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TODAY'S WEATHER



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# Ready for winter weather?

# Hamilton County is all set

# Heights goes hybrid for grades 5-12

*Highway Department, Commissioners, County Council review snow fighting fleet*

The REPORTER

“Preparing for the worst and hoping for the best” is the Hamilton County Highway Department’s annual mantra.

Planning for winter operations begins in the spring of each year. Hamilton County coordinates roadway salt procurement for the county as well as all the municipalities within the county. This special salt, distinguished by its green color, is treated to enhance its colder weather melting capability.

“The County Highway Department will use approximately 6,000 tons of salt per winter to treat nearly 1,200 miles of roadway and bridges in the unincorporated areas of the county,” said Highway Director Brad Davis. “All trucks also maintain a capability to dispense liquid de-icing chemicals to assist with combating snow and ice in much colder temperatures when salt is less effective.”

At approximately \$93 per ton, the County does all it can to minimize the amount of salt required. Its fleet of snow trucks has electronic ground speed controls calibrated to maintain a predetermined salt application rate regardless of the trucks’ speed. Hamilton County also uses salt brine as part of an anti-icing program to help keep snow and ice from bonding to the pavement, help prevent frost on bridges, and allow for a much easier post storm cleanup.

“The Highway Department should also be commended for the phenomenal job it does in inspecting and maintaining its snow-fighting fleet,” said County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. “That fleet includes 14 snow trucks, two V-plows, pickup trucks, brine making equipment, and liquid storage tank pumps. Good maintenance not only extends the life of the



**(From left) County Councilman Steve Schwartz, Highway Director Brad Davis and County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt.**

equipment, but it ensures nothing breaks down during a snow event.”

The Highway Department is also prepared to maintain a 24-hour operation if necessary. County Councilman Steve Schwartz says additional CDL and non-CDL certified drivers are hired annually to supplement the normal highway staff.

“They may be called upon to drive the large snow trucks when split shifting

is required or to take out one of the pickup trucks equipped with snowplows,” Schwartz said. “When things get real tight, Commissioner Heirbrandt and I have been known to lend a hand as well.”

“Snow routes have been reviewed, equipment has been checked, and materials have been stockpiled,” Davis added. “Now let’s hope for a mild winter, but rest well knowing we’re prepared for ‘the worst.’”

The REPORTER

On Thursday, Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood announced the district will implement a hybrid schedule for students in grades 5 through 12.

In an email sent to parents and students, Arrowood said:

"After much review, research, and consideration, Hamilton Heights School Corporation will implement a new hybrid (a model of in-person and E-Learning) scheduling format for students in grades 5 through 12 beginning Monday, January 4, 2021 through March 12, 2021 (the 3rd nine-week grading period). Principals Jarrod Mason (HHHS) and Bret Bailey (HHMS) will be sending out additional information and specifics about the hybrid schedule tomorrow.

"Elementary school will remain as in-person daily, because we believe that is the best instructional model for these students at this time.

"We also believe this move, which was the result of a collaborative effort between our Hamilton Heights Classroom Teachers Association, administrators, and parent input, will offer us the best option to establish a quality teaching and learning experience for our middle and high school students and staff.

"This new hybrid schedule, similar to what many area middle and high schools have had in place since the beginning of this school year, will provide a safe option for families who want in-person instruction as well as an option for families who want to continue with remote learning.

"This is not a perfect solution and it cannot replace the pre-COVID-19 student-centered classroom, but it is the right move for the times we are facing with safety first and foremost. Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and support as we continue to rise to the challenges before us."



**Arrowood**

## Husband, wife found shot Thursdsay on Noblesville’s west side

The REPORTER

At 1:28 p.m. Thursday, Noblesville police officers responded to 15905 Plains Road to a report of a shooting inside the residence.

Officers arrived on the scene a short time later and located two victims, male and female, upstairs

and both suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Officers and firefighters provided immediate care to the victims and both were transported by ground ambulance to area hospitals.

The female victim, **See Shooting . . . Page 2**

## Hamilton Co. Tourism releases 2020 year-end report, data insights

The REPORTER

Coming off a record-setting 2019 for the local tourism industry, Hamilton County Tourism had high hopes for 2020. Despite the challenges this year has brought, 2020 was a record year for different reasons here in Hamilton County.

The organization witnessed the resiliency of the travel industry in the power of the county’s outdoor assets that pulled county and Central Indiana residents, as well as in-state visitors, to enjoy the White River, Conner Prairie, Hamilton County's expansive trails system and outdoor shop-

ping experiences.

Of course, Grand Park Sports Campus also provided a much-needed super-charge to the tourism economy once the complex was able to safely reopen for tournaments. In fact, July and August 2020 were the biggest months on record at Grand Park as eager sports event planners relocated tournaments there at reduced capacity.

**Click here** to read Hamilton County Tourism's 2020 Year in Review. You can also view the new **geolocation report** put together by Data Intelligence Manager Jordan Musall.

## Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville receives grants totaling \$13.5K

### Ascendium Education Group gives \$11K

Submitted by Ascendium Education Group

2020 was an extraordinary year that brought big challenges for the nation, and Noblesville and surrounding communities were no exception.

Unfortunately, during times of crisis, nonprofits will often see a decreased level of donations as individual and businesses experience financial difficulties. This is why Ascendium Education Group stepped up corporate giving for its adopted organization in Indiana, the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

This year, Ascendium has in-

creased its local community giving in every community in which their employees live and work, recognizing the importance of flexibility and responsiveness in times of crisis and community need. This donation is part of Ascendium’s annual giving program, which includes both employee and corporate giving. Ascendium upped its annual giving with a 3-to-1 corporate match for every employee donation, resulting in a gift of over \$11,000 to the Club.

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, car-

ing, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health and physical development. This dovetails with Ascendium’s mission to champion opportunity in education to help everyone reach their full potential.

Becky Terry, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club-Noblesville, said, “I am completely blown away by this generosity! The impact this gift will have is tremendous. I am humbled by your commitment to our organization and the kids that we serve. Thank you, from the bottom

**See Ascendium . . . Page 2**

## Duke Energy grant will increase STEM opportunities

The REPORTER

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) recently received a \$2,500 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to increase STEM opportunities to underrepresented youth, ensuring the Club’s members are on track to great futures.

The grant will help BGCN offer programs such as Claymation, Coding, Robotix and Summer Brain Gain. All of these programs place an emphasis on innovation and creativity while empowering

youth to develop real-world problem solving.

“The generosity of the Duke Energy Foundation will positively impact the youth we serve with opportunities to learn and explore new STEM activities,” said BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry. “Their commitment to local youth continually goes above and beyond.”

Grant funds will be used to pur-



**Terry**

chase equipment, supplies and orchestrate the curriculum.

“Together, we can produce a generation of STEM-ready graduates, equipped to solve our nation’s most critical challenges,” Terry continued.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville’s program offerings, visit **BGCN.org** or check out the Club’s social media pages on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **LinkedIn**.





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SHOOTING

Kristin A. Tomalia, 37, Noblesville, suffered at least one gunshot wound and was transported by ground ambulance to Ascension St. Vincent (Indianapolis) with life-threatening injuries. She later succumbed to her wounds shortly after arriving at the hospital.

The male victim, Rene C. Tomalia, 43, Noblesville,

suffered at least one gunshot wound and was transported by ground ambulance to Eskenazi Health (Indianapolis) with life-threatening injuries. He also later succumbed to his wounds shortly after arriving at the hospital.

The victims were determined to be a married couple. Investigators petitioned

for and were later granted a search warrant in order to process the scene and collect evidence. Based on witness statements and alleged evidence at the scene, investigators believe that there is no cause for public concern regarding any additional suspect(s) in this case.

This remains an ongoing investigation.

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Be the cheerleader

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND  
Sandwiched

This year has been tough on all of us, but of course it's been especially tough on those most vulnerable to COVID-19 and the medical professionals who care for them. We've all read my fellow columnist and dear friend Jan's words about its effects on her sweet mama (please keep praying for Jan and her family).

If COVID alone doesn't hurt our elderly, the isolation certainly does. I heard it straight from my mother when we had a heart-to-heart talk on the phone Wednesday.

"It just doesn't feel like Christmas," she lamented. Like many elderly people in long-term care facilities, Mom isn't allowed to even leave her room right now. I can't imagine what she is going through. It makes me feel helpless and out of control.

However, there is something I can do – work to be her cheerleader. I remind-

ed Mom of our upcoming family Zoom call on Christmas Eve and of her strength.

"Mom, you are one of the toughest ladies I know," I reassured her. She didn't think so, but I reminded her that she suffered, and yet survived, one of the greatest losses someone can go through – the death of their child.

My "big little" sister Laurie, as I call her, was born with liver issues in the late 60s and was given only months to live. Laurie miraculously made it to her second birthday. Dr. Erickson, her pediatrician, said it was due to Mom's love. I believe it.

I let Mom know how much I loved her and told her to hang in there. She called me back a couple of hours later, but since I was in a meeting she had to leave a voice mail telling me her TV wasn't working. Once again, I felt helpless. Obviously, neither my husband

John nor I could just pop over and fix the issue like we used to.

I called her back and told her to grab some of her magazines and books to help pass the time. I also said a little prayer for her. I was delighted when she called me back an hour later.

"Amy, I was just sitting here... I didn't do a thing... and the TV just suddenly came back on!" she exclaimed in wonder. I chuckled.

"WOW, Mom, it's a Christmas miracle!" I quipped. The sound of her laughter was absolute music to my ears.

I've also sent her brownies, cards, and most recently, a solar-powered dancing flower. I'll continue to do all I can to be her cheerleader from afar.

During this incredibly stressful end to the year, I hope we can all be a cheerleader for someone who feels defeated, dejected, or just lonely due to COVID (or any reason.) It can do wonders for those we love and help us feel like we can actually control something!

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ASCENDIUM

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of my heart and on behalf of our members, staff, and board of directors. We have faced many challenges over the past nine months and it's the support and caring hearts like yours that ensure that the needs of our youth are being met."

Terry said specific disbursement of the funds is still being decided, but the money is being used to provide programs and activities in the areas of academic success, healthy lifestyles and good character and leadership.

"Despite the fact that things look a little different within our walls these days,

we are still challenging our kids to reach their full potential," Terry noted.

**About Ascendium**

Ascendium is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Madison, Wis., with staff in Noblesville and around the nation. The company's philanthropy division focuses on helping people reach the education and career goals that matter to them by breaking down barriers that stand in the way of student success and supporting upward mobility through education, a philosophy that is echoed in the organization's local giving as well.



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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**

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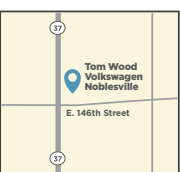



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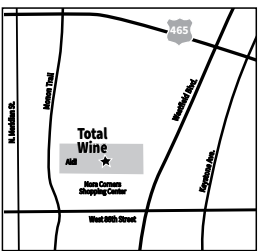


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# Housing market continues to tighten as inventory shrinks

**Submitted by Dani Robinson**

Monthly real estate stats from F.C. Tucker Company revealed yet another 47 percent decrease in Central Indiana housing inventory compared to this time last year – for the second month in a row – leaving home buyers in an extremely competitive seller’s market that has resulted in increased sale prices and, in some cases, bidding wars.

- The average November home sale price for the 16-county Central Indiana region was \$259,360, an increase of 15 percent.
- The year-to-date average home sale price increased by 11.7 percent, to \$251,317, rising even further than last month’s 11.3 percent price increase.
- Available housing inventory dropped 47 percent compared to November 2019.
- Pended home sales increased 21.7 percent compared to this time last year.

In November 2020, 3,253 Central Indiana homes were purchased, up 21.7 percent from the 2,674 sold in November 2019. Specifically:

- Shelby County showed the greatest increase in the number of homes sold with 79.3 percent growth, compared to November 2019.
- Decatur County pended sales, however, had the greatest decrease with 3.3 percent fewer homes sold in November 2020 compared to November 2019.

Year-to-date home sale prices continued their upward climb:

- Brown County recorded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 21.9 percent compared to November 2019.
- **Hamilton County once again had the highest average year-to-date home sale price in the region at \$369,694.**
- Homes sold in 32 days on average, 13.5 percent faster than year-to-date 2019. Decatur County and Jennings County homes left the market 14 days faster than this time last year – the greatest decrease of the 16-county Central Indiana area.

Central Indiana experienced a 47 percent decrease in home inventory in November 2020. That represents 2,833 fewer homes available for sale than in November 2019. Every county saw home inventory decreases of 27.3 percent or higher, and half of the 16-county area saw inventory decreases higher than 50 percent.

- Shelby County had the lowest inventory decrease – 27.3 percent – compared to November 2019.
- Brown County inventory decreased the most significantly in Central Indiana – 72.9 percent – compared to this time last year.

“We typically see the real estate market soften following a federal and state election, but central Indiana’s residential real estate market showed no signs of slowing down in November,” said Jim Litten, CEO of F.C. Tucker Company. “Given the continued sizable decrease in housing inventory, I anticipate the residential real estate market to finish 2020 on a high note.”

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, four were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 23 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 177 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 598 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 976 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 1,135 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 340 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

# Indiana Hospital Association asks Congress, insurance companies to work together to protect Hoosier patients

**The REPORTER**

As 2020 comes to end and Congress deliberates on an additional COVID-19 relief package, the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) is commending a bipartisan consensus that has emerged in Washington, D.C. to tackle a critical issue – surprise medical billing.

“Surprise medical bills are rarely from hospitals themselves, but they affect our patients,” said IHA President Brian Tabor. “While Indiana made an attempt to address surprise billing in the last legislative session, most insurance plans are unfortunately outside the scope of state regulators.”

The “No Surprises Act” was released on Dec. 11 and may be voted on before the end of the year. The legislation prohibits balance billing of patients for medical care the patient reasonably could have expected to be in-network and does not allow patients to be charged more than the in-network cost-sharing amount. The proposal does not rely on a benchmark payment rate to determine out-of-network reimbursement, but instead includes a period for health plans and providers to negotiate reimbursement, to be followed by a mediated dispute resolution process should it be necessary.

“A federal solution is needed, and we ask Indiana’s congressional delegation to act and support the following principles as the ‘No Surprises Act’ is refined,” Tabor said.

- Hoosier patients need protection and should be taken out of the middle of disputes between insurance companies and out-of-network providers;
- Independent physicians must be treated fairly by insurance companies, so a process for resolving these disputes that avoids government price-setting is essential; and
- Legislation should focus on the core elements of surprise billing and not be bogged down by extraneous provisions.

Just as importantly, another insurance challenge facing many patients in 2020 is the impact of high deductible plans. With Indiana’s new pandemic-related requirement regarding the postponing of certain non-urgent procedures, Hoosiers are concerned that needed medical care may be unaffordable in early 2021 as insurance deductibles “reset”. Many Hoosiers typically seek care in December after meeting their deductibles earlier in the year.

“Indiana’s hospitals are doing everything they can to reschedule patients as soon as possible, but we need insurance companies to assure these patients that they will not face unfair out-of-pocket costs,” Tabor said. “Health insurance companies have fared very well during this health emergency, and we call on them to commit to solutions and take swift action.”

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## Letter to the Editor

# Morris details struggle in getting hearing on fire station funding question

Dear Editor:

I feel like a character in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland."

For multiple years, I have tried to get a forum for a hearing on whether Clay Township improperly charged Home Place residents only for two new fire stations and the new fire training center, which, to be clear, aren't even in Home Place (though that doesn't matter). I've gotten the runaround from "Grassroots Government" Doug Callahan and his merry band of super-spenders — er ... wrong Orwellian term ... Clay Township Impact Programmers — on the Township Board. (By the way, the impact of the stupidest roundabout in the world at 111th and Lexington is negative.)

I then sued in small claims court, asking for Judge Richard Campbell, assuming since he is also married to a politician who is the head of the county Republican Party, he would be extra careful not to deny an opportunity to be heard and look the least bit political. Instead, he bought hook line and sinker former House Speaker Brian Bosma's argument that mine was a tax case and needed to be heard in Tax Court, which needed to go through the property tax assessment appeal process.

However, Speaker Bosma, who writes the laws, missed the fact that the state law for these types of cases specifically excludes the Indiana Board of Tax Review from hearing my case, which is required after the Assessor denied my appeal and before heading to Tax Court. Will the Tax Court also issue an Alice in Wonderland Rule 42? I get to pay \$250 to find out.

Meanwhile, I am fighting the Assessor in Tax Court and not the Township itself, so the entire County is funding this nonsense, rather than just the residents of Clay Township. I sent the [Indiana Board of Tax Reviews ruling](#) that they are not

the proper forum to Judge Campbell; he again just laughed me out of court. Who knows who is right? I do know a Township Board member had to apologize to me for me having the temerity to ask the Board to avoid unnecessary legal costs and look with their own eyes. Spoiler: They didn't, earning that \$14,000 a year (not even monthly!) for 14-minute meetings, occasionally longer to give an award to a retiring firefighter.

I have been hysterically accused by the Assessor's attorney of not filing a paper with her and the Indiana Board of Tax Review at the same time, even though she accused me in the same email trail in which it was filed to both of them simultaneously! Oh, and I presented nearly 100 documents over a three-hour hearing which they didn't have the authority to conduct so they couldn't consider those documents, yet they will make me pay for those documents as "part of the record" to get my hearing at Tax Court, where again it will be against the Assessor and not Clay Township, just to try to get another hearing at this Board of Tax Review, hopefully this time with Clay Township.

Don't fight town(ship) hall; don't expect the media to care; but of course, they will tell you how to live (with a mask) and what you can or cannot do to stop the spread.

Lewis Carroll was right and I feel like we are "Through the Looking-Glass." I want to stop the spread of illogic. Good thing for me, though, Speaker Bosma, is that the IBTR has even more relaxed rules of evidence than small claims court.

Are our governmental betters too clever by half, or are both Judge Campbell and the Indiana Board of Tax Review correct?

**Eric S. Morris**  
Carmel

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Circumcision has value if you observe the law, but if you break the law, you have become as though you had not been circumcised. So then, if those who are not circumcised keep the law's requirements, will they not be regarded as though they were circumcised? The one who is not circumcised physically and yet obeys the law will condemn you who, even though you have the written code and circumcision, are a lawbreaker. A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.*

Romans 2:25-29 (NIV)

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Girls basketball

# Golden Eagles fall to Cathedral

The Guerin Catholic girls basketball team continued its homestand on Thursday, falling to Cathedral 56-26 at the Eagles Nest.

The Golden Eagles stayed with the Irish in the first quarter, which ended with Cathedral ahead 14-10. Katie Koger helped out by making all four of her free throws, while Aliyah Dorsey and Mia Thompson both hit 3-pointers.

But the Irish took control in the second quarter, outscoring GC 21-3 to lead 35-13 at halftime. Olivia Labus' basket and a free throw from Delaney Klee were the Golden Eagles' only points.

Guerin Catholic coach Marc Quaranta said turnovers were the cause of his team's struggles.

"We counted nine in the first quarter and it just kept going from there," said Quaranta. The coach pointed out that the Golden Eagles, despite "the amount of extra possessions we gave them of turnovers and offensive rebounds," still held Cathedral to 56 points.

"We have a pretty good front line defense, it's just we're giving teams too many extra possessions," said Quaranta.

Guerin was able to outscore the Irish 13-12 in the third quarter, with Klee draining a pair of 3-pointers. She would lead the Golden Eagles with seven points

Cathedral led 47-26 going into the fourth period, and the Irish's defense took over in that quarter, not allowing GC any points.

The Golden Eagles are 4-4 and host Cardinal Ritter on Saturday afternoon.

"We got one day of practice to cut back some turnovers and try to take are care of the ball a little bit better," said Quaranta.

CATHEDRAL 56, GUERIN CATHOLIC 26				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Aliyah Dorsey	1	1-4	4	1
Katie Koger	0	6-7	6	1
Mia Thompson	1	0-0	3	4
Hannah Weitzel	1	0-0	2	1
Olivia Labus	2	0-1	4	3
Halley Buehler	0	0-0	0	0
Delaney Klee	2	1-3	7	1
Natalie Fernandez	0	0-0	0	1
Megan Cobb	0	0-0	0	0
Caitlyn Sharpe	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	7	8-15	26	12
Score by Quarters				
Cathedral	14	21	12	9 - 56
Guerin Catholic	10	3	13	0 - 26
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (4) Klee 2, Dorsey 1, Thompson 1.				



Guerin Catholic's Aliyah Dorsey holds on to the ball against the Cathedral defense during the Golden Eagles-Irish game Thursday at the Eagles Nest.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Katie Burton reaches 1,000 points . . .

# Strong defense leads Tigers to victory

Fishers had another strong defensive night and Katie Burton made some history when the Class 4A No. 6 Tigers traveled to Pendleton Heights on Thursday, where they beat the Arabians 55-43.

This marked the fifth consecutive game where Fishers has held an opponent to under 45 points. The Tigers got off to a good start, leading 21-9 after the first quarter. Pendleton Heights made a comeback in the second period, scoring 20 points and getting within 33-29 by halftime.

But Fishers ramped up its defense in the second half, only allowing the Arabians 14 points, seven in each quarter. The Tigers scored 15 points in the third period to take control of the game.

Burton scored 33 points and reached the 1,000 point level during the game's third period. The senior St. John's University commit is the third Fishers player to reach that mark, following Brooke Sugg and Kara Gerka.

Olivia Smith led the rebounding with nine, followed by Hailey Smith with seven and Burton with five. Hai-

ley Smith also had four assists and four steals, while Audra Emmerson handed out four assists.

The Tigers are 10-1 for the season. Fishers returns home to the Tiger Den on Monday afternoon to play Frankton, the No. 2 team in Class 2A.

FISHERS 55, PENDLETON HEIGHTS 43				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Audra Emmerson	0-6	0-0	0	2
Katie Howard	2-6	0-0	6	1
Hailey Smith	2-4	0-0	4	1
Olivia Smith	2-7	0-2	4	3

Katie Burton	13-22	4-4	33	1
Jordyn Smith	1-2	0-0	3	0
Emily Gausepohl	0-0	0-0	0	1
Jordan Imes	1-2	0-0	2	0
Kaiya Walker	1-2	1-3	3	0
Totals	22-51	5-9	55	9
Score by Quarters				
Fishers	21	12	15	7 - 55
Pendleton	9	20	7	7 - 43
Fishers 3-point shooting (6-19) Burton 3-7, Howard 2-5, J. Smith 1-2, Emmerson 0-3, Imes 0-1, H. Smith 0-1.				
Fishers rebounds (27) O. Smith 9, H. Smith 7, Burton 5, Emmerson 4, Howard 2.				

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Jordan Patterson scores career-high 18 points. . .

'Blazers roll past Tindley, are 8-0

Sophomore Jordan Patterson scored a career-high 18 points to lead the Class 2A No. 3 University girls to a 66-42 win over Indianapolis Tindley Thursday night at The U Center.

Kelsey DuBois and Sierra Hinds had 16 points each and Payton Seay gave the Trailblazers four in double figures with 12 points. DuBois had her sixth double-double of the season with a game-high 13 rebounds. Patterson had eight rebounds and Seay had six as University outrebounded Tindley 43-34.

Each of University's double-digit scorers had their own mini-run of points as the Blazers steadily built their lead. Patterson had seven of the first

eight points of the game as University opened a lead of 8-0. Seay scored six straight to help University take a 14-8 lead after the first quarter.

Hinds scored eight straight points in 70 seconds early in the second quarter to put University ahead by double figures for good. University led by as many as 17 before taking a 30-17 half-time advantage.

DuBois took over in the third quarter scoring 11 points with Patterson adding another eight as University put the game away with a 54-26 lead after the third. Hinds added another seven-point run in the fourth quarter.

University is now 8-0 on the season. Tindley has lost four games in a row

and is now 5-6 on the season.

The Trailblazers will play again Saturday afternoon at Sectional 43 host Cascade. The varsity-only contest against the 7-3 Cadets will tip at noon.

University was scheduled to play in Monrovia's Holiday tournament. That tournament has been canceled for this season. The Trailblazers will play instead in the Lady Devils Holiday Tournament at Tipton. University is matched against Tri-Central at noon Dec. 29. The Blazers will play their second game at 6 p.m. that evening against Carroll (Flora) or Southwestern Shelbyville. The final games will be played the night of Dec. 30.

UNIVERSITY 66, TINDLEY 42				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	7-15	2-4	16	1
Sierra Hinds	5-13	3-6	16	1
Kamryn Washington	0-1	2-2	2	2
Payton Seay	6-11	0-0	12	2
Jordan Patterson	8-12	0-0	18	2
Arrion Sherrod	0-4	0-0	0	2
Abby Hannon	1-3	0-0	2	3
Reva Allam	0-0	0-0	0	0
Becky Williams	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27-59	7-12	66	13
Score by Quarters				
Tindley	8	9	9	16 - 42
University	14	16	24	12 - 66
University 3-point shooting (5-18) Hinds 3-8, Patterson 2-3, Sherrod 0-4, Seay 0-2, Washington 0-1.				
University rebounds (43) DuBois 13, Patterson 8, Seay 6, Hinds 4, Sherrod 3, Hannon 2, Washington 1, team 6.				

'Rocks hold off Mavericks for second straight win

Westfield held off McCutcheon to win its second straight game on Thursday, beating the Mavericks 51-48 at The Rock.

The Shamrocks led 15-10 after the first quarter and increased their lead to 27-16 by halftime. McCutcheon began to chip away at that advantage during the third quarter, but Westfield still led 38-30 at the end of that period. The Mavericks got within 45-43 with a minute and a half left in the fourth quarter, but the 'Rocks held on for the win.

Alyssa Crockett led the way for Westfield, with 17 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Jessica Castor added nine points and handed out six assists.

The Shamrocks are 5-3 and travel to Noblesville Saturday afternoon for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

WESTFIELD 51, MCCUTCHEON 48					
Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Alyssa Crockett	3-10	9-10	17	2	
Chesney Tebbe	3-4	0-0	6	0	
Jessica Castor	4-8	0-0	9	2	
Olivia Robey	1-4	1-2	3	1	
Gigi Eldredge	3-5	2-2	8	2	
Hailey Remaks	2-6	0-1	4	1	
Jadeyn Hammes	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Ellie Kelleher	1-2	0-0	2	0	
Madi Kerrigan	1-1	0-0	2	1	
Totals	18-40	12-15	51	10	
Score by Quarters					
McCutcheon	10	6	14	18 - 48	
Westfield	15	12	11	13 - 51	
Westfield 3-point shooting (3-14) Crockett 2-7, Castor 1-3, Remaks 0-2, Kelleher 0-1, Robey 0-1.					
Westfield rebounds (22) Crockett 7, Tebbe 4, Eldredge 3, Castor 2, Remaks 2, team 4.					

Thursday high school basketball scores

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Austin 57, Clarksville 45

Ben Davis 88, Southport 28

Bethany Christian 59, Elkhart Christian 6

Bloomington South 62, Bloomington North 40

Bluffton 47, Delta 36

Boonville 60, Evansville Bosse 55

Borden 53, Shoals 41

Castle 59, Vincennes Lincoln 35

Clinton Prairie 57, Twin Lakes 44

Crothersville 42, West Washington 39, OT

Evansville North 53, Evansville Central 52

Fishers 55, Pendleton Heights 43

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Gibson Southern 72, Pike Central 30

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Loogootee 61, Barr-Reeve 23

Madison-Grant 60, Anderson Prep Academy 16

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Seymour 38, Floyd Central 24

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South Bend Washington 71, John Glenn 28

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Tecumseh 72, Tell City 13

Tiptecanoe Valley 42, Fairfield 29

Triton Central 61, Speedway 39

University 66, Indianapolis Tindley 42

Vincennes Rivet 61, Evansville Harrison 38

Wapahani 50, Oak Hill 41

Washington 62, Forest Park 37

West Central 44, Traders Point Christian 39, OT

Westfield 51, Mount Vernon (Fortville) 48

Zionsville 55, Tri-West 39

BOYS GAMES

Barr-Reeve 77, Northeast Dubois 25

Blackford 70, Liberty Christian 57

Centerville 51, Hagerstown 45, OT

Edgewood 59, Indian Creek 50

Highland 78, Whiting 51

Indianapolis International 98, Indiana Deaf 56

Lake Central 47, Hanover Central 34

Marquette Catholic 76, Lighthouse CPA 75, OT

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# Pacers Sports & Entertainment concludes statewide toy drive

More than 34,000 JAKKS Pacific Toys were donated this Holiday season to Hoosier children during the 11th Pacers Sports & Entertainment JAKKS Pacific Toy Drive, part of the annual Season of Giving, delivered by Papa John's. The program, which tipped off on November 16, concluded with two local toy distribution events in Evansville and Fort Wayne this week.

The annual toy drive is made possible by the generosity of Stephen Berman, JAKKS Pacific President and CEO, and Herb Simon, Owner and Chairman of Pacers Sports & Entertainment, whose close friendship and commitment to Indiana families have once again resulted in holiday toys for tens of thousands of Hoosier children.

"As they do every year, Stephen Berman, JAKKS Pacific, and Herb Simon helped make the Holiday season memorable for thousands of Indiana children and we are all incredibly grateful," said Rick Fuson, President and COO of Pacers Sports & Entertainment. "We also appreciate the efforts of our local partners in Indianapolis, Evansville, and Fort Wayne for everything they do to support Hoosier families during the Holidays and beyond."

PS&E and the Evansville Police Department teamed up to distribute toys on Wednesday evening. Thousands of cars caravanned along MLK Jr. Boulevard as Evansville Police Officers, Indiana Pacers mascot Boomer, Indiana Fever mascot Freddy Fever, PS&E staff, and others handed out toys in a "drive thru" fashion to remain safe and socially distant.

"On behalf of the Evansville Police Department and our citizens, I'd like to thank Pacers Sports & Entertainment, JAKKS Pacific, Papa John's and the numerous local organizations that are helping kids experience joy this Christmas season," Evansville Police Chief Billy Bolin said. "This year has been difficult, but it's kind gestures like this that we hope our kids hold on to."

PS&E then visited Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne on Thursday afternoon for the final stop of this year's statewide program. The physically distanced event featured BGCFW and PS&E staff members, as well as Boomer, Freddy Fever, and Mad Ant at the BGCFW Fairfield Club.

"We are grateful for Pacers Sports & Entertainment, as well as JAKKS Pacific Toys Chairman & CEO Stephen Berman for their long-term commitment to making a merrier Christmas to thousands of kids," President & CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne, Joe Jordan said. "We appreciate their dedication, particularly during this challenging time. The smiling faces of the kids are a wonderful gift to all of us."

For more information on the JAKKS Pacific Toy Drive or the Season of Giving, click [here](#).

# INDYCAR announces update to 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule

The 2021 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach has been rescheduled for Sunday, Sept. 26 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials from INDYCAR announced today. Long Beach is one of the foundational events on the NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule and one of the longest running.



































Additionally, the move creates a thrilling three-race, three-weekend west coast swing to complete the championship. Beginning at Portland International Raceway on Sunday, Sept. 12, the homestretch continues at, what would be the finale under normal conditions, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca on Sunday, Sept. 19, before finishing on the historic streets of Long Beach.




"It is important to have Long Beach rescheduled to continue the history and tradition for one of the series' hallmark events in one of the nation's premier media markets," Penske Entertainment Corp. President and CEO Mark Miles said. "Further, it's a tremendous opportunity to wrap up the season with three straight iconic venues for what we believe will be our most exciting season yet. As we did during the 2020 season, we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and maintain flexibility across our schedule. We are committed to an action-packed and exhilarating 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES."

The September race weekend at Long Beach becomes the first since the event's inception in 1975. It will mark the 37th time the NTT INDYCAR SERIES has raced on Southern California's legendary street circuit. The familiar sights and sounds make for the longest running event on the schedule outside of the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge.

"I want to thank all of the officials at INDYCAR for their assistance in rescheduling the 2021 Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach to September," Grand Prix Association of Long Beach President and CEO Jim Michaelian said. "We believe that this move will afford us the best opportunity to provide our guests with a fun and exciting experience in a safe and unrestricted environment. It will be a welcome sight to see the NTT INDYCAR SERIES cars and stars back on the downtown streets of Long Beach in the fall."

An updated listing of green flag times for the 2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule will be announced at a later date.

2021 NTT INDYCAR SERIES SCHEDULE				
MARCH	7		Streets of St. Petersburg	
APRIL	11		Barber Motorsports Park	
MAY	1		Texas Motor Speedway Race 1	
	2		Texas Motor Speedway Race 2	
	15		Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Road Course)	
	30		The 105th Indianapolis 500	
JUNE	12		Raceway at Belle Isle Park Race 1	
	13		Raceway at Belle Isle Park Race 2	
	20		Road America	
JULY	4		Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	
	11		Streets of Toronto	
AUG.	8		Streets of Nashville	
	14		Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Road Course)	
	21		World Wide Technology Raceway	
SEPT.	12		Portland International Raceway	
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