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TODAY'S WEATHER

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County council concludes annual budget hearings

By JEFF JELLISON
Reporter Publisher

Hamilton County Councilors wrapped up two days of budget hearings Wednesday afternoon. The hearings finalized a budget of just under \$100 million for county general operations for the 2021 fiscal year.

County Councilor Rick McKinney told the Reporter revenues will meet expenditures and residents will see a 1.27 percent projected decrease in county taxes.

The proposed budget addressed some major projects, including the State Road 37 improvement project,



McKinney



Dillinger

construction of a county-owned parking garage to be located at 8th and Clinton streets in Noblesville, and increased security measures at the historic courthouse, which includes in part the hiring of three additional

security personnel.

Additionally, the proposed budget includes the hiring a full-time deputy prosecutor to handle increased domestic violence cases, a part-time staff attorney for county judges will move to full-time, and a parks department position will change from part-time to full-time.

McKinney said the proposed budget halts the county's matching contribution for its employees' deferred compensation program.

Elected officials, other than council members and commissioners, will

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Saying goodbye to a childhood best friend

As I was eating lunch last Thursday, I saw a Facebook post that made me freeze in shock. My best friend from the time I was a baby until I was 16, also named Amy, had suddenly died in her sleep the night before.

I read and re-read her sister's post in disbelief. It couldn't be true. Amy's birthday is just six days apart from mine and I was looking forward to wishing her a Happy 50th this month. I knew she'd be wishing me the same the next week. She was a happy, healthy woman busy with being a professor at MSU in Denver, traveling, and sharing the antics of her ornery but hilarious cat, Truman, on social media.

Our families met before we were even born thanks to her great aunt Sharon and uncle Jack living next door to my parents' house. Sharon and Jack were my godparents. Their daughter Lisa was my favorite babysitter. Jack's sister Rita was one of my mom's closest friends.

Soon "Amy Ellen" and "Amy Sue" – as we were called – were rolling around and babbling together as infants and later splashing in baby pools as toddlers. We lived about 15 minutes from each other, so our mothers

made sure we got together for birthdays, Valentine's Day, and every other holiday. We wrote letters to each other constantly.

When Amy moved just three blocks away from me at the age of 12, I was thrilled! We loved walking together to and from John Young Junior High School in Mishawaka. That was prime time for some serious talking, giggling, and petting the neighborhood's friendly dogs. It was a rare day when we weren't together.

We reunited in our mid-20s over lunch at Olive Garden in Mishawaka when she was in town from Colorado. It was a wonderful afternoon of stories, laughter, and just catching up in general. When Facebook came along, we enjoyed a new way of staying in touch and got to see how our lives were changing in our late 30s and beyond. I was so damn proud of her brilliance, her generosity, and her fearless exploration of the world.

I was overcome with grief last week and cursed this element of the sandwich generation – the beginning of the loss of good friends. How could a

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COLUMNIST
AMY SHANKLAND
Sandwiched

Hamilton County resident helps Indiana hit world culinary stage

By STU CLAMPITT
ReadTheReporter.com

The 2020 World Food Championships' (WFC) Final Table: Indy competition is taking place this weekend, Aug. 7-9, and Hamilton County's own Meredith McVicker is a key player in bringing the Indiana culinary scene to the world stage.

Final Table: Indy is the culmination of the world's largest food sport event, WFC, which crowned 10 category champions in Dallas, Texas, last October. The champions, three of whom are Hoosiers, will now bring their talents to Indy for three rounds of competition to determine who will take home this year's "World Food Champion" title and a \$100,000 prize.

Meredith McVicker is the Chair of Corporate Outreach for Team Indiana and Culinary Crossroads. She and Culinary Crossroads Director Larry Dickerson were kind enough to talk with The Reporter about how Indianapolis playing host to this year's Final Table is significant to both Hamilton County and the entire state.



McVicker



Dickerson

It should be noted that both McVicker and Dickerson prefer to be referred to as "chief bottle washers." Produced as a docu-series TV show, the results of the first two rounds of competition will be shared with the public through the WFC social media channels on Facebook and Instagram.

"When it gets down to three people in the final round, those results will be



Photo provided

While the food will still be just as delicious, the scene will look a little different than it did at this pre-COVID competition year. At this weekend's Final Table: Indy event Team Indiana and WFC will be exceptionally diligent about following all CDC and state guidelines.

only known when the reality TV show airs on the Cooking Channel at the end of September," Dickerson told The Reporter.

It has been a long road to get this WFC event to

come to Indiana.

"We started last year by supporting Team Indiana," Dickerson said. "A big part of that was working with

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Gov. Holcomb says he has seen no evidence that anyone contracted the coronavirus as a result of in-person voting during Indiana's June 2 primary.

Governor has no plans to expand mail-in voting

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Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb said Wednesday he has no plans to expand mail-in absentee voting, despite concerns about the coronavirus.

Current state law says Hoosiers who want to vote by mail must have an excuse for not voting in person. Those reasons include disability, being out of town, work duties, lack of transportation and age.

At a videoconference briefing Wednesday, Gov. Eric Holcomb said he believes polling sites were safe during Indiana's primary election in June, and in-person voting did not contribute to the spread of COVID-19.

"Voting sites all had

PPE (personal protective equipment)," Holcomb said. "They were all able to conduct safe elections. I don't know of a single case. I've asked this question 10 times, 10 different ways of 10 different people, if they knew of one case where someone got COVID-19 while voting at one of our sites on Election Day, and the answer has been 'no' to date."

Holcomb added that Indiana's attorney general is reviewing if it would be legal to expand mail-in voting. He expects that decision in September.

To vote absentee in Indiana, Hoosiers must fill out paperwork to request a ballot by Oct. 22. [Click here](#) to request to vote absentee.



Holcomb



File photo

Carmel Public Library's main branch closing for move on Sept. 5

The REPORTER

As the Carmel Clay Public Library begins construction on its Main Library expansion and renovation project, the library will close to the public in order to move services to a temporary location.

Saturday, Sept. 5 will be the final day of service at the Main Library, 55 4th Ave. SE, before it closes for a two-year construction

project. On Thursday, Oct. 1, the Merchants' Square Main Library will open at 2140 E. 116th St.

During this closure, library patrons can continue to place holds on items through the online catalog and pick them up using the curbside holds pickup service at the library's Joyce Winner West Branch in the Village of West Clay. The library's digital col-

lection of titles to download and stream remains open. Patrons will be able to reach library staff by phone (317-814-3900) and online (carmelclaylibrary.org/ask-a-librarian) during the move.

Library patrons may also take advantage of the countywide borrowing agreement that allows cardholders at any Hamilton County public library

to check out materials from the other libraries in the county, including the Hamilton East Public Library locations in Noblesville and Fishers and the Westfield Washington Public Library.

Construction on the Main Library project is expected to last for two years. Project details can be found at carmelclaylibrary.org/main-library-project.



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BUDGET

receive a 1 percent increase in salary. Commissioners and council members will not receive a salary increase. Other county employees will continue to receive salary increases based on the county’s salary matrix.

Again this year, the county will financially assist several local non-profits.

“It is always a struggle funding non-profits; however, the council did agree to provide funding to organizations that received funding in 2020,” said McKinney.

A total of nine non-profits will share \$580,000. The council did add Westfield-based Heart and Soul Clinic to the list of organizations.

Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger praised the council for proposing a conservative budget.

“These are financially uncertain times,” Dillinger said. “We need to be prudent and conservative right now.”

According to Dillinger, a possible reduction in LIT tax received by the county – due to unemployment re-

lated to COVID-19 – could impact county revenue.

“Because of the way LIT tax is distributed, we will not fully know the financial impact until 2022,” Dillinger said.

A public hearing on the budget will be conducted at 7 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center. A final council vote to approve the budget will take place at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 19. After council approval, the budget will be sent to the State of Indiana for review before going into effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

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School Board Candidates

There are 14 board seats at stake this year in the six Hamilton County school districts. Winners in the non-partisan elections on Nov. 3 will take office on Jan. 1, 2021. Filing ends at noon on Aug. 21 at the county election office.

Carmel Clay Schools
Katie Browning (At large)

Hamilton Southeastern
Tony Bagato (Delaware Twp.)
Chauna Leigh Holder (Fall Creek Twp.)
Sarah E. Parks-Reese (Wayne Twp.)
Suzanne Thomas (Fall Creek Twp.)
Clinton Wilson (Fall Creek Twp.)

Hamilton Heights
Kevin J. Cavanaugh (Jackson Twp.)
Gretchen Pennington (White River Twp.)
David Adam Sheller (White River Twp.)

Westfield Washington Schools
Carl (Mike) Steele (District 3)

FRIEND

seemingly healthy woman just be taken away like this? Her Facebook page has been filled with dozens upon dozens of posts talking about how Amy influenced so many lives.

As I write this, her sister and mother are in Denver picking up the pieces from her death. She wasn’t married and didn’t have children, so this burden falls to them. I know there will be a celebration of life there and am hoping for one in South Bend as well.

There’s not enough room in one column to share the lessons I’ve learned from all of this, so stay tuned for part two next week. In the meantime, as we pray for so much during this turbulent time, please say a quick prayer for Amy’s family and friends. The just world lost another good one.

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Hello, Hamilton County

It's official...
Paul Poteet has gone bananas



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Feel free to share The Reporter with friends and family.

**Thanks for reading
The REPORTER**



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Victims of Crime and Abuse
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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.





What's new for 2020? The Atlas Cross Sport.



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Join the Fishers Fire Corps

The REPORTER

The Fishers Fire Department encourages area residents to join the Fishers Fire Corps.

A Fire Corps member provides support to the firefighters by performing services at emergency incidents and non-emergency events at department facilities and department functions. This includes responding to incidents to provide incident rehabilitation to firefighters and sup-

port to individuals affected by an emergency.

The Fire Corps maintains the Rehab Support Unit (RSU) apparatus, equipment and supplies, and provides rehabilitation services during hands-on training events.

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting with public education

- Constructing training props

- Creating training videos
- Event planning

- Fundraising
- Serving at actual emergency incidents
- Transporting training equipment to drill sites

Candidates must be at least 18 years of age, pass a criminal background check, and have received a high school diploma or GED.

All candidates must complete the **Fire Corp Application and Background Disclosure and Authorization Form**.

FOOD

Meredith McVicker, my partner here who helped to promote it. I travelled to New Orleans where the Final Table event was held in May of last year. At that time, they had not decided where the next Final Table would take place. We knew we were going to go to Dallas with our team and we knew the Lt. Governor was going to go with us as one of the supporters for Culinary Crossroads. I walked out of there and it was one of those moments when the lightbulb comes on. I just knew we had to make a pitch to be able to announce at Dallas that it was coming to Indianapolis."

With support from Ivy Tech Culinary Center, Visit Indy, Sysco, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch and others, Dickerson's pitch was a success.

When Dickerson asked McVicker to help promote the event, she said her interest ran deep.

"The reason I am so interested is because my company works with many of the companies you would recognize in pharma, healthcare and the insurance industries all around Hamilton County and Indiana," McVicker said. "We bring in the top 2 to 5 percent of candidates across the world to help them decide to come to Indiana to work and one of the questions they usually ask is, 'What is the culinary landscape like in Indiana?' People have no frame of reference. This became a great launchpad to be able to allow them to understand in a cohesive way of the entirety of Culinary Crossroads."

According to McVicker, one of the main goals is to let people understand what the culinary scene is like in Indiana and that the Crossroads of America is a premiere culinary destination.

"Right now, the trend has been for a lot of people to work from home," McVicker said. "What we

have found is that people are now deciding to fly in and out of places to have meetings. Being able to help them understand Indiana is a culinary destination is something that will be promoted more through the Culinary Crossroads initiative in the future, long after this wonderful and world-renowned event takes place."

Dickerson said there are four pillars that define the Indiana culinary landscape: The people, products, places and services.

"We believe those pillars lead people to want to come here to live, work and play," Dickerson said. "When we get those folks to come and take great jobs in the Indianapolis area, Hamilton County is there with a wonderful lifestyle where people want to live and take advantage of all the community has to offer."

When announcing Indy as the host city last October, WFC CEO Mike McCloud stated, "We are really excited to be partnering with such a great culinary destination. Indianapolis has always been a great supporter of Food Sport, and we simply cannot wait for our champions to see what creative culinary challenges await them in this incredible city during the Final Table competition."

One of the things the benefits to hosting Final Table is that Culinary Crossroads was able to put an Indiana focus on it.

"In the first round they will be working with Indiana pork products sourced from Fischer Farms," Dickerson said. "We work with a local restaurateur, Carlos Salazar, a top-notch chef who run Rook. He came up with recipe guidelines. They will have

to use the pork and match it up with Parisian gnocchi and infuse Red Gold Tomato products. So you can see that we are highlighting the people a products associated with Indiana."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers had to move the championship from May to August.

"We hope that by doing so and by following all the guideline we are an example

of a road to recovery and a road to moving on," Dickerson said. "There are things that have to be changed and there are guidelines that have to be followed, but if you follow those and put them in place, you can have these events that are good for our communities. We feel very proud about shepherding through this so people can see that you can do this within the guidelines and be successful. The number one priority for us is for people to be safe and stay healthy while having a ton of fun."

McVicker wanted to note that in her opinion she would like to point out how "phenomenally well" both Larry Dickerson and Mike McCloud from World Food Championships have addressed the challenges of putting on such an event during the pandemic.

"They are doing everything to follow exactly the COVID-19 guidelines," McVicker said. "This is important because people are hungry to have something that is actually going on. This is definitely something that does a great deal to highlight Indiana in food sports."

To learn more about WFC's Final Table: Indy, please visit teamindiana.org or email information@teamindiana.org.

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— Larry Dickerson

Carmel thieves get up close and personal with Meijer security camera



Photo provided

The Carmel Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying these two individuals. Both are suspects in a theft from the Meijer store, located at 1424 W. Carmel Drive, which took place at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1. If you recognize either person, please contact Officer Jade Bess at (317) 571-2500 or jbess@carmel.in.gov. You can also contact Crime Stoppers at (317) 262-TIPS or crimetips.org. Please reference CPD case number 2020-53415.

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Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Zoning Appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on August 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Red Bridge Park Community Building located at 697 West Jackson Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, to hear the following petitions:
Docket No. BZA-0720-015-R3
A Development Standards Variance Request application has been submitted concerning Article 7.23 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow a "community impact and feasibility study of permitting small backyard chicken (hen) flocks to be kept inside the corporate limits of the Town of Cicero for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months". Whereas, Article 7.23 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance requires that the minimum lot size to be able to have any farm animal on any lot or combination of lots is three (3) acres.
Docket No. BZA-0720-016-R3
A Development Standards Variance Request application has been submitted concerning Article 7.23 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens in an area less than one-tenth (0.1) acres of fenced pasture per animal. Whereas, Article 7.23 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum of one-tenth (0.1) acres of fence pasture per animal.
Project Address: 881 South Lanyard Drive, Cicero, IN 46034
Legal Description: Acreage .29 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 MORSE LANDING Section 3 Lot 155
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. However due to current social distancing guidelines seating will be limited. Therefore, interested parties are encouraged to file written comments. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to ctaylor@townofcicero.in.gov. Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner's Name: Max Howe
Date: 8/6/2020
RL3670 8/7/2020

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is given by the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, that they will receive bids to rent two enclosed buildings located at the Hamilton County 4-H Center at 2003 East Pleasant Street, Noblesville, Indiana, for storage of materials during the 2020-2021 winter season, beginning October 1, 2020 through May 1, 2021. The buildings are the swine barn which is 60' by 144' or 8,640 square feet; and the cattle barn which is 60' by 210', or 12,600 square feet. Said buildings will be rented in their present condition without any warranties, express or implied. Any questions concerning the renting of said building should be addressed to Lisa Hanni at the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, (317) 776-0854.
Bidders shall submit sealed bids to the Office of the Hamilton County Auditor at 33 N. 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana, in the basement of the Historic Courthouse on or before 12:30 p.m. on August 24, 2020. After 12:30 p.m. they can be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana until the time of the bid opening. Those bids shall contain the following:
a. A clear designation on the outside of the bid envelope of 4-H RENTAL Bids.
b. A Cashiers or Certified Check in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) payable to Hamilton County, Indiana.
c. The name, address, home and business phone number of the bidder.
d. No bid under \$10,400 will be considered.
The bid shall be opened and read aloud during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County at 1:45 p.m. on August 24, 2020.
The successful bidder shall be expected to tender to the County one-half of the bid amount on or before October 1, 2020, with the balance of the bid amount due and owing on December 1, 2020.
All unsuccessful bidders shall have their Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) deposit check returned. A successful bidder who fails to complete his rental agreement shall forfeit his Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). The Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) will be held as a Damage deposit until the buildings are vacated at the end of the rental term.
Any persons desiring an opportunity to inspect the Building(s) prior to submission of a bid and to review the proposed Rental Agreement may contact Ms. Lisa Hanni, Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service at (317) 776-0854.
s/s Robin M. Mills, Auditor
Hamilton County, Indiana
RL3674 8/7/2020, 8/14/2020

Meeting Notices

The Atlanta Town Council will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Westfield Washington School Board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, in the Multi-purpose room at Washington Woods Elementary School, 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.

Cicero Town Council, Plan Commission, BZA and Staff meetings will be held at Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W. Jackson St., until further notice. All such meetings will continue to take place on their normal dates and times (7 p.m.).

Notice

The Hamilton County Plan Commission is trying to be as responsible as possible during this pandemic episode and still move forward with updating our comprehensive plan. The next series of Hamilton County Plan Commission Comprehensive Plan Update public meetings will be a drive-through process. Our office will be doing a mass mailing to residents in our jurisdictional areas of Hamilton County next week. Please plan to drive through our site locations to complete the entire survey and/or drop off your own written comments regarding the types of growth and development you want and don't want to see.

Adams Township

Thursday, August 20, 2020
Sheridan Community Center
300 East 6th Street
Sheridan, IN 46069
7:00 p.m.

White River Township

Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Walnut Grove Community Center
12695 East 256th Street
Cicero, IN 46034
7:00 p.m.

Noblesville/Wayne Townships

Thursday, August 27, 2020
Wayne Township Fire Station
18441 Durbin Road
Noblesville, IN 46060
7:00 p.m.


RL3659 8/3/20, 8/10/20, 8/17/20

Read it here.
Read it first.

Carmel author, Coast Guard member to hold book signing Saturday

The REPORTER

Darin Bibeau has chased after cocaine smuggling boats, worked security in post-9/11 New York City, kept the peace between warring tribes in Asia ... all while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Special Ops Team.



Bibeau

The Carmel resident also happens to run one of the most successful manufacturing companies in America and has just authored his first book, *Back to Bulletproof – A Warriors Tactical Guide to Success*, where he shares many life lessons from his time in the military and in the business world.

The public is welcome from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday night to meet Bibeau, check out his book, purchase an autographed copy and some other "GSD swag" during the Meet Me on Main event in the Carmel Arts & Design District. He will be set up inside the All Things Carmel store, located at 110 W. Main St., right next to the Pint Room.

As an author and motivational speaker, Bibeau attends events and meets people all over the country, sharing the core principles he's learned on each stop of his journey and how they helped mold him into a peacetime warrior on a mission of helping others lock, load, and take aim at personal and professional growth. More than just a tell-all book, *Back to Bulletproof* is a tactical guide to success and a must-have for anyone striving to live their life to the fullest.

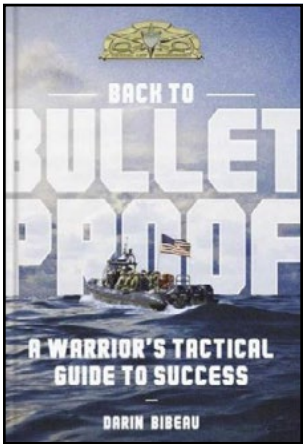


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Since then, Bibeau has made his transition into the civilian world and now runs and owns successful American manufacturing companies, most notably National Chimney/Natural Light Energy Systems. He has nine factories and more than 300 employees.

Bibeau also owns a couple of Crossfits as exercise is a part of his life. Today, he spends his extra time as a motivational speaker, business consultant and promoting his book.

Bibeau lives with his wife on Main Street in Carmel and is a huge supporter of a number of community events and non-profit groups.

Bibeau was born and raised in Plattsburg, N.Y. He joined the Coast Guard in 1994 with recruit company Delta 144. His first assignment was Coast Guard cutter Spencer out of Boston. During his time with the Coast Guard, he served as a Special Operator and then a private government contractor all over the world. He has been in operations on the high seas and remote areas around the globe, including places he never wants to go back.

Peachin Schwartz & Weingardt can help you with more than taxes

Submitted

Editor's note: The following was written by Peachin Schwartz & Weingardt (PSW). They are CPAs and advisors who deliver accounting, tax planning, consulting and assurance solutions. You can learn more about PSW at psw-cpa.com.

Under our current environment, the COVID-19 pandemic has provided many challenges for small business owners and workers. We spend a tremendous amount of our time working with the closely held business on strategies to help them take these challenges and look at the opportunities to improve and enhance their company and team.

For us, it's more than just taxes. As a CPA firm, we help our clients identify, define and focus on their goals beyond taxes. We also consult and serve clients through accounting services, tax planning, estate planning, and retirement planning. Just saying those words out loud can be overwhelming. But it's also crucial to think about how you are positioning yourself in trying times.


What's your office environment like? From a small business perspective, your office environment needs to be clean, sanitized and meet the requirements for the proper work distancing. We have found that the more comfortable you make your work environment for your team, the better they perform.

This is a great time to focus on increasing your online presence for your company. Take a look at your website and make sure your content provides the information your customers and potential customers are looking for. Does it make sense to have an online payment option? Yes, it is always about cash flow! Look at ways to grow your social media presence to stay engaged and build your brand.

Another item to consider is flexible work schedules and remote working. Making sure customers will still receive the same level of attention and ultimate satisfaction in your company's product and service delivery is critical. Many of our clients are having more and more of their team working remotely. Our clients are evaluating their office space needs. Do you really need the space under your current lease?

The single most important aspect of dealing with these challenges and opportunities is to keep an open line of communication with your team and your customers. Reach out to your customers and let them know that you have the people and products to meet their needs. Check in with your team and let them know you are supporting and encouraging them in their work and how your company is navigating through these challenges.

We firmly believe that the small business owner will find a way to succeed. The successful small business owners will turn challenges into opportunities and ultimately into profits for their business. We are one of those businesses and look forward to helping.



Hamilton Boone County Line Road,
Little Eagle Creek Avenue to close this month

Beginning on or after Monday, Aug. 10, Hamilton Boone County Line Road and Little Eagle Creek Avenue will both be closed for road reconstruction.

Little Eagle Creek Avenue south of 146th Street will be closed for approximately 120 calendar days beginning on or after Monday, Aug. 10, tentatively opening back up to traffic by the end of December. Local and emergency traffic will have access to Overbrook Farms and The Preserve at Bear Creek subdivisions via Little Eagle Creek Avenue from the south only, or via 141st Street.

Hamilton Boone County Line Road between 146th and 156th streets is expected to be closed for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days beginning on or after Monday, Aug. 17. Local traffic will continue to have access to homes, while thru traffic is asked to seek an alternate route.

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Ralph A. Pfau

July 26, 1929 – August 5, 2020

Ralph A. Pfau, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at his home. He was born on July 26, 1929 to Victor and Teresa (Schmitt) Pfau in Indianapolis.



Ralph proudly served his county in the United States Army during the Korean War and received a bronze star. He earned a pharmacy degree from Butler University and was the owner of Victor Pharmacy. Ralph was a member of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church and happily married to his wife, Mary, for 63 years. He enjoyed all types of sports, fishing and golf. Ralph was a bowling league member, and was a big fan of Notre Dame football, Butler basketball, and the Indianapolis Colts & Pacers.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Pfau; daughter, Beth Pfau (Jeff Kurlich); and grandson, J.P. Kurlich.

In addition to his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by 10 siblings.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 10, 2020 at St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, 17102 Springmill Road, Westfield, with visitation from 9 a.m. to the time of service at the church. Burial with military rites will follow at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

The Pfau family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with Ralph's care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Alice (McGee) Brake

December 24, 1955 – August 5, 2020

Alice (McGee) Brake, 64, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at IU Health North Hospital in Carmel. She was born on December 24, 1955 to James and Bobbie (Murphy) McGee in Indianapolis.



Alice worked for the United States Postal Service as a Postal Manager. She was a member of Venture Christian Church. Alice was an excellent cook, enjoyed hosting gatherings, and helped those in her community in so many ways. Most of all she loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Randy Brake; mother, Bobbie Lucille McGee; son, Gerald (Kimberly) Laxson; son, Joseph Laxson; daughter, Amanda (Jason) Windle; son, Thomas (Kelli) Laxson; son, Brandon Brake; sister, Vicky (Ron) Brake; brother, Joey (Editha) McGee; brother, John (Lori) McGee; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Oliver McGee, and her brother, Wade McGee.

The Brake Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home in Noblesville, Indiana with Alice's care.

Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 until 1 p.m. at Greenhill Funeral Home, 8450 Highway 43, Florence, Ala. The funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel at 1 p.m. Burial will be in McGee Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lupus Foundation of America, Indiana Chapter, 9302 N. Meridian St., Suite 203, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

Acts 18:3-7 (KJV)

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Headlee, Williams share medalist honors . . .

Carmel cruises to Crooked Stick victory

The Carmel girls golf team won its second consecutive tournament on Thursday, cruising to victory at the Crooked Stick Invitational.

The No. 3-ranked Greyhounds had a strong score of 156 at the nine-hole event, comfortably ahead of runner-up Zionsville's 183. University, playing its first tournament of the year, placed third with 187, followed by Cathedral with a 210.

Two players shared medalist honors. Carmel freshman Michaela Headlee and University junior Becky Williams each carded an even-par 36. It was a good way to start the year for Williams, a two-time regional qualifier and a state qualifier her freshman season.

Williams admitted to some first-tournament nerves, "so to play well definitely helps going forward," she said.

"On a course like this, even-par on nine is pretty good," said Williams.

Headlee had seven pars, one birdie and one bogey in her round, leading the way for the 'Hounds. Katie Kuc was next with a 38, followed by Sydney Longstreth 39, Ava Hedrick 43 and Claire Swathwood 44.

"Crooked Stick is the longest course we have played so far and presented some challenges we hadn't seen this week," said Carmel coach Kelly Kluesner. "We will work on when to play safe and when to be aggressive as we prepare for the rest of our season."

After Williams, other Trailblazers scores were Abby Bladen 47, Kelsey DuBois 48, Molly Bickle 56 and Ria Narayanan 62.



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights finished eighth out of 15 teams at the West Lafayette Girls Golf Invitational, which took place Thursday at the Purdue Ackerman-Allen Course.

The Huskies scored a 378; Western was the meet champion with a 341. Sydni Zebrasukas led Heights with an 82, followed by Rebekah Steffen 95, Lola Wilson 100, Anna Rickey 101 and Kaylee Rhoton 111.

Team scores: Western 341, Lake Central 346, Tipton 354, Harrison 361, Lafayette Jefferson 362, Logansport 368, Northwestern 370, Hamilton Heights 378, Terre Haute North 392, West Lafayette 401, McCutcheon 407, Twin Lakes 438, Benton Central 460, Rensselaer Central 467, Frankfort inc. Medalist: Quigley (Tipton) 77.

In a junior varsity match, Carmel beat Noblesville 170-176 at Harbour Trees.

County volleyball teams will

get schedules off to quick starts

Hamilton County's high school volleyball teams will not be wasting any time getting started with their seasons.

Teams can begin competition on Saturday, Aug. 15, and five local squads will be playing that morning. That includes an all-county match-up, with Carmel hosting Fishers.

Also playing that day: Westfield hosts Lawrence North, Hamilton Southeastern welcomes McCutcheon and Hamilton Heights will host Greenfield-Central.

Guerin Catholic will welcome the

ABOVE: The Carmel girls golf team won the Crooked Stick Invitational on Thursday. The No. 3-ranked Greyhounds had a strong score of 156 in the nine-hole event.

RIGHT: University's Becky Williams was a co-medalist with an even-par 36.

The Greyhounds' Ava Nguyen was the meet medalist with a 40. Other Carmel scores were Caroline Enzor 42, Maya Berglund 44, Averie Reiter 44, Sophie Cassidy 45, Kamryn Williams 47, Sarah Fernando 51, Karolena Zhou 51 and Gabby Saber 56.

The Millers were playing in their first match of the season. Erin Burt led NHS with a 41, followed by Sophi Stutz 42, Jordan Adam 45 and Audrey Ratcliffe 48.

Noblesville's varsity will play in its first tournament of the year Saturday, at the State Preview meet at Prairie View.

Huskies to the Eagles Nest on Aug. 18 for its opener. The other two county schools will start their seasons on the road: Sheridan travels to Crawfordsville on Aug. 17, while Noblesville will play at North Central on Aug. 18.

University will not be playing against other schools this season, as it has transitioned to an intramural schedule for the fall in volleyball, soccer and cross country.

Turn to Page 7 to see a list of schedules for all schools.



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2020 Hamilton County volleyball schedules

CARMEL

Aug. 13: Columbus East (scrimmage), 6 p.m.
 Aug. 15: Fishers, 11 a.m.
 Aug. 17: Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 19: at Roncalli, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 22: Carmel Round Robin, 10 a.m.
 Aug. 25: Avon, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 26: at Yorktown, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 1: at Center Grove, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 2: at Lawrence Central, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 5: at Avon Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 8: at Ben Davis, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 9: at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 12: at Providence Round Robin, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 14: at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 15: Lawrence North, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 17: at Warren Central, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 22: North Central, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 23: Noblesville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 28: Pike, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 29: Cathedral, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 1: at Bishop Chatard, 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8: at Kokomo, 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 10: Carmel Invitational, 9 a.m.

FISHERS

Aug. 15: at Carmel, 11 a.m.
 Aug. 18: at Lawrence Central, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 19: at McCutcheon, 7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 25: Bishop Chatard, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 27: Zionsville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 1: Anderson, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 3: at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 8: at Lawrence North, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 10: Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 15: Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 17: at Brownsburg, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 21: at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 24: Avon, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 29: Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 1: Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 3: at Greenfield-Central, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 6: Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8: at Westfield, 7 p.m.

GUERIN CATHOLIC

Aug. 12: at Brownsburg (scrimmage),

5:30 p.m.

Aug. 18: Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 20: at New Palestine, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 22: at Covenant Christian Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Aug. 25: Mount Vernon, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 27: at Bishop Chatard, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 1: Shelbyville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 3: at Roncalli, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 8: at Lebanon, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 10: Western Boone, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 11: Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 15: at Heritage Christian, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 16: Lafayette Central Catholic, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 22: at Covenant Christian, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 24: Park Tudor, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 26: at Martinsville Artesian Classic, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 29: Cardinal Ritter, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 3: Greenfield-Central Round Robin, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 6: at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8: Anderson, 7 p.m.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS

Aug. 12: at Maconaquah (scrimmage), 6 p.m.
 Aug. 15: Greenfield-Central, 11:30 a.m.
 Aug. 18: at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 19: at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 22: at Cardinal Ritter Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Aug. 25: Tipton, 7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 26: at New Palestine, 7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 27: Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.
 Aug. 31: Alexandria, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 1: Frankton, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 3: Lewis Cass, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10: at Western, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 15: at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 16: Tri-Central, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 23: Lapel, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 28: at Sccecina, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 3: Hoosier Conference tournament, 9 a.m. at Twin Lakes
 Oct. 6: Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8: at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 12: Park Tudor, 7 p.m.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN

Aug. 12: North Central (scrimmage), 6 p.m.
 Aug. 15: McCutcheon, 12:30 p.m.
 Aug. 17: at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 19: New Castle, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 25: at Lawrence North, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 27: at Brownsburg, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 29: at Providence Showcase, 11 a.m.
 Sept. 1: at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 3: Avon, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 8: at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10: at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 12: Southeastern Showcase, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 14: Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 16: Westfield, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 19: Border Battle at Detroit Mercy
 - Lowell (Mich.), 10 a.m.
 - Detroit Mercy, noon
 - Padua (Ohio) Franciscan, 3 p.m.
 Sept. 24: at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 26: at Brebeuf Jesuit Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Oct. 1: Noblesville, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 3: North vs. South Showdown, 10 a.m. at Noblesville
 Oct. 6: at Greenfield-Central, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8: Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

NOBLESVILLE

Aug. 18: at North Central, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 19: Mount Vernon, 7:15 p.m.
 Aug. 20: at Bishop Chatard, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 25: Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 27: at Avon, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 3: Fishers, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 8: at McCutcheon, 7:15 p.m.
 Sept. 10: at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 12: Noblesville Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 14: at Yorktown, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 15: Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 17: Zionsville, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 19: Noblesville 3-Way Meet (Cathedral and Greenfield-Central), 9:30 a.m.
 Sept. 23: at Carmel, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 24: at Franklin Central, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 26: at Yorktown Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 1: Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 3: North vs. South Volleyball Showdown, 10 a.m.
 Oct. 5: at New Palestine, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8: Brownsburg, 7 p.m.

SHERIDAN

Aug. 17: at Crawfordsville, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 18: Clinton Central, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 25: at Lebanon, 6:30 p.m.
 Aug. 29: at Indiana School for the Deaf, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 1: at Herron, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 2: at Traders Point Christian Academy, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 3: at Eastern, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 5: at Clinton Prairie, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 8: Taylor, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 9: Irvington Prep Academy, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10: at Carroll, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 14: Tipton, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 15: Clinton Prairie, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 17: at Delphi, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 21: at Tindley, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 22: at Indianapolis Washington, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 24: Lapel, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 29: Rossville, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 5: at Tri-Central, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 7: North Montgomery, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8: Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

WESTFIELD

Aug. 13: Heritage Christian (scrimmage), 6 p.m.
 Aug. 15: Lawrence North, 10 a.m.
 Aug. 17: at Yorktown, 6 p.m.
 Aug. 19: Greenfield-Central, 6 p.m.
 Aug. 24: Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.
 Aug. 26: at Southport, 6 p.m.
 Aug. 29: at Yorktown Varsity Invite, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 2: Perry Meridian, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 3: at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 5: Westfield JV Round Robin, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 7: at Warren Central, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10: Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 12: at Southeastern Showcase, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 14: Carmel, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 16: at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 21: at Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 23: at Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 26: at Brebeuf Jesuit Invite, 9 a.m.
 Sept. 30: at Cathedral, 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 1: at Avon, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 6: at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 8: Fishers, 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 10: at HSE JV Invite, 9 a.m.
 Oct. 10: at Lawrence North Invite, 10 a.m.

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Major League Baseball standings

Thursday's games	
Pittsburgh 6, Minnesota 5	Kansas City 13, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 6, San Francisco 4	Atlanta 4, Toronto 3
Oakland 6, Texas 4	Miami 8, Baltimore 7
L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 1	Milwaukee 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Yankees 4	Detroit at St. Louis, postponed
Cleveland 13, Cincinnati 0	Philadelphia at Miami, postponed
Arizona 5, Houston 4	

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	9	3	.750	-
Baltimore	5	7	.417	4.0
Tampa Bay	5	7	.417	4.5
Toronto	4	6	.400	4.0
Boston	4	8	.333	5.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	10	3	.769	-
Cleveland	8	6	.571	2.5
Chi. White Sox	7	6	.538	3.0
Detroit	5	5	.500	3.5
Kansas City	4	10	.286	6.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	9	4	.692	-
Houston	6	6	.500	2.5
L.A. Angels	5	8	.385	4.0
Seattle	5	9	.357	4.5
Texas	3	8	.273	5.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	6	1	.857	-
Atlanta	9	5	.643	0.5
Washington	4	5	.444	3.0
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	3.0
N.Y. Mets	5	8	.385	4.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	10	3	.769	-
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	3.5
St. Louis	2	3	.400	4.0
Cincinnati	5	8	.385	5.0
Pittsburgh	3	10	.231	7.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Colorado	9	3	.750	-
L.A. Dodgers	9	4	.692	0.5
San Diego	7	6	.538	2.5
San Francisco	6	8	.429	4.0
Arizona	5	8	.385	4.5

WNBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	4	2	.667	-
Washington	3	2	.600	0.5
Indiana	2	3	.400	1.5
Atlanta	2	4	.333	2.0
Connecticut	1	5	.000	3.0
New York	0	5	.000	3.5

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	5	1	.833	-
Minnesota	4	1	.800	0.5
Phoenix	4	2	.667	1.0
Las Vegas	3	2	.600	1.5
Los Angeles	3	2	.600	1.5
Dallas	2	4	.333	3.0

Thursday's games	
Seattle 93, Atlanta 92	
Connecticut 91, Dallas 68	
Phoenix 96, Chicago 86	

NBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
e-Milwaukee	55	14	.797	-
x-Toronto	49	18	.731	5.0
x-Boston	45	23	.662	9.5
x-Miami	43	26	.623	12.0
x-Indiana	42	27	.609	13.0
x-Philadelphia	41	27	.603	13.5
Brooklyn	32	36	.471	22.5
Orlando	32	37	.464	23.0
Washington	24	44	.353	30.5
Out of playoff contention				
Charlotte	23	42	.354	30.0
Chicago	22	43	.338	31.0
New York	21	45	.318	32.5
Detroit	20	46	.303	33.5
Atlanta	20	47	.299	34.0
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34.0

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
w-L.A. Lakers	51	17	.750	-
x-L.A. Clippers	46	22	.676	5.0
x-Denver	45	24	.652	6.5
x-Houston	43	25	.632	8.0
x-Utah	43	25	.632	8.0
x-Oklahoma City	42	25	.627	8.5
x-Dallas	41	30	.577	11.5
Memphis	32	37	.464	19.5
Portland	32	38	.457	20.0
Phoenix	30	39	.435	21.5
San Antonio	29	38	.433	21.5
Sacramento	29	39	.426	22.0
New Orleans	29	39	.426	22.0
Out of playoff contention				
Minnesota	19	45	.297	30.0
Golden State	15	50	.231	34.5

Thursday's games	
Sacramento 140, New Orleans 125	L.A. Clippers 126, Dallas 111
Milwaukee 130, Miami 116	Portland 125, Denver 115
Phoenix 114, Indiana 99	Houston 113, L.A. Lakers 97

Phoenix stops Pacers' win streak

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The Pacers were one of the hottest teams in the NBA bubble in Orlando. Unfortunately, they ran into an even hotter team on Thursday afternoon.

Three players recorded double-doubles as the Phoenix Suns (30-39) picked up their fourth straight win to open the restart, a 114-99 victory over Indiana (42-27). The Suns and Toronto Raptors are the only two teams that have yet to lose in seeding game play in Orlando.

Malcolm Brogdon led the Pacers with 25 points, six rebounds, and six assists in the loss, going 9-for-16 from the field and 4-for-7 from 3-point range.

The Pacers held an early 9-7 lead, but Phoenix seized control of the contest with a 17-0 run. Indiana went scoreless for 5:15 to allow the Suns to surge ahead, missing seven shots and committing three turnovers over that span.

"I just think they got off to a great start," Pacers center Myles Turner said after the game. "Their pressure kind of sped us a bit and we started playing at their pace instead of playing our brand of basketball."

After missing his first four attempts, T.J. Warren finally came to life late in the first quarter, converting a layup, a dunk, and a 3-pointer on consecutive posses-

sions. Goga Bitadze's 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the frame capped a 12-2 Pacers run and trimmed the deficit to 28-23 after one.

But the Suns opened the second quarter with six straight points to push their lead back to double digits. Deandre Ayton scored nine points in the frame as Phoenix extended its advantage as high as 13 points.

Once again, however, the Blue & Gold closed the quarter strong, stringing together an 11-2 run at the end of the half to make it 52-48 at the break.

The Suns maintained a narrow lead for most of the third quarter. The Pacers caught a break, however, when Devin Booker, Phoenix's leading scorer, picked up his third, fourth, and fifth fouls in quick succession and had to check out of the game with 7:18 remaining in the frame.

Indiana eventually moved in front with an 8-2 run late in the period, but the Suns responded with 14 unanswered to close the quarter. Dario Saric scored seven points and Cameron Payne added five in that stretch as Phoenix took an 86-75 lead into the fourth.

Payne and Saric combined for seven more points to open the fourth quarter and push the margin to 18.

Pacers head coach Nate McMillan then went back to his starters, who quickly mounted a charge. Victor

Oladipo knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers before Brogdon added a trey of his own. Two free throws by Oladipo capped an 11-0 Pacers run and suddenly it was a 94-88 game with 8:08 remaining.

But Mikal Bridges and Ayton scored on Phoenix's next two possessions and Booker added a three shortly thereafter to make it a 13-point game midway through the final frame. The Blue & Gold never seriously threatened the rest of the way.

"I just didn't think that we had a flow all night long... didn't think that we established ourselves defensively," McMillan said after the loss. "I thought the focus was more on the offensive end."

Myles Turner finished with 17 points, eight rebounds, and three blocks for Indiana. Warren added 16 points and 11 rebounds, while Oladipo finished with 16 points on 4-of-11 shooting in 31 minutes.

Ayton led Phoenix with 23 points and 10 rebounds. Booker (20 points and 10 assists) and rookie Cameron Johnson (14 points and 12 boards) also recorded double-doubles for Phoenix.

Now halfway through their eight seeding games, the Pacers will be back on the court on Saturday night, when they take on the Los Angeles Lakers.

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