Road. The 236th

City of Fishers approves easement for Cyntheanne Meadows development

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com
The Cyntheanne Meadows residential development near 126th Street and the Cyntheanne Park area, on the northeast side of Fishers, has been granted an easement from the city, but with one condition Mayor Scott Fadness insisted be included in the granting of that easement. Cyntheanne Meadows asked the city for an easement on what is city property east of Cyntheanne Park for a drainage easement, allowing for a storm sewer outlet to a nearby pond. A 12-inch reinforced concrete pipe will be installed providing for the storm sewer. Fadness raised concerns about whether this easement would limit city officials from developing that land in the future, possibly expanding sports fields for Cyntheanne Park. City Engineering Department Director Jason Taylor and City Attorney Chris Greisl told the mayor the installation of the pipe would prevent any structures from being built over the easement, but would not prevent sports fields on that site. The mayor included that condition in moving to approve the request, which was passed by the Board of Public Works and Safety Monday. In one other action, the board approved language contained in agreements with local non-profit organizations to accept contributions from the city. The City Council approved \$255,000 funding local non-profits as part of the 2020 city budget. Here are the organizations and amounts to be received from city coffers this year:

- Conner Prairie: \$100,000
- Youth Assistance Program: \$65,250
- Youth Mentoring Initiative: \$64,707
- Janus Development: \$15,043
- HSE Schools Foundation: \$10,000



Miller-Palooza's best year yet brings in nearly \$60K



Photos provided by Noblesville Schools
On Friday night, the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (NSEF) hosted its annual Miller-Palooza fundraiser in support of Noblesville Schools teachers and students. Approximately 400 people attended this year's event at the Embassy Suites, which celebrated the district's 150th anniversary and honored the 25 Noble Millers chosen for their support of Noblesville Schools. Almost \$60,000 was raised at this year's Miller-Palooza, nearly doubling what the event brought in last year and raising seven times more than the event did just a few short years ago. (Above left) Brittney Knapp, Ali Beaver and Stuart Alvey play in the "Heads and Tails" fundraiser. (Above right) Noblesville Schools Education Foundation director Adriann Young and NSEF board members and volunteers planned and executed the event. (From left) Jennifer Jacobi, Ali Beaver, Mary Collyer, Jill Patrick, Jennifer Behars, Laurie Dyer, Michelle Payne and Adriann Young. See more pictures on Page 4 and at ReadTheReporter.com.



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Photo provided by A Cut Above Catering

Couples learned how to prepare a meal at A Cut Above’s recent New Orleans Style cooking class.

Carmel’s Creole cooking class cuts to heart of New Orleans

Last week, I had the opportunity to attend A Cut Above Catering’s Romantic Couples Cooking Class – New Orleans Style. I learned a great deal and had fun at the same time, which was my goal.

The romance of New Orleans lent itself per-

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fectly to this Valentine’s Couples Cooking Class, where we learned how to prepare some of the Crescent City’s most famous creole dishes.

A Cut Above Catering is a local family-owned business in Carmel. Chef Amy von Eiff is Owner

and Executive Chef. She has an extensive culinary background, specializing in international as well as southern cuisine. She attended Ivy Tech and studied the culinary arts throughout Italy.

A Cut Above has just expanded its cooking class offerings for 2020. Get hands-on experience alongside award-winning chefs and learn their ways in the kitchen in cooking

classes. Classes includes two hours of culinary instruction and a three-course meal.

Some upcoming classes include: Small Plates, Cooking 101, Italian, Farm-to-Table, French, Spanish, Asian, Jamaican, Brunch, New Orleans, Plant-Based, Grilling, Basic Skills, Mixology, KETO, and more.

[Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Public can comment on accreditation assessment of CPD

The REPORTER

The Carmel Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying the department meets professional standards.

Administered by the Commission for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: Policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, Department employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3 in the City Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall.

Department employees and the public are also invited to offer comments by calling (317) 571-2524 from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tues-

day, March 3. Comments will be taken by the Assessment Team.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the Department’s ability to comply with CALEA’s standards. A copy of those standards may be viewed at the Carmel Police Department. Contact Mike Dixon, Policy Analyst, or Ann Gallagher, Community Resource Specialist, at (317) 571-2500 for more information.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Carmel Police Department’s ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them directly to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Blvd., Suite 32, Gainesville, VA, 22030-2215, or at calea.org.

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Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Sheriff Committee will meet to discuss Sheriff's Office business at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at Bob Evans, 16645 Mercantile Blvd., Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Emergency Management projects.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5), the Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet in executive session at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at the Indianapolis Executive Airport in the HCAA Conference Room (1st Floor South Hangar), 11329 E. State Road 32, Zionsville. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Local Emergency Planning projects.




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(Top) Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer (left) presents Kathy Williams with her Noble Miller award at the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's annual Miller-Palooza. (Bottom, from left) Monica Peck, Gary Deakyne and Sally Kenley show off their NHS senior cords.



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Ballet Theatre of Carmel offering summer programs

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Dance the summer away at The Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy (BTCA), 1329 W. 96th St., Suite A, Indianapolis. An extensive range of summer dance programs will give girls and boys from ages 3 to 19 the opportunity to experience the joy of dance.

Summer Dance Camps

Boys and girls ages 3 to 6 will be swept away on a magical journey of fun, creative and energetic activity in the Fairies & Elves, Swans & Princes, Princes & Princesses, and Mermaids & Mermen half-day Summer Dance Camps. Camps include daily ballet/movement class, crafts, snack time, performance rehearsal and a final day graduation/mini-performance.

Summer Intensives

The Summer Intensives program offers dancers ages 7 to 11 (Junior) and ages 12 to 19 (Senior) an opportunity to learn and grow during the summer months. Dancers

will receive 12 to 25 hours of training in ballet technique, pointe, variations, repertory, pas de deux, contemporary, Pilates and character each week, with individual attention provided by BTCA esteemed instructors in a supportive and professional atmosphere.

Summer Open Classes

BTCA also offers Summer Open Classes during June and July as a way for Elementary through Pre-Professional level dancers to keep in shape and maintain technique through the summer months while accommodating travel and other summer activities. Open classes are also a perfect way to "try on" the Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy if you are considering joining the studio in the fall, as participants do not have to be enrolled BTCA students. Drop-in, no reservations required, purchase single tickets or discounted packs at the studio.

For more information, call (317) 798-2133 or visit BalletTheatreOfCarmel.org.

Prepare for spring with native plants, rain barrels

The REPORTER

Spring rains, sunshine, and blooms are on the horizon. Plan ahead for your property by ordering your native plants and rain barrels from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District. The SWCD has all the tools you need to conserve water and support pollinators like bees and butterflies with beautiful native plants.

Native plant kits allow you to take the guesswork out of plant selection by providing a set of plants that will be perfect for your yard. Each native plant kit contains 50 native plant plugs for \$125. There is a kit for all areas of your yard including pollinator, rain (for wetter areas), prairie and shade garden. Each kit contains 10 species of native perennials and can fill a space 50 to 150 square feet.

Rain barrels are also available for pre-order for \$75. These re-purposed barrels capture rainwater from your downspout and roof and hold it for use at a later time. Rain barrel water is great for watering plants and gardens or even washing the car. In peak summer months, a rain barrel can save around 1,300 gallons of free, naturally soft water for your use. Pre-pay for your barrel and choose between grey, terra cotta, black or green 55-gallon rain barrels. Diverters systems for easily installation are also available for \$25.

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Plant kit and rain barrel pre-orders can be placed online at hamiltonswcd.org or by visiting the SWCD office at 1717 Pleasant St., Noblesville. Orders for plants are due April 20 and rain barrel pre-orders are due May 21. Orders will be available for pick up on Friday, May 29 in Noblesville. All proceeds support conservation projects and education in Hamilton County.

More information on native plants and rain barrels can be found at hamiltonswcd.org.

Questions regarding the sales or SWCD resources can be directed to Claire Lane at claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or (317) 773-2181.

Note: Carmel residents are eligible for a \$50 to \$75 rebate from the City Stormwater Program after installing a rain barrel. The SWCD can provide an application for this program at the barrel pick up event.

Bobby Cox honored for work in high school sports



Photo provided

(From left) State Reps. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) and Tony Cook (R-Cicero) recognize Carmel resident Bobby Cox upon his retirement as the Commissioner of the Indiana High School Athletic Association on Monday, Feb. 24 at the Statehouse. During his tenure, Cox focused on sportsmanship and further developed tournaments for high school sports.

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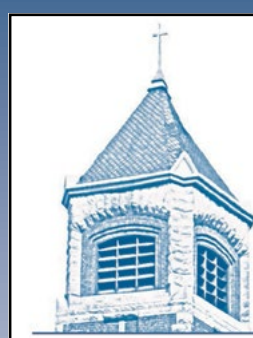
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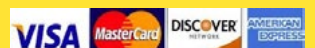
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Acts 4:15-23 (KJV)

John G. Stewart

January 31, 1930 – February 20, 2020

John G. Stewart, 90, Speedway, passed away on February 20, 2020. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Stevens Mortuary, 5520 W. 10th St., Indianapolis, with a visitation from 11 a.m. until time of service. Interment will follow at Summit Lawn Cemetery. To read the full-length obituary or to leave the family an online condolence, please visit stevensmortuary.net.

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Floyd Richard Russell

June 18, 1937 – February 22, 2020

Floyd Richard Russell, 82, Fishers, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at IU Health Saxony surrounded by his family. He was born June 18, 1937 to John and Marie Russell in Fishers.

Floyd married his high school sweetheart, Charlotte Whisman. He joined the National Guard and served in it for many years. Floyd farmed with his father for a few years. Once he left the farming industry, he had various different careers ending with a profession as a service technician in the same packaging business with his son, David. Floyd obtained his pilot’s license. He was an avid fisherman who enjoyed teaching anyone who would learn, especially his grandchildren. Floyd was beloved by all who met him and always had a joke to tell. He was always ready to play Euchre and had a tournament every Thanksgiving with his family.

Floyd was a member of The Christ Community Church in Owensboro, Ky. He was always very active in leadership in his church. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, John Mark.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Charlotte Russell; children, Stephen and David (Lisa); grandchildren, Stefanie (Drew), Nickolas, Lexi and Cole; great-grandchildren, Abigail and Aiden; one sister, Virginia Lake (Dudley); one brother, Johnny (Donna); and a host of family too numerous to mention.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held following visitation. The graveside service will be held at Gravel Lawn Cemetery in Fortville following the service.

A special thanks is extended to all the doctors and nurses who assisted with Floyd’s care at IU Health Saxony.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Ark Christian Ministries Camp & Service Center for Scholarships, 3522 N. 1000 W. 27, Converse, IN 46919; or at cwngui.campwise.com/Apps/OnlineGuestDonations/OGD.html.



Arrangements

Calling: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 26
Service: 2:30 p.m., Feb. 26
Location: Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Rita Gayle Keller

July 11, 1931 – February 24, 2020

Rita Gayle Keller passed peacefully after a short battle with cancer surrounded by family and friends on Monday, February 24, 2020. She was born the fourth child of eight and first daughter of Edford Olaf Chambers and Velvia Baldwin Chambers on July 11, 1931.

Rita was awarded an Art Education degree from Herron School of Art and was a lifetime art enthusiast, traveling to any city or country to see great art works by great artists. She practiced all mediums and especially enjoyed sculpture and photography. Rita enjoyed beach vacations at Jekyll Island with her family. She was not known for a green thumb, but she could name every shade and hue of green in the spectrum!

Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Joe Keller; and her daughter, Gayle Holly Mastrogiacono (Francis); her brothers, Edford Olaf Chambers Jr., Jesse Earl Chambers, Jacky Dean Chambers, and Franklin Leon Chambers; and a sister, Marilyn Kay Oaldon (Ron).

Rita is survived by her sisters, Joyce Ann Baker (Von David) and Etta Mae Peyton (Jack); her children, Bennie Joe Keller II (Beverly), Franklin Dennis Keller (Connie) and Julia Leigh Keller Welter (Roger); her grandchildren, Courtney Kay Geuther (Matt), Shawwna Leigh Luke (Andrew), Lindsay Jo Keller Nichols (Dustin), Ashley Julia Thurston (Craig), Andre Francis Mastrogiacono, Ian Joseph Mastrogiacono and Leo Bennie Keller Welter; and eight great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 the First Presbyterian Church, 1207 Conner St., Noblesville, with the service at 11 a.m. Rita will be laid to rest at Washington Park Cemetery East next to her husband.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Rita’s care.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your local library or school system.



Arrangements

Calling: 10 to 11 a.m., Feb. 26
Service: 11 a.m., Feb. 26
Location: First Presbyterian Church
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Fred F. Brattain

May 27, 1922 – February 22, 2020

Fred F. Brattain, 97, was born May 27, 1922 and raised in the small town of Carmel. Fred passed away February 22, 2020 "in his own bed in his own home" per his wishes. Promises kept!

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Mary Ellen (Jessup); parents, Otis and Ina; brothers, Arnold and Vernon (Peanut); and sister, Erma Moffitt.

Survivors include daughter, Linda McCord (Paul); son Gary Brattain (Sheila); grandchildren, Brian Streu (Arizona), Tara Frederick (California), Garen Brattain (Indiana), and Bonnie Deady (Virginia); and great-grandchildren, Bronson, Bennett, Gavin, Nola and Leo.

Fred was a proud WWII Navy veteran and served aboard the submarines Sea Poacher, Skipjack, and Artule as a Master Electrician. His 42-year career at Indiana Bell Telephone Company ended as a Manager in Yellow Pages. He was a 73-year life member and Past Commander of Carmel Legion Post 155. He had also been a volunteer on the Carmel Fire Department.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2020 at Bussell Family Funerals. A graveside committal will follow in Carmel Cemetery with Blessing by daughter-in-law, Sheila. Military Honors will also be conducted.

Please visit bussellfamilyfunerals.com to read Fred's complete obituary.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals, Carmel-Westfield.

Arrangements

Calling: 1 to 3 p.m., March 1
Location: Bussell Family Funerals
Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

Carolyn Kay Peters

March 3, 1941 – January 12, 2020

Carolyn Kay Peters, 78, passed away at her home in Sheridan surrounded by her loving family on Sunday afternoon, January 12, 2020. Born March 3, 1941 in Noblesville, she was the daughter of the late Delbert Lacy and Dorothy Mae (Clendenin) Holloway.

Carolyn was a 1959 graduate of Walnut Grove High School and worked for many years as an electrical worker with Naval Avionics in Indianapolis.

She was a member of the Sheridan Bible Church and a volunteer with Sheridan Christian Academy where she was their Art Director. This position was a perfect fit for Carolyn, giving her the opportunity to share not only her artistic talents, but also her exceptional faith and her love for teaching. For many years she, along with the other instructors at Sheridan Christian Academy, helped shape many young minds in the community, giving them a strong foundation upon which to build the rest of their lives.

A loving mother and grandmother, Carolyn cherished every moment she was able to spend with her family, students and friends.

Carolyn is survived by her children, Daniel W. Eiler, Michael D. Miles (Donna), Greenfield, John M. Miles (Mai Lia), Westfield, and M. Carolie Miles, Westfield; grandchildren, Caleb Miles (Jessica), Abigail Dawson (Nicholas), Kimberly Miles, Johnny Miles, Joey Miles and Lucy Miles; her great-grandchild, Annie Dawson; sister-in-law, Peggy L. Swihart; nephew, Marc A. Holloway; and her first cousin and close friend, Debi Nance.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Gene Richard Holloway; and by her husband, Bishop David L. Peters of the Apostolic Church.

A celebration of Carolyn's life will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at The Bible Church, 1748 W. State Road 38, Sheridan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Arrangements

Celebration of Life: 11 a.m., Feb. 29
Location: The Bible Church, Sheridan
Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Kay Lancaster

May 22, 1938 – February 23, 2020

Kay Lancaster, 81, Sheridan, died at 1:10 a.m. on Sunday, February 23, 2020 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis. Kay was born May 22, 1938 in Beaver Falls, Pa., the daughter of Blanche McKee Webster and Frank E. Love. Her stepfather, Norman C. Webster, was her chosen father figure.

Kay graduated from Carmel High School in 1956 after moving to Carmel as a senior and being selected Homecoming queen that fall. She attended Hanover College, where she was active in Phi Mu Sorority, Rho chapter. She taught kindergarten at York Kindergarten in Carmel for several years.

Kay married Phil Lancaster on January 31, 1958; together they raised three children. Since 1971, Kay and Phil owned and operated what is now Northside Trailer LLC. Kay continued to own and manage the business following Phil's death in 1988; it continues operating today at 11985 E. State Road 32, Zionsville.

Kay was an accomplished equestrienne as a youngster, having won the Saddle Seat Equitation in Madison Square Garden. Her passion for horses was shared by her family, as owning and showing horses continued throughout her entire lifetime. Always an enthusiastic and compassionate educator, Kay was a Hamilton County 4-H Horse & Pony and Dog Obedience Leader for many years, assisted with the Indiana State Fair 4-H Horse & Pony Show, and coordinated the Purdue University Indiana 4-H Horsemanship Camp, which provided unique experiences and educational opportunities for youngsters for 49 years. She had been an active member of the Hamilton County Horsemen's Association; the Boone County Horsemen's Association and the Indiana Quarter Horse Association. Kay owned horses over the decades who won countless Indiana Quarter Horse Association year-end titles, as well as awards at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress and the AQHA World Championship Show. As a rider, Kay last competed in a walk-trot western pleasure class in September 2019 at the age of 81. She also enjoyed years of memory-making adventures with a couple of her closest friends, Janet Bryant and Robbylou Endres, with whom Kay was having dinner when she became critically ill on February 22, 2020.

Kay's husband, Phil, died in November 1988, which was not long after having lost their eldest son, Mike, in July of the same year. She is survived by her daughter, Beth Lancaster Moon (Marty) and her son, Kent Lancaster (Karen); along with two granddaughters, Kendra Lancaster Hall (Ben) and Kelsie Lancaster; a sister, Jane Padgett; and two nieces, Cindy Padgett and Deb Padgett Boucher (Dan).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville, IN 46062. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2020. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the funeral home, with Rev. Jim Kyle presiding. Interment will follow in Carmel Cemetery with her husband, Phil, and their son, Mike.

In lieu of flowers, Kay's family requests memorial contributions in her name be made to the AQHA Foundation, P.O. Box 32111, Amarillo TX 79120; or Leukemia Research Foundation, 191 Waukegan Road, Suite 105, Northfield, IL 60093-2744; or Purdue Animal Hospital, c/o Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine, Office of Advancement, Lynn Hall, Room 1177A, 625 Harrison St., West Lafayette, IN 47907.

Arrangements

Calling: 4 to 8 p.m., Feb. 28
Celebration of Life: 10:30 a.m., Feb. 29
Location: Randall & Roberts Funeral Center
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Dewey Vanzant

d. February 23, 2020

Dewey Vanzant, 90, passed peacefully into the arms of his beloved Lord and Savior on Sunday, February 23, 2020 surrounded at home by his loving wife and daughter after several years of declining health. Dewey was born in St. Charles, Va., to Bill and Sarah Vanzant and had nine siblings, all of whom preceded him in death.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 70 years, Mary Jane; his daughter, Constance Jo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

After attending St. Charles High School, Dewey enlisted in the United States Air Force and served from 1946 to 1949. He was a Corporal in the Military Police, serving in Japan in the 35th U.S. Air Force Police Squadron.

In Dewey's younger years, he enjoyed fishing, attending professional wrestling matches, watching sports, and seeing NHS football and basketball games while his daughter was a cheerleader. He was an excellent auto mechanic and painstakingly restored many antique cars and trucks to perfection. Later, Dewey became a machinist at Kitterman's Machine Shop until his retirement.

After retiring, he was an avid vegetable gardener and took immaculate care of his lawn. But most of all, Dewey loved his wife and daughter and the Lord Jesus. He was a wonderful husband and father.

As a devoted and faithful Christian, Dewey was a member of the Noblesville Baptist Church on Pleasant Street. He loved spreading the Gospel and talking about Christ to all he spoke with before his health declined.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at Noblesville Baptist Church, 1338 E. Pleasant St., Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at the church. Pastor Seth Leeman will officiate. Burial will follow at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, family asks that contributions be made to Noblesville Baptist Church.

Dewey's family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to Suburban Hospice for their care and kindness towards the end; to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes; and for the many prayers and love from family and friends.

Arrangements

Calling: 10 to 11 a.m., Feb. 26
Service: 11 a.m., Feb. 26
Location: Noblesville Baptist Church
Condolences: randallroberts.com

Marcia Louise Carithers

January 10, 1932 – February 19, 2020

Marcia Louise Carithers, 88, Indianapolis, formerly of New Castle, passed away on Wednesday morning, February 19, 2020, at St. Vincent Hospice Center in Indianapolis. Born January 10, 1932, in New Castle, she was the daughter of the late James Arthur "J.A." and Nellie (Redman) Carithers.

Marcia attended the New Castle School System. When she was a young adult, a new organization was formed that would help individuals with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. It would be called New Hope of Indiana and Marcia would become a resident in their inaugural class. This was a perfect fit for Marcia. Over the next 44 years, New Hope helped foster Marcia's strength and determination, never letting her physical disabilities and limitations slow her down in the slightest.

Marcia always made it a priority to keep her mind active, and reading helped her achieve this goal. She always looked forward to trips to the library and never lost her passion for learning new things. Marcia also loved working jigsaw puzzles. Whenever she would put together a particularly interesting puzzle, she would make sure to get it mounted and hung on the wall for everyone else to enjoy.

Marcia's mother exposed her to music at an early age, helping to foster a love for playing the piano. It also helped to cultivate a deep appreciation of music and the arts. Her love for painting and poetry grew over the years; she loved getting her hands on a new painting book as much as she loved penning a new poem.

Family was very important to Marcia and no matter where she was at, she had the amazing ability to bring new members into that family. For many years Marcia worked with Janus Developmental Services. Over the years, many of the people at Janus, as well as the residents and staff at New Hope added to her circle of family and support. Marcia was also a member of Faith Church in Indianapolis. Her church family not only increased the size of her support network but helped grow her faith and make it even stronger.

Marcia is survived by her nieces and nephews, John Edward Carithers (Paula), Sheridan, James Harold Carithers (Rita), Clarks Hill, and Jayne Anne Diggs, Columbia, Md.; and many great-nieces and nephews. Marcia is also survived by the many, many, many animals that she lovingly doted over throughout the years. Her love for animals came from growing up on the farm and caring for her favorite pony.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Harold Arthur Carithers; sister-in-law, Sara Mae "Sally" Carithers; and by her nephew, Charlie Diggs.

A Celebration of Marcia's Life was held on Tuesday afternoon, February 25, 2020 at Faith Church, 9125 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, with visitation prior to the time of service. Pastor Tom Macy officiated. Marcia was laid to rest at South Mound Cemetery in New Castle.

In lieu of flowers, Marcia's family requests that memorial contributions be presented to Faith Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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After a month on the road...

Tigers pick up Senior Night win over NC

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - For the first time in 39 days, the Fishers boys basketball team played at the Tiger Den.

Fishers hosted North Central on Tuesday, and it also happened to be the Tigers' Senior Night game. Fishers was stunned by the Panthers' hot shooting in the first quarter, but the Tigers got themselves together and took the lead in the third, then played solid in the fourth period for a 66-60 win.

"I think Senior Nights are always tough because there's a lot of emotion attached to it," said Fishers coach Matt Moore. "And I thought they came out just guns a-blazin'."

North Central's Mike Elliott hit back-to-back 3-pointers to start the game. Add to that five points from Leland Walker, and the result was an early 11-5 Panthers lead.

The Tigers cut it to 11-10 thanks to a three-point play by Jeffrey Simmons and a basket off a steal by Dominic Castellani. But North Central finished the quarter on a 12-4 run to lead 23-14.

North Central led 36-23 midway through the second period, after which Fishers went on its first big run of the game, scoring 10 unanswered points. Isaac Farah started it with a layin, and Simmons added four points sandwiched between a triple by Alex Szilagyi. Charlie Smith's free throw got the Tigers within three, but Walker's two free throws put NC up 38-33 at the break.

"The thing I liked about our guys is, I think we got down 13 and we just continued to stay on the rock, as we say," said Moore. "Played with some poise, showed some character, got it back under seven. And then we chipped away and chipped away. And I told them, once we get the lead, I'm going to call a timeout, we're just going to reset."

Fishers used a 9-0 run to take a 46-42 lead late in the third quarter. The Tigers were down five, but Szilagyi made consecutive baskets, then Simmons nailed a 3. Sure enough, Moore quickly called the timeout, "and it was about getting stops at that point," said the coach.

Simmons scored another basket to complete the run and get Fishers up four. Walker made 3 of 4 free throws in the final minute of the third to keep the Panthers within 46-45 going into the fourth quarter.

The start of that period featured some back-and-forth, with North Central taking the lead twice, both times after baskets by Elliott. His second basket put NC up 51-49, but the Tigers used a 6-0 run to take the lead for good. Farah scored on a layin, Drew Turner hit a pair of free throws, and Simmons scored. The Panthers fought to the end, but Fishers was always able to hit a basket or make free throws in response. Simmons and Szilagyi made free throws in the game's final 35 seconds to close it out.

"I thought late, you saw who we are," said Moore. "We passed the ball, we made the simple play, which led to easy baskets. It's a fun way to go out at home here, getting a school-record 18th win."

Simmons scored 23 points to lead the Tigers scoring, while Szilagyi hit four 3s on his way to 20 points.

Fishers finished the regular season with an 18-6 record. The Tigers will play at the Noblesville sectional next Tuesday,

taking on Zionsville. It will be a re-match of a recent game, a contest Fishers won 58-39 just this last weekend.

"Sectional's always different," said Moore. "The stakes are higher now, and there's a lot more on the line. The first game, I thought we did some good things, and they're going to adjust and we need to be ready to combat that."

FISHERS 66, NORTH CENTRAL 60				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Dominic Castellani	2	2-2	6	3
Alex Szilagyi	6	4-4	20	3
Charlie Smith	1	3-4	5	0
Geoffrey Brown	0	0-0	0	2
Isaac Farah	3	0-0	6	2
Drew Turner	0	3-4	3	2
Bryce Williams	0	0-0	0	2
Jeffrey Simmons	7	8-9	23	0
Lucas Prewitt	1	0-0	3	0
Josh Forbes	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	20	20-23	66	14
Score by Quarters				
North Central	23	15	7	15 - 60
Fishers	14	19	13	20 - 66
Fishers 3-pointers (6) Szilagyi 4, Simmons 1, Prewitt 1.				

Reporter photos by Kirk Green

RIGHT: Fishers' Bryce Williams goes up with the ball during the Tigers' game with North Central Tuesday at the Tiger Den. Fishers won 66-60 on Senior Night, playing its first home game in over a month.

BELOW: Alex Szilagyi scored 20 points for Fishers, including four 3-pointers.





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Includes a 27-3 third quarter...

Shamrocks dominate Frankfort

Westfield scored an overwhelming victory in its regular-season finale Tuesday, beating Frankfort 76-30 at The Rock.

The Shamrocks led the Hot Dogs 22-10 after the first quarter and 38-19 at halftime, with Braden Smith scoring 13 points in the first half. Saaki Vishnumolakala had eight points.

Westfield then roared through the third period, outscoring Frankfort 27-3 to take a 65-22 lead. Eli Patchett made three 3-pointers during that quarter, with Smith adding another seven points and Matthew Penley converting two three-point plays.

Patchett made another 3 in the fourth quarter, giving him 12 points. Smith earned a double-double of 23 points and 10 rebounds, making three 3s, handing out seven assists and getting five steals. Nic DePasquale added 10 points, while Vishnumolakala collected nine rebounds and added eight points. Patchett pulled five rebounds and Cam Haffner blocked two shots.

The Shamrocks finished the regular season 16-6. They will play in the first semi-final game of the Noblesville sectional next Friday, March 6, taking on either Fishers or Zionsville.

WESTFIELD 76, FRANKFORT 30				
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	10-15	0-0	23	0
Cam Haffner	2-6	0-0	4	1
Benji Welch	1-4	0-0	2	1
Nic DePasquale	4-8	0-0	10	0
Camden Simons	1-3	0-0	2	3
Matthew Penley	3-3	2-2	8	1
Zach Byrer	2-2	0-0	4	0
Eli Patchett	4-6	0-0	12	0
Saaki Vishnumolakala	4-5	0-0	8	1
Luke Van Dyke	0-1	0-0	0	0
Trey Dorton	0-1	0-0	0	0
Luke Naas	1-2	0-0	3	0
Totals	32-56	2-2	76	7
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	22	16	27	11 - 76
Frankfort	10	9	3	8 - 30
Westfield 3-point shooting (10-21) Patchett				



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Westfield's Benji Welch gets past the Frankfort defense during the Shamrocks-Hot Dogs game Tuesday at The Rock. Westfield won 76-30.

4-6, Smith 3-6, DePasquale 2-2, Naas 1-2, Haffner 0-2, Dorton 0-1, Welch 0-1, Vishnumolakala 1.

Westfield rebounds (39) Smith 10, Vishnumolakala 9, Patchett 5, Haffner 4, Penley

3, DePasquale 3, VanDyke 2, Dorton 1, Welch 1, Simons 1.

Golden Eagles get comeback victory

Guerin Catholic staged a second-half comeback at Anderson on Tuesday, and that led the Golden Eagles to a 70-66 win in their regular-season finale.

Guerin led 19-15 after the first quarter, but the Indians took over in the second period, finishing the half with a 36-26 lead. Anderson held a 39-28 advantage early in the third, but the Golden Eagles soon began to chip away at the lead, getting within 47-46 by the end of the period. Guerin Catholic then scored 24 points in the fourth to get the win.

Bernie McGuinness poured in 27 points, making 13 of 14 free throw attempts. He also had seven rebounds. Joseph Bobilya was a perfect 4-of-4 from 3-point range on his way to 21 points. Kaleb Edwards collected 10 rebounds and Cameron Weitzel pulled six rebounds.

The Golden Eagles finished the regular season 15-7 and will play Brebeuf Jesuit next Tuesday in a first-round game at the Shortridge sectional.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 70, ANDERSON 66				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaleb Edwards	1-7	3-7	5	2
Joseph Bobilya	6-10	5-6	21	2
Bernie McGuinness	6-14	13-14	27	4
Cameron Weitzel	0-5	0-0	0	1
Matthew Gillis	3-6	3-4	9	4
Kameron Osswald	3-4	0-0	8	3
Spencer Wilt	0-1	0-0	0	0
Elijah Edwards	0-2	0-0	0	2
Will Grissom	0-2	0-0	0	0
Jack Parenteau	0-0	0-0	0	0
Dominic Ferrucci	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	19-51	24-31	70	18
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	19	7	20	24 - 70
Anderson	15	21	11	19 - 66
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (8-15)				
Bobilya 4-4, McGuinness 2-4, Osswald 2-2, Weitzel 0-3, K. Edwards 0-1, Grissom 0-1.				
Guerin Catholic rebounds (39) K. Edwards 10, McGuinness 7, Weitzel 6, Gillis 4, Bobilya 3, Wilt 3, E. Edwards 2, Osswald 2, Grissom 1, team 1.				

Huskies fall to Harrison

Hamilton Heights dropped its regular-season finale on Tuesday, falling to Harrison 70-48 at the Raiders' gym.

Harrison led 18-9 after the first quarter and 39-21 at halftime. Gus Etchison led the Huskies with 21 points, including an 8-of-8 performance from the free-throw line. Hudson Hochstedler made two 3-pointers on his way to nine points. Camron Knott added six points, while Lucas Letsinger scored five points in the fourth quarter.

Heights finished the regular season with a 14-8 record. The Huskies travel to New Castle next Tuesday to play the Trojans in the first round of the sectional.

HARRISON 70, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 48				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Gus Etchison	6-17	8-8	21	3
Issiac Hickok	1-1	0-0	2	1
Camron Knott	2-9	2-2	6	1
Brent Pennington	0-2	0-0	0	1
Hudson Hochstedler	2-2	3-4	9	2
Lucas Letsinger	2-3	0-0	5	0
Luke Carroll	0-2	0-0	0	2
Noah Linville	0-2	0-0	0	2
Rich Espinoza	0-1	0-0	0	0
Jonny Cambron	2-2	0-0	4	0
Drew VanOeveren	0-0	1-2	1	0
Totals	15-41	14-16	48	12
Score by Quarters				
Heights	9	12	9	18 - 48
Harrison	18	21	13	18 - 70
Heights 3-point shooting (4-17) Hochstedler 2-2, Etchison 1-6, Letsinger 1-2, Knott 0-3, Pennington 0-2, Espinoza 0-1, Carroll 0-1.				
Heights rebounds (14) Etchison 5, Pennington 3, Knott 2, Linville 1, Letsinger 1, Carroll 1, Hochstedler 1.				



Etchison

Jannsen scores 26, double-double for Suder...

Greyhounds pull away from Attucks

Carmel got its second consecutive big win, stunning Class 4A No. 8 Crispus Attucks 75-52 Tuesday in the Greyhounds' Senior Night game at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

Carmel led 19-10 after the first quarter. The Tigers were still within 29-21 at halftime, but the 'Hounds took over in the third period, outscoring Attucks 25-13. A 21-point fourth quarter clinched the game.

Jackson Jannsen had an outstanding night, making six 3-pointers on his way to 26 points. Peter Suder reached double-double status with 20 points and 11 rebounds, making three 3s and also dishing out five assists.

Brian Waddell added 15 points, and Charlie Williams made it four Carmel players in double figures with 10 points; he also collected six rebounds. Connor Gioia had seven assists and five rebounds.

The Greyhounds finished the regular season 15-7 and will play Hamilton

Southeastern next Tuesday in the first round of the Noblesville sectional.

CARMEL 75, CRISPUS ATTUCKS 52				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Peter Suder	7-9	3-4	20	0
Jackson Jannsen	10-16	0-0	26	2
Brian Waddell	7-10	1-3	15	0
Connor Gioia	0-2	0-0	0	4
Bryce Beery	1-2	0-1	2	2
Charlie Williams	5-7	0-0	10	2
Josh Whack	1-2	0-0	2	4
Spencer White	0-0	0-0	0	0
Burke Weldy	0-0	0-0	0	0
Wil Leary	0-0	0-0	0	0
Nick Frische	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sam Orme	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	31-48	4-8	75	14
Score by Quarters				
Attucks	10	11	13	18 - 52
Carmel	19	10	25	21 - 75
Carmel 3-point shooting (9-18) Jannsen 6-11, Suder 3-4, Gioia 0-1, Waddell 0-1, Whack 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (30) Suder 11, Williams 6, Gioia 5, Waddell 3, Jannsen 2, White 1, Beery 1, Weldy 1.				

Balanced 'Blazers pick up 19th win

The fifth-ranked Class 2A University Trailblazers won their 19th game of the season Tuesday night with a comfortable 55-30 win over Irvington Prep Academy at The U Center.

University took control by scoring the first 16 points of the second quarter to open up a 25-7 lead and cruised to the victory. 14 Trailblazers played and ten scored.

Korey Ash-Simpson and Joe Martin had nine points each to lead University's scoring. Sam Mervis had eight points and Max Greenamoyer, Jacob Sager and Larry Pierce each had six in the balanced Trailblazer attack.

University had 32 rebounds, led by six from Camden Brown. Faizan Eskar and Pierce each collected five caroms.

"We are happy to be 19-4," said University coach Brandon Lafferman. "We are excited for our senior night on Thursday." University hosts 14-7 Indianapolis Bishop Chatard Thursday to close out the

regular season.

Irvington Prep falls to 8-13 on the season.

UNIVERSITY 55, IRVINGTON PREP 30				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sam Mervis	4-6	0-0	8	2
Max Greenamoyer	2-7	2-2	6	0
Camden Brown	2-3	1-1	5	2
Jacob Sager	3-5	0-0	6	1
Joe Martin	4-10	0-0	9	2
Aaron Stallings	1-1	0-0	2	0
Korey Ash-Simpson	4-5	1-2	9	0
Larry Pierce	1-3	4-4	6	0
Matt Jones	0-1	0-0	0	0
Kasey Ash-Simpson	0-1	2-2	2	1
Nate Jeffery	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach Whitham	0-0	0-0	0	0
Faizan Eskar	1-3	0-0	2	1
Mitchell Martin	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	22-45	10-11	55	10
Score by Quarters				
University	9	18	18	10 - 55
Irvington Prep	7	2	4	17 - 30
University 3-point shooting (1-11) J. Martin 1-3, Greenamoyer 0-5, Mervis 0-2, Jones 0-1.				
University rebounds (32) Brown 6, Eskar 5, Pierce 5, Mervis 4, Ko. Ash-Simpson 4, Greenamoyer 3, Jones 2, M. Martin 1, Sager 1, J. Martin 1.				



Ko. Ash-Simpson

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Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	42	16	.724	-
Boston	40	17	.702	1.5
Philadelphia	36	22	.621	6.0
Brooklyn	26	30	.464	15.0
New York	17	40	.298	24.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Milwaukee	50	8	.862	-
Indiana	34	24	.586	16.0
Chicago	20	39	.339	30.5
Detroit	19	41	.317	32.0
Cleveland	16	41	.281	33.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	36	21	.632	-
Orlando	25	32	.439	11.0
Washington	20	36	.357	15.5
Charlotte	19	38	.333	17.0
Atlanta	17	42	.288	20.0

x - Clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's scores		Denver 115, Detroit 98
Indiana 119, Charlotte 80		L.A. Lakers 118, New Orleans 109
Milwaukee 108, Toronto 97		Boston 118, Portland 106
Oklahoma City 124, Chicago 122		Sacramento 112, Golden State 94

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Denver	40	18	.690	-
Utah	36	21	.632	3.5
Oklahoma City	36	22	.621	4.0
Portland	26	33	.441	14.5
Minnesota	16	40	.286	23.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	44	12	.786	-
L.A. Clippers	38	19	.667	6.5
Sacramento	24	33	.421	20.5
Phoenix	24	34	.414	21.0
Golden State	12	46	.207	33.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	37	20	.649	-
Dallas	35	23	.603	2.5
Memphis	28	29	.491	9.0
New Orleans	25	33	.431	12.5
San Antonio	24	32	.429	12.5

Pacers dominate Hornets, 119-80

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After a 46-point loss to the Toronto Raptors on Sunday — the Pacers' second-worst loss in franchise history — head coach Nate McMillan told reporters that Tuesday night's game against the Charlotte Hornets was about pride.

The players responded accordingly.

Despite missing three guards (Jeremy Lamb, Victor Oladipo, and Edmond Sumner), the Blue & Gold (34-24) bounced back with a dominant 119-80 victory over the Hornets (19-38) at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. They've won four straight, and seven out of the last eight regular season home games against Charlotte.

"You know, coach just wanted us to come out with a different mentality," Domantas Sabonis said postgame. "After an embarrassing night last game, we just wanted to come in and set the tone early."

With 10:51 to play in the first, Malcolm Brogdon responded to a Malik Monk layup with a 29-foot triple. The Pacers never surrendered the lead again.

The team went on to shoot a blazing 28-of-41 (68.3 percent) from the floor to cap off a marvelous first half and take a 69-44 lead into the break. Though the rest did little to stop Indiana's momentum, as they earned a lead as high as 43 points before the final buzzer. Indiana finished 49-of-86 (57.0 percent) from the field, and improve to 19-6 in games in which the team shoots at least 50 percent of better.

Six players ended up in double figures, with Domantas Sabonis leading the way with 21 points. The big man also nabbed 15 rebounds for his 44th double-double of the season and fell one assist shy of a triple-double. T.J. Warren bounced back

with a 19-point night on 9-of-12 shooting, while Justin Holiday added a bench-high 16. Myles Turner finished with six points, 10 boards, and a career-high eight blocks, six coming in the first half.

"I just wanted to set the tone early and I was able to establish our defense for our team," Turner said. "I think everybody followed suit. They did a hell of a job to-night."

In reverse fashion from Sunday night, Indiana found points on four of its first five possessions to grab an early advantage over the visiting Hornets. Warren scored seven of the Blue & Gold's first 11 points. Then, a wide-open Turner triple from the right wing with 7:50 left in the first snagged a 14-9 lead for Indiana and forced Hornets head coach James Borrego to call an early timeout.

Out of the timeout, the Pacers rattled off a 7-2 spree to stretch its lead to double digits, 21-11, on an Aaron Holiday three from the left side with 5:59 to play. Holiday earned his 21st start of the season in relief of Oladipo, who continues to be restricted with a sore back.

The fireworks continued, as the Blue & Gold stretched their lead to as high as 28-16 with 3:18 to play after Sabonis completed a three-point play and Brogdon followed with a pull-up jumper in the paint.

The Hornets were primed to cut Indiana's lead to single digits before the end of the period, but Indiana's big men thought otherwise. Goga Bitadze flipped an outlet pass to JaKarr Sampson, who ran the length of the court and slammed home a right-handed dunk with 4.0 seconds left to give Indiana the 35-25 lead after one. The forward from St. John's finished with 10 points.

Another Sampson slam began a 16-2 Indiana run over the first 4:31 of the second quarter. At the 9:48 mark, Doug McDermott got in on the high-flying action, finishing a powerful, driving right-handed flush. With 7:31 to play, Sabonis capped the run by drilling a wide-open three from the left corner to give Indiana a 51-27 lead.

Despite a timeout from Borrego, the Blue & Gold didn't miss a beat. They found buckets on six of their next seven possessions. With 3:53 to play, Warren made a running finger-roll layup to snag a 62-35 lead for the Pacers.

The Pacers then closed out the rest of the quarter strong keeping the Hornets trailing by 20-plus points for the remainder of the frame. With 17.8 seconds left to play, Aaron Holiday finished the first-half scoring with a nifty driving floater, stepping by two Hornets players for the finish.

The mandatory break did little to stop the Blue & Gold's offense from firing on all cylinders. Indiana connected on its first five possessions to reel off a 10-2 run over the first 2:38 of the third quarter. Back-to-back buckets from Brogdon followed by a Sabonis layup gave Indiana a 79-46 lead and was enough to force Borrego to call yet another early timeout.

Out of the timeout, the Pacers' smothering defense limited Charlotte to just two points over the next 4:14 of play. Back-to-back visits to the charity stripe for Sabonis and Aaron Holiday netted an 85-48 Pacers lead with 5:27 to play. Caleb Martin then broke the Hornets scoreless streak, notching a pair of free throws with 5:09 showing.

For the remainder of the frame, the Hornets barely made a dent in the Pac-

ers' lead. They found just two more field goals for the rest of the period. A three from Brogdon followed by a Justin Holiday jumper with 1:19 to play pushed the Blue & Gold's lead to 92-53. Holiday would then add two more free throws with 2.6 seconds remaining to keep the lead at 39 as they headed into the final frame.

With 10:54 to play, a fadeaway jumper from T.J. McConnell over the outstretched paw of 6-foot-11 center Cody Zeller finally pushed the Blue & Gold's lead to the 40-point mark (96-56).

McDermott then scored six of the next eight Pacer points in a flurry of cuts to the basket. His floating jumper with 8:13 to play put the Pacers ahead 104-61, and it was clear that Charlotte would not make a historical comeback tonight.

At the 6:04 mark, Sampson continued to add to his season-long dunking highlight reel. McConnell found Sampson cutting to the basket with a bounce pass in the paint. Sampson then happily obliged the eager crowd with a monstrous right handed slam to give the Pacers a 108-66 lead.

"I think I always do that," Sampson said on the ferocity of his dunks while smiling. "That's just how I dunk. I don't know how to dunk any other way."

In the only parallel to Sunday night, the Pacers' deep reserves then closed out the rest of the game. The only difference being the smiles on their faces. It was a much-needed reversal of fortune for the Blue & Gold, as each game becomes more and more important down the stretch.

The Pacers host the Portland Trail Blazers for the first and only time on Thursday night.

Boys diving regional

Three sophomores qualify for state

Three Hamilton County sophomore divers finished in the top eight of the Homestead boys diving regional on Tuesday, thus qualifying for the state meet.

Fishers' William Jansen scored 477.80 points to place second, with Hamilton Southeastern's A.J. Ricafort finishing third with 444.65 points. Another Tigers diver, Sebastian Otero, placed fifth with 414.05 points.

Delta junior Sam Bennett won the meet by a large margin, scoring 573.65 points.

Carmel senior John Curcio finished 10th with 361.80 points, while Westfield junior Ben Hobson was 15th with 224.00 points.

The state-qualifying divers will compete in the preliminaries, which begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the IU Natatorium. The semi-finals will follow immediately after the prelims, with the finals that afternoon during the swimming state finals.

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