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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight: Snow. Totals of an inch or two.

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Sheridan Elementary partners with Beck's Hybrids for Healing Hearts in Hamilton County

Submitted by **VALERIE ROBERTS**
Assistant Principal, Sheridan Elementary

Anyone that has ever been to Sheridan Elementary would know that the 5 Bs are the pillars to how we should treat one another on a daily basis. "Say them with me!" as Sheridan Elementary Principal Mr. Welbaum often shares each morning on the announcements ... Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be a Peacemaker, and Be Your Best!

Last year, our staff felt it was time to add a new life guideline to our daily reminders – BE KIND! With that in mind, our students and staff have begun to focus on how we can better serve not only our own school, but our community.

With the pandemic basically wiping out our field trips and some of our normal philanthropic school-wide activities, we decided to turn our focus to others within our community. But what could we do without having to worry about contact tracing, social distancing, etc.? With that in mind a project was born called "Healing Hearts!"

This past month we have been collecting items for our wonderful health care workers. Over 2,000 items were donated by our students to make "Healing Hearts" snack bags and handwritten notes for our local healthcare workers as a thank you for all they continue to do to keep our community safe.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, a few students, teachers, and our partnering friends at Beck's Hybrids helped deliver over 380 snack bags to Riverview Hospital, IU North Hospital, our local doctor's office, and Majestic Care in Sheridan. A sales team from Beck's Hybrids was kind enough to add



Photos provided

Sheridan Elementary School students, teachers, and partners at Beck's Hybrids delivered more than 380 snack bags to area health care workers, including at IU North (top) and Riverview Hospital (bottom).

boxes of popcorn to our snack bags and help do the heavy lifting as we made our way around the county.

Serving others will continue to be an in-

tegral part of all that we do at Sheridan Elementary as we strive to make our students not only academically strong, but charged with the passion for helping others.

Noblesville standoff ends without injury

The REPORTER

At approximately 9:43 p.m. on Thursday, Noblesville police officers were dispatched to 10738 Standish Place, Noblesville, on a report of a physical disturbance in progress. Deputies from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department arrived on the scene first, followed shortly thereafter by Noblesville police officers.

Officers located the alleged victim outside the residence and questioned her regarding the incident. The victim reported that she had been battered inside the residence by



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The states offer alternatives to term limits

Should members of Congress be term limited?

Most recently introduced as a constitutional amendment by Senator Ted Cruz, along with Indiana senators Todd Young and Mike Braun, term limits of course require office holders to step aside after a set number of years regardless of how much they doth protest.

Proponents of such an amendment say the true barometer of one's effectiveness should be how many problems they solve,

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Synergize raises \$1,700 for Roundabout Fitness, announces two new partnerships

By **DENISE MOE**
For the Reporter

At Synergize's most recent 4:30 Meetup on Jan. 3, the organization raised \$1,700 towards its 2021 community impact goal of \$60,000. This month, the funds will benefit Roundabout Fitness, an organization founded by Synergize member Samantha LaMar.

LaMar's mission through Roundabout Fitness is to provide the Carmel community with a holistic health experience. Her three areas of focus are physical, mental, and financial health.

Through Roundabout Fitness, LaMar connects physical trainers, mental health professionals, and financial experts with her clients. She tries to stick with local practitioners to support small businesses in the Carmel community.

"If you find what your purpose is in life, and you focus on that, you can set the world on fire," LaMar said in a speech at the event. With Roundabout Fitness, LaMar, a personal trainer by trade, can fulfill her purpose while her clients fulfill theirs.

A group of Roundabout Fitness' board members, also members of Synergize, attended the event. LaMar expressed her gratitude for the resources and affirmation she found through the group. "We have this connection, and it's something you can only get in Synergize," she said.

Synergize founder Arron Stanton also



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(From left) Sue Finkam, Carmel City Council President; Jason Ulm, AxiaTP Vice President of Sales; Arron Stanton, Founder of Synergize; Adam Aasen, Carmel City Councilor and owner of Donatello's; Heather Hunter, Marketing & Communications Coordinator at Synergize; Samantha Lamar, Founder of Roundabout Fitness; and Jeff Worrell, Carmel City Councilor and Good Day Carmel.

spoke at the event, announcing two new Synergize partnerships. Working with Versiti Blood Bank of Indiana, Synergize will host four blood drives that coincide with four 4:30 Meetup events. The goal is to donate 200 units of blood over the course of 2021. Members and nonmembers can sign up at [this link](#) for the first drive, which will be on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Synergize has also teamed up with **Good Day Carmel** as part of its Ripples of Impact (ROI) initiative. The daily newsletter injects a dose of positive news into

its subscribers' inboxes. "It's transforming the way that people think by giving them a little bit of hope, daily," Stanton explained at the event.

The Synergize ROI Initiative is the group's way to emphasize the importance of giving without focusing on personal gain. It's a value that members share and want to spread in the Carmel community at large. To learn more about Synergize, Ripples of Impact, and where they're going next, [subscribe to Good Day Carmel](#) or visit synergizeindy.com.

Weingarten for Congress? Contest develops for Democratic county chairman

By **FRED SWIFT**
ReadTheReporter.com

As Joe Weingarten bows out as Democratic county chairman, a contest has developed for head of the party in Hamilton County.

Weingarten, 76, said several weeks ago that he was not planning to seek re-election as chairman, feeling younger people should get a chance.

In the wake of Weingarten's announcement, two candidates have surfaced for the chairmanship. Dayna Colbert, a Fishers party activist, will be running along with a slate of other officer candidates as reported in this newspaper earlier this week.

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Weingarten

Fishers Plan Commission sends unfavorable recommendation on affordable housing proposal

By **LARRY LANNAN**
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A rental housing proposal by the Hamilton County nonprofit organization HAND has been given an unfavorable recommendation Wednesday night by the Fishers Plan Commission. Commission member Howard Stevenson was the only vote against the unfavorable recommendation.

The plans for 11 single family units at 141st Street and Cumberland Road now head to the Fishers City Council for further consideration. All three city councilors on the Plan Commission – Pete Peterson, Todd Zimmerman and Selina Stoller – went along with the unfavorable recommendation.

HAND Executive Director Andrea Davis laid out the plans for the cottage-style, two-story units with car ports. The rents for each unit would range from \$650 to \$1,150 per month, per federal guidelines, based on income and other factors. To qualify, each

tenant renting a unit must have income.

Todd Zimmerman said his heart is with the HAND proposal, but his concerns about the location and safety issues resulted in his unfavorable recommendation vote. Selina Stoller cited two other affordable housing plans in the works and expressed her desire for affordable housing ownership rather than rentals. Pete Peterson cited the 50-plus comments he has received against this proposal.

Howard Stevenson asked the city staff how the engineering department views the traffic issues from this development and was told the engineers had some concerns but did not oppose the plans.

This housing project will be considered by the full Fishers City Council at the Monday, Feb. 15 session.

The following Plan Commission agenda items were given unanimous favorable recommendations and will go the Fishers City Council:

- The Gray Eagle housing project aimed at people age 55 and older, but not exclusive to that age group, is part of a plan to keep the Gray Eagle Golf Course in business. There had been an announcement that the course would close, but the Gray Eagle Homeowners Association and city officials worked out a deal for the housing development to keep the golf course going.

- A front yard setback text amendment change for the Vermillion development at Connecticut Avenue and Southeastern Parkway.

- A text amendment for the Parkside senior apartment development on the east side of Parkside Drive, between 126th and 131st streets. This will amend rules for parking and landscaping.

- The Playschool Saxony at 131st Street and Pennington Road plans to add parking and build a gymnasium on the grounds. This will require an amendment to the Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Superintendents raise serious concerns about ILEARN testing

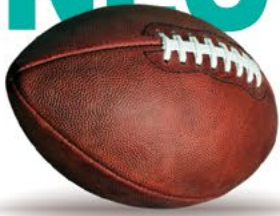
Editor's note: Superintendents in local school districts are calling on the state to address serious concerns regarding this year's plan for ILEARN testing. The following letter from six Hamilton County superintendents, plus district leaders from Tipton and Zionsville, was recently sent to the Indiana Department of Education.

Our school districts, like others throughout the state, are working hard to best plan for this year's ILEARN testing requirements.

During this unprecedented year, we have found this to be a daunting task. The current testing plan would divert much needed time, attention and resources away from critical student learning needs. It would also place an excessive burden on our virtual families, which this year make up approximately 10 percent of our population.

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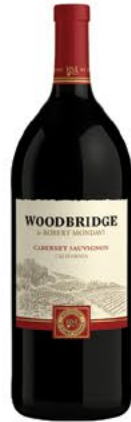
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From the desk of Superintendent Arrowood

Update #47 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a message that said children mask-wearing and social

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

should return to classrooms because it is safe for them to do so. The agency said the “preponderance of available evidence” indicates that in-person instruction can be carried out safely as long as distancing are maintained. Moreover, researchers found “little evidence that schools have contributed meaningfully to increased community transmission” when proper safety precautions are followed. This reaffirms what we have seen this school year and supports our efforts to keep our buildings open and students in class, provid-

ed it is safe to do so. With that said, the CDC noted an important caveat that will still require limits in other community settings as well as making tough decisions about indoor sports practices and attendance numbers. We will continue to follow good data, policy, and guidelines from our health partners at the local and state level to keep our students and staff safe and in school.

Looking ahead, we have a four-day weekend (Feb. 12-15), and spring break (March 29 to April 9) right around the corner. We encourage careful consideration in your activities and travel for these breaks. While we are currently seeing a downward trend (to pre-holiday levels) of cases in Hamilton County, we are advised that the contagious season is not yet behind us.

With that in mind, if you are planning to travel outside the country be sure to check the CDC’s COVID-19 travel recommendations. Any

travel to a COVID-19 “Level 4” country requires notification to the school nurse and quarantine upon return. [Click here](#) to check levels as they are fluid. This does not apply to domestic U.S. travel at this time, but there is a possibility that travel could be affected if state mandates change between now and spring break.

As you may be aware, new coronavirus variants that carry greater transmissibility have emerged throughout the U.S. and have made their way to Indiana. Our health partners are closely monitoring this situation. If we’ve learned anything over the past year, it’s to stay diligent in our efforts to prevent the transmission and spread of COVID-19 inside our buildings and throughout the community. The best defense remains to be masking up, distancing, avoiding large group activities, and keeping children home if they are ill.

In other recent events,

School Board Vice President Doug Ozolins was invited by the Indiana School Boards Association (ISBA) to testify on their behalf at the Statehouse. Doug encouraged state legislators to continue to support local control and local decision making at the school board level, specifically as it pertains to the school calendar and school year start date. The HHSC School Board is an active member of the ISBA, the preeminent resource in school governance and a respected advocate of public education.

If you have a minute, check out Hamilton County Health Department’s recent edition of “*From the Frontlines*.” Host Tammy Sander talks with Sara Cox, Director for Hamilton Heights Little Huskies Learning Center, about keeping our youngest Huskies safe and in school. [Click here](#) to watch. Have a healthy and safe week!

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Socially-distant winter fun happening around Fishers

The REPORTER

Even during winter’s longest, chilliest days, there is still socially distant fun to be had #AroundFishers. Check out these fun events and activities to warm your heart during cold weather.

Black History Month Celebration

February is Black History Month, and the City of Fishers has gathered ways you can explore and celebrate Black heritage with your community. From virtual workshops hosted by the Hamilton East Public Library, to online art galleries presented by the Fishers Art Council, to a virtual celebration organized by HSE’s Black Student Union, learn about what’s happening around Fishers at [thisisfishers.com/Black-HistoryMonth](#).

Storywalk

Looking for outdoor fun for little ones? Take a hike on Fishers Parks’ StoryWalk. In partnership with Hamilton East Public Library, each month you can take a self-guided reading hike along a trail in Fishers Park. Visit Billericay Park, 12690 Promise Road, all month long to check out *This Jazz Man* in honor of Black History Month. Learn more at [playfishers.com/StoryWalk](#).

Heart Hike

Fishers Parks expands its annual Heart Hike to three locations this February, including the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive; Heritage Park, 10595 Eller Road; and Holland Park, 1 Park Drive. Stop by for a self-led scavenger hunt style hike to look for pictures of hearts that naturally occur in nature all month long in honor of

American Heart Month.

Pop-Up Skatepark

The mobile skatepark returns to the Fishers Agri-Park, 11171 Florida Road, on Saturday, Feb. 6 and 13 from noon to 2 p.m., 2:15 to 4:15 p.m., and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bring your skateboard, rollerblades, roller skates, or scooter to meet other skaters or land a new trick. These events are free and open to all ages and experience levels, but registration is required. Learn more at [playfishers.com/WinterFun](#).

Sledding

Heritage Park and Flat Fork Creek Park are family favorite sledding hills, with close parking and options for all ages and experience levels. Heritage Park offers a great family-friendly hill that’s perfect for little ones. If you’re feeling adventurous, Flat Fork Creek Park, 16141 E. 101st St., boasts the tallest hill in Hamilton County and offers additional options for older children and adults. Learn more at [playfishers.com/WinterFun](#).

Ritchey Woods Winter Trail Guide

Take a virtual winter walk at Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve on the [This is Fishers blog](#) to get a sneak peek of the plants and animals you can find on the trails this season. Then, commit to getting outside for a hike in the month of February.

The Art Gallery at City Hall

Stop by City Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, during the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to see pieces from rotating local artists at the Art Gallery at City Hall. February’s exhibits feature *Embracing Black Culture*,

along with Rebecca Robinson’s exhibition in The Alcove upstairs. Masks are required inside City Hall. Learn more and see the virtual Art Gallery at City Hall at [fishersartscouncil.org](#).

Honor a Local Hero

Grab your coat and take a walk around the Central Green, 1 Municipal Drive, and Nickel Plate District Amphitheater to see the light pole banners honoring local veterans and active duty servicemembers in the Fishers community. Visit [fishers.in.us/FishersHonors](#) to meet local heroes.

Winter Boredom Busters

Fishers Ambassador Megan Gamble shares [60 Winter Boredom Busters](#) on the ThisisFishers.com blog. From messy play to experiments and family fun to cooking, these activities will keep kids and families entertained.

Winter Running Trails

From parks to trails to neighborhoods all over Fishers, the Fishers Running Club [shares their best tips](#) on winter running and favorite spots on the This is Fishers blog.

Fishers Disability Awareness Month

Every March, the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability and the City of Fishers celebrate National Disability Awareness Month with a series of special events and programs to bring awareness to what life is like for those with physical and intellectual disabilities. Learn more at [fishers.in.us/DisabilityAwareness](#). More information will be shared soon.

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Students take over Hamilton County Health Department's social media to fight COVID-19

By **CAMILA FERNANDEZ**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Hamilton County Health Department is doing all it can to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. To help combat the virus, the health department is working with area students and asking them to post things on social media to show how they're stopping the spread.

"It's been phenomenal, and they just lend a different voice," said Tammy Sander, Hamilton County government's media rela-

tions liaison. "They lend a fresh voice, and I think that actually a really influential voice."

According to county health officials, a growing number of coronavirus cases are happening locally among kids between birth and age 19. So, they asked students at Westfield Washington Schools to take over their social media accounts to show others how they're fighting the virus inside their classrooms.

"Teens get their best information from one another," Sander said. "They're

just the most influential people in their lives."

Westfield High School senior Jake Richardson, who is taking part in the initiative, says it's a step in the right direction to bring change. "Overall, we're mainly targeting our students in the school and we want our community members to be involved on the importance of really keeping everybody in the school safe."

According to Sander, the health department selected Richardson and other students to take over the

health department's Instagram and TikTok accounts. The students post videos that show off cleaning supplies, how they maintain social distance, and how much they take the virus seriously.

Richardson says it's not an easy task. "It was kind of difficult at times to think about hey, does this make sense? Does this Tik Tok format make sense? Does this wording of what I'm trying to articulate and get across make sense?"

Richardson is also a member of his high school's Teen Task Force, which

aims to encourage students and their parents to mask up and help stop the spread. He says he and other students want to stay in school, instead of working virtually from home, so they'll do whatever it takes to bring change while keeping everyone safe.

"We truly want to have the rest of our senior year," Richardson said. "We really want to continue on with our school and with our life."

Teen Task Forces at high schools in Hamilton County are also encouraging students to show

"Show Some C.L.A.S.S." in the fight against COVID-19. The acronym stands for: C – Commit to self-care; L – Learn about the vaccine; A – Avoid in-home gatherings; S – Social distance and mask up; and S – Stay home.

The Hamilton County Health Department serves all of the county except Fishers, which has its own health department. Hamilton County officials say they plan to select more students to take over its social media accounts and help prevent the spread of the virus.

Indiana House advances bill to fund student learning grants

The REPORTER

The Indiana House of Representatives on Tuesday passed legislation that would establish the Student Learning Recovery Grant Program to help students experiencing learning loss due to the pandemic, according to State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero).

Cook said students transitioning back and forth between e-learning and classroom learning are likely to

experience some form of learning loss. The proposal would create a \$150 million grant program to provide individuals or organizations resources to help students who have fallen behind in class, scored below academic standards or are at risk of falling behind.

"It's important we act quickly to ensure students who are struggling with learning loss because of COVID-19 can catch up

and continue their educational journey on the right path," Cook said. "The Student Learning Recovery Grant Program could support students by providing the tools and resources necessary help close learning gaps as a result of the pandemic."

According to Cook,



Cook

many students experience some form of learning loss after summer break, but most are typically able to relearn forgotten lessons quickly. However, a recent study completed by Stanford's Center for Research on Education Outcomes, shows the average Indiana student lost 129 days of

reading knowledge and 209 days of math knowledge as a result of COVID-19 disruptions.

Program criteria for grants would be determined by the Indiana Department of Education, along with the State Board of Education. Cook said applying organizations, which could include local schools, colleges or universities, community or philanthropic organizations, and prospec-

tive, current and retired educators, would be required to submit a plan detailing the programs that would supplement a student's regular coursework. The DOE would be responsible for overseeing the grant program.

Visit iga.in.gov for more information on House Bill 1008. This legislation now moves to the Indiana Senate for further consideration.

Indiana American Water urging all customers to prepare for cold weather

The REPORTER

With much colder weather across the state in the forecast, Indiana American Water is urging customers to act now to secure homes and businesses against freezing pipes.

"With much of the state in the deep freeze over the next week, we are encouraging customers to act now to protect their plumbing system against the extreme cold," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "Failing to protect your plumbing from cold temperatures can be disruptive and very costly. When ice expands inside pipes, it can crack and burst them, leaving homeowners with a costly plumbing bill, and thousands of dollars in water damage."

Luckily, these problems are preventable by evaluating areas of vulnerability and taking certain precautions. Implementing the following winterization tips now can help avoid headaches later:

- Search your house for uninsulated pipes, especially in unheated areas. Consider wrapping pipes with foam insulation or electric heating tape but follow manufacturer's

instructions carefully to avoid a fire hazard.

- Check to make sure your garage door and crawl space doors/vents are closed.

- Leave cabinet doors open in kitchen and bathroom areas to allow warm air to circulate and consider letting a faucet drip to keep water moving through the pipes. If you have young children, relocate any chemicals of cleaners that may have otherwise been out of reach behind the cabinet doors.

- Seal cracks and holes in outside walls and foundations with caulking, especially where cable TV or phone lines enter the house, to keep cold air away from pipes.

- Make certain the water to your hose bibs is shut off inside your house (via a turnoff valve), the lines are drained, and the hose is disconnected from the spigot.

- Drain and shut off entirely the water to any unoccupied residence such as a summer or vacation home. A loss of power during a winter storm could cause pipes to freeze. If you intend to leave a property entirely without heat, be

sure to drain all water to prevent the possibility of frozen pipes.

- Set the thermostat at no lower than 55 degrees if you're going out of town. Although you may be able to get away with a lower temperature, this setting is generally considered to be safe for pipes.

- Make sure you know where your main water shut-off valve is in case you need to shut your water off in an emergency.
- Consider wrapping your water heater in an insulation blanket. While not really at danger for freezing, this can lower your heating bills.

Indiana American Water is also encouraging customers to keep fire hydrants clear near their homes and businesses after snowfall accumulates. This small step can save precious time if firefighters need to access it in an emergency. Remove snow and ice within a three-foot perimeter of the hydrant and shovel a pathway from the hydrant to the street so that firefighters can access it quickly.

[Click here](#) for additional information on preventing frozen pipes.

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Donald Owen Hiatt

January 12, 1936 – February 2, 2021

Donald Owen Hiatt, 85, Arcadia, passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at his home. He was born on January 12, 1936 to John W. and Ruby (Baker) Hiatt in Adams Township.



Donald was a hardworking farmer. He was a quiet person who loved the little things in life. Donald enjoyed watching movies and eating a bowl of ice cream every night. His wife of 41 years, Barbara, was his best friend.

He is survived by his daughter, Molly (Ron Fife) Hiatt; sons, John D. Hiatt, Dan (Tammy) Hiatt, and Mark (Jamie) Hiatt; brother, John A. Hiatt; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Hiatt; daughter, Sarah Hiatt; and brother, Jake Hiatt.

The Hiatt family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Donald's care. Burial will be at Boxley Cemetery in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be made to National 4-H Council Operating - RD, P.O. Box 745495, Atlanta, GA 30374-5491, 4-H.org; or to National Alliance on Mental Illness, P.O. Box 49104, Baltimore, MD 21297, nami.org.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one," and, "In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'children of the living God.'" Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality." It is just as Isaiah said previously: "Unless the Lord Almighty had left us descendants, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah."

Romans 9:25-29 (NIV)

James E. Feters Jr.

May 14, 1944 – February 2, 2021

James E. Feters Jr., 76, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in a farming accident. He was born on May 14, 1944 to the late James and Gertrude (Allen) Feters in Columbus, Ohio.



Jim was a 1962 graduate of Fishers High School. After graduation, he found his lifelong passion of farming. A few years later, he began his career in law enforcement. He retired as a lieutenant on the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department after 35 years of service. He was instrumental in establishing and managing K-9 Police Officers in all of Hamilton County. Together with his wife of 55 years, they raised four children and were graced with 11 grandchildren.

He is survived by his best friend and beloved wife, Glenna (Woods) Feters; children, Jeff (Kristine) Feters, Andrea Bilsland, Danielle Feters Thompson, and Brad (Erin) Feters; grandchildren (by age), Noah Bilsland, Mackenzie Vandagriff, Hannah Bilsland, Walker Feters, Calvin Thompson, Marah Bilsland, Nolan Feters, Cale Thompson, Natalie Feters, Henry Feters, and Nora Feters; sister, Beverly (Gary) Reynolds; nieces, Lisa (Chris) Carnes and Heather (Ed) Flake; and nephew, Michel (Dannette) Reynolds.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Autism Community Connection (autismcc-in.org) in honor of Jim's oldest grandchild, Noah Bilsland.

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Westfield Schools' Parent University creates diversity, equity, inclusion series for parents

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools' (WWS) Parent University has announced a new Parent Series, "Engaging Families For A Stronger Community." This eight-week series will be held on the [Parent University website](http://ParentUniversityWebsite.com) and will focus on building knowledge, skill and language in regard to educational equity, diversity, and inclusion.

According to Ashley Knott, Coordinator of Family & Community Engagement, "This series will provide an opportunity for parents to develop knowledge and build skills to share with their children."

Each week, the series will offer an introduction and a variety of media

for you and your family to explore. Sessions will include: What is Culture and how does it impact all of us; How to Talk to Your Child About Race, Culture Intelligence, Unconscious Bias, Implicit and Explicit Bias, Microaggressions, Debiasing Strategies & Expanding Our Understanding of Diversity.

About Parent University

[Parent University](http://ParentUniversityWebsite.com) is a collaborative effort to assist WWS to follow its Mission Statement. Parent University focuses on creating pathways that engage, educate and equip students, staff, parents, and community. WWS hopes Parent University helps you connect with the school district and community partners.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Seating is limited to 50. The public can listen in by calling (469) 998-6201 and entering conference ID 488 922 446# when prompted.

The Board will meet in an executive session at 8:45 a.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) "for discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute."

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville. Seating is limited to 50. The public can listen in by calling (469) 998-6201 and entering conference ID 342 631 867#.

The Council will meet in an executive session at 5:45 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), "discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing."



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Girls basketball sectionals

Millers, 'Hounds to meet in final

By RICHIE HALL

ZIONSVILLE - The theme for tonight's Class 4A Sectional 8 girls basketball sectional championship game should be "Throwback Night."

That's because two old rivals will play each other for the title game. Noblesville and Carmel will face off at 7:30 p.m. at Zionsville tonight for the Sectional 8 crown, the first time the Millers and the Greyhounds have played for a title since Feb. 9, 2008.

Noblesville advanced to the final with a 72-62 win over the host Eagles in the first Friday semi-final game. In the nightcap, the Greyhounds won an epic over Fishers 59-57 on a basket with five seconds left in the game.

RILEY TAKES OVER

Carmel found itself trailing the Tigers 45-41 early in the fourth quarter, so the Greyhounds needed someone to step up if they were to come back and reach the sectional final.

Enter Riley Pennington. It was her time on Friday, and she rose to the occasion brilliantly. The senior scored 11 points during a two-minute span in the fourth quarter to get her team out of the hole, and Carmel was able to hold off Fishers in the final minutes.

Pennington converted an and-1 with 7:04 left in the fourth to get the 'Hounds within one, then made two more foul shots seconds later, giving her team a 46-45 lead. But she wasn't done: Back-to-back layups put Carmel ahead 50-45.

"I think I was playing pretty well," said Pennington. "I think my teammates did a really good job of finding me inside."

"She does so many things for us and it's not always scoring," said Carmel coach Erin Trimpe. "She's always rebounding. She's setting screens, she's taking charges. She's vocal. She's such a good leader and such a great kid. I'm so happy to see that come together in her performance tonight because she really deserves that."

The Tigers' Audra Emmerson



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Carmel's Riley Pennington scored 14 points in the fourth quarter of the Greyhounds' Sectional 8 game with Fishers Friday at Zionsville, leading Carmel to a 59-57 win. The 'Hounds play Noblesville tonight in the championship game.

stopped the run with a 3-pointer, but Pennington made another layup to keep the 'Hounds in front 52-48. Carmel would not trail again, but Fishers continued to fight back, creating a pattern in the final two minutes: The Tigers would tie, the Greyhounds would lead, the Tigers would tie, the Greyhounds would lead.

Katie Burton made two free throws to even the game at 52-52 with 2:18 left. Pennington made a layup, which Hailey Smith answered with two foul shots. Pennington put in another free throw with 1:29 remaining, Smith made a foul

shot with 1:07 left to tie things up at 55-55.

Mackenzie Thomas stepped up by making a basket with under a minute to go. After a timeout, Burton made a layup, tying the game once again. Now Carmel took a timeout with 12.1 seconds left. The 'Hounds found a wide-open Emily Roper, who easily laid the ball in. Fishers took one more timeout with 4.6 seconds left to set up a play, but its final shot didn't go.

"They're such a good team, they're so well-coached. Their kids play so hard and with so much heart. They're a team that we knew wasn't going to quit because they were down nine at halftime," Trimpe said of Fishers.

Carmel led for most of the first half. The only time the Greyhounds trailed was early in the first quarter, when Katie Howard hit her second 3-pointer of the game to put Fishers up 6-5.

Erin Baker gave Carmel the lead with an and-1, then Pennington made a putback. Another three-point play by Baker put the 'Hounds up 15-8, but Smith answered that her own and-1, keeping the Tigers within 15-11 at the end of the quarter.

Carmel started the second period with a 10-3 run, including eight points from Kate Clarke (two 3s and two free throws). That gave the Greyhounds their biggest lead of the game at 25-14. Four points from Burton cut that advantage to 27-23, but a Thomas basket and another Clarke triple pushed Carmel up 32-23 at halftime.

Fishers quickly made up that lead to start the third quarter, thanks to the Smith twins, who took turns hitting 3-pointers. Hailey made the first one, followed by a triple by Olivia, then Hailey drained another 3. Just like that, the game was tied at 32-32, and Hailey Smith's basket off a steal put the Tigers in front 34-32.

The two teams traded the lead in the third quarter. Hannah Lach nailed a 3 to put Carmel up 41-40, but Emmerson hit a triple to finish the period and put Fishers up 43-41. Olivia Smith started the fourth with a layup, and the Tigers led 45-41, holding their largest lead of the game before the Greyhounds began their comeback.

Pennington finished the game with 22 points for Carmel, which is now 15-6 for the season. Clarke drained three 3s on her way to 13 points. Roper collected 10 rebounds while Lach had seven rebounds and six assists.

Burton, who is headed to St. John's University in the fall to play Division I basketball in the Big East, finished her stellar career as a Tigers player with 17 points and seven rebounds. Hailey Smith scored 14 points and Olivia Smith added 11 points; both collected five rebounds. Emmerson scored nine points on three 3-pointers.

Fishers finished the season with a 17-5 record.

HIGH SCORING

Both the Millers and Zionsville are averaging 62 points per game this season, so a high-scoring game should have

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Sheridan advances to championship

Sheridan advanced to the championship game at Class 2A Sectional 38 at Fountain Central when its Friday semi-final opponent, Seeger, had to withdraw

from the tournament.

The Blackhawks will play Clinton Prairie at 7 p.m. tonight for the championship.

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Hamilton Heights cruised into the Class 3A Sectional 24 championship game on Friday, beating host New Castle 73-24.

The No. 7-ranked Huskies led 15-8 after the first quarter and 33-15 at half-time. Heights then dominated the second half, outscoring the Trojans 40-9.

"Checked the second box tonight," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "Really proud of our effort. We did a nice job of moving the basketball and as a result, had balanced scoring. These types of games can be difficult for teams to maintain focus mentally, but overall I thought we played to our standard

for several stretches - especially in the second half. Our guard play was able to disrupt and turn them over which led to some run out baskets and broke the game open."

Ella Hickok and Jillian Osswald both scored 16 points for the Huskies. Hickok went 5-of-5 from the free-throw line, while Osswald made three 3-pointers. Camryn Runner threw in two 3s on her way to 15 points, while MyKayla Moran scored nine points.

"Ella Hickok had a fantastic game," said Cherry. "Did a nice job of seeing the floor and was able to finish at the basket and took advantage of opportu-

nities when she had them."

Heights is 17-1 for the season and plays Jay County at 7:30 p.m. tonight for the sectional championship.

"Tomorrow will be a monumental challenge," said Cherry. "Jay County recently beat Norwell who is 20-5 and ranked No. 6 in the ICGSA poll. They have size and can make the 3. We will need a special effort. They are a great team and well coached."

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 73, NEW CASTLE 24				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	5	5-5	16	2

Jillian Osswald	6	1-2	16	2
Camryn Runner	6	1-1	15	3
Sydney Runyan	2	1-2	5	2
MyKayla Moran	4	1-2	9	0
Kaylee Rhoton	1	1-2	3	0
Hadleigh Cherry	1	0-2	3	1
Cassidy Felger	1	0-1	2	0
Alayna Baber	0	0-1	0	2
Kylie Schakel	1	0-0	2	0
Ella Ewing	1	0-0	2	0
Jocelyn Wolfgang	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28	10-18	73	12
Score by Quarters				
Heights	15	18	23	17 - 73
New Castle	8	7	7	2 - 24
Heights 3-point shooting (7) Osswald 3, Runner 2, Hickok 1, Cherry 1.				

MILLERS

been expected. The Eagles got out in front first, leading 19-14 after the first quarter. Katey Richason, one of two seniors on a very young Zionsville team, scored 10 points in that opening period.

Noblesville came back in the second quarter, with Reagan Wilson scoring five straight points – a 3-pointer and two free throws – to move the Millers ahead 32-30 with 2:45 left in the period. A triple by Eagles freshman Emma Haan gave Zionsville a 35-34 advantage, but Wilson, also a freshman, nailed a 3 to put Noblesville in front 37-35 at halftime.

The Eagles took the lead back in the third quarter, going up 44-40 with 3:44 left. The Millers wouldn't allow them another point in the period, finishing it up with an 8-0 run. Ashlynn Shade tied the game with a 3, Mallory Miller gave Noblesville the lead with a layin, and Wilson drained two more free throws. The Millers went into the fourth quarter with a 48-44 lead that they would not relinquish.

"I thought we wore them down," said Noblesville coach Donna Buckley. "They're big and strong. They were dominating us in the paint, so we wanted to use our speed and try and get that game more of a track meet than a game that's going to be played in the paint."

Haan hit two free throws to open the fourth, which Dani Mendez promptly answered with a layin.

"She phenomenal for us," said Buckley. "Her stats, you're not going to look at them and be like, 'Wow,' but she was awesome tonight."

That was the beginning of a 9-0 run: Miller made two free throws, Shade converted a three-point play and Jayla Jones hit a jump shot to give Noblesville a double-digit lead for the first time at 57-46.

"It was a little of everyone," said Buckley.

Zionsville made one last push, cutting the Millers' advantage to 59-53. But Shade took care of that, draining a 3, then quickly scoring off a steal. Noblesville stayed in firm control after that; Wilson helped out by going 6-of-6 from the line during the game's final two minutes.

Wilson scored 24 points, and was an outstanding 14-of-15 from the free-throw line. She also made five steals for the Millers, who are now 20-4 for the season.



Noblesville's Reagan Wilson scored 24 points, including a 14-of-15 effort from the free-throw line, during the Millers' sectional win over Zionsville on Friday.

"I love her energy," said Buckley. "She gives us just a really dynamic guard play with her and Ashlynn and Mallory and all those kids."

Shade added 23 points, including four 3s, and earned a double-double with 11 rebounds, plus making six steals. Kaitlyn Shoemaker added eight points.

NOBLESVILLE 72, ZIONSVILLE 62				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ashlynn Shade	7-17	5-8	23	4
Reagan Wilson	4-10	14-15	24	3
Mallory Miller	1-4	2-2	4	3
Brooklyn Smitherman	1-1	0-0	2	0
Emily Wood	2-6	0-0	4	1
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	3-7	0-1	8	3
Brooklyn Ely	0-1	0-0	0	0
Dani Mendez	2-2	0-0	4	5
Jayla Jones	1-3	1-2	3	0

Totals	21-51	22-28	72	19
Score by Quarters				
Zionsville	19	16	9	18 - 62
Noblesville	14	23	11	24 - 72
Noblesville 3-point shooting (8-21) Shade 4-9, Shoemaker 2-4, Wilson 2-3, Jones 0-2, Miller 0-2, Ely 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (32) Shade 11, Wilson 4, Mendez 4, Miller 3, Smitherman 3, Shoemaker 2, Jones 2, team 3.				

CARMEL 59, FISHERS 57				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Erin Baker	3-5	2-2	8	0
Riley Pennington	9-12	4-5	22	5
Kate Clarke	4-12	2-2	13	3
Hannah Lach	2-8	0-0	5	3
Emily Roper	3-8	0-0	7	1
Mackenzie Thomas	2-3	0-0	4	4
Laura Valiente	0-0	0-0	0	2
Totals	23-48	8-9	59	18
Carmel 3-point shooting (5-14) Clarke 3-6,				

Lach 1-4, Roper 1-4.				
Carmel rebounds (24) Roper 10, Lach 7, Pennington 4, Baker 1, Clarke 1, Thomas 1.				
Fishers				
Audra Emmerson	3-4	0-0	9	0
Katie Howard	2-4	0-0	6	1
Hailey Smith	3-8	6-7	14	4
Olivia Smith	3-10	4-6	11	2
Katie Burton	5-15	7-8	17	4
Jordyn Smith	0-5	0-0	0	1
Kaiya Walker	0-0	0-0	0	1
Jordan Imes	0-0	0-0	0	2
Totals	16-46	17-21	57	15
Fishers 3-point shooting (8-20) Emmerson 3-4, H. Smith 2-4, Howard 2-3, O. Smith 1-2, J. Smith 0-4, Burton 0-3.				
Fishers rebounds (20) Burton 7, H. Smith 5, O. Smith 5, Emmerson 1, Howard 1, Walker 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	15	17	9	18 - 59
Fishers	11	12	20	14 - 57

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Fishers' Katie Burton scored 17 points for the Tigers during their Friday sectional game with Carmel. Burton will play Division I basketball for St. John's this fall after a stellar career for Fishers.

Guerin Catholic gave Class 3A Sectional 27 host Heritage Christian all it could handle in the first half before Heritage's defense took over in the second half, sending HC past the Golden Eagles 56-42 in the first Friday night semi-final game.

Guerin led 14-11 after the first quarter and 32-28 at halftime. Olivia Labus had a great game for the Golden Eagles in the first half, scoring 12 points, while Katie Koger added eight points. Kathryn Loso scored six, including a 4-of-4 effort from the free-throw line. But Heritage Christian ramped up its defense in the third quarter, allowing GC only six points. Heritage led 46-38 after three, then held the Golden Eagles to four points in the fourth.

Labus finished the game with 14 points, followed by Koger with 12 and Loso with 10. Guerin Catholic finished its season 11-10.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN 56, GUERIN CATHOLIC 42				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Aliyah Dorsey	1	1-2	4	5
Katie Koger	5	2-2	12	2
Delaney Klee	0	2-2	2	2
Kathryn Loso	3	4-4	10	1
Olivia Labus	5	4-6	14	4
Mia Thompson	0	0-0	0	1
Halley Buehler	0	0-0	0	0
Megan Cobb	0	0-0	0	0
Natalie Fernandez	0	0-0	0	0
Caitlyn Sharpe	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14	13-16	42	15
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	14	18	6	4 - 42
Heritage Christian	11	17	18	10 - 56
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (1) Dorsey 1.				



Photo by Joshua Herd

Guerin Catholic's Kathryn Loso scored 10 points for the Golden Eagles during their sectional semi-final game with Heritage Christian on Friday.

'Blazers take care of WeBo, will play CC in final



Photo by Bruce Williams/Cardinal Acres Photography

University's Kelsey DuBois scores 24 points and pulled 22 rebounds during the Trailblazers' sectional win over Western Boone on Friday.

Carmel's Heyde wins diving sectional

Carmel hosted the diving portion of the swimming and diving sectional on Friday night, and the host Greyhounds were nearly perfect.

Carmel swept the top two positions and also had a fourth-place finish, qualify all of those swimmers for Tuesday's diving regional at Hamilton Southeastern. Senior Alaina Heyde won the sectional championship, scoring 473.95 points. Heyde's score was 86 points ahead of the runner-up, fellow Greyhounds Darcie Commons. The junior scored 387.95 points.

Freshman Melaina Munson placed

fourth for Carmel with a score of 362.95 points.

The top eight at the sectional advance to the diving regional. Westfield sophomore Ally Doyle also qualified for the regional, finishing in fifth with 319.20 points.

Other Hamilton County divers were Noblesville's Deirdre Leib (10th, 266.20), Westfield's Alyssa Schwartz (12th, 241.40), Westfield's Sydney Pitchford (13th, 239.40) and Noblesville's Ava Pavich (16th, 214.35).

Tomorrow's swimming sectional begins at 1 p.m. at the Carmel pool.

The University girls advanced to Saturday's Class 2A Sectional 43 final with a 74-40 win over Western Boone Friday night at Cascade High School. The Trailblazers go for the first Class 2A Sectional championship in school history against six time defending Sectional champion Covenant Christian at 7 p.m.

Playing for the first time in three weeks and just the fourth time in six weeks due to Covid related delays, the Trailblazers never trailed in the game and outscored the Stars 29-7 in third quarter to put the game away

Sophomore Kelsey DuBois had 24 points to lead University and pulled down a game-high 22 rebounds. Sierra Hinds made five three-point baskets on her way to 19 points and five rebounds.

Sophomore Payton Seay came off the bench to post a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Jordan Patterson gave University four players in double figures with 11 points and 6 rebounds.

University got off to sluggish start, leading just 8-6 midway through the first quarter before four points from Patterson and a Seay basket gave University a 14-6 lead after the opening quarter. Hinds made three triples in the second quarter and DuBois added six points as the Trailblazers took a 31-20 halftime lead.

DuBois opened the second half with a basket and Seay added two foul shots

before the Stars hit their fifth three pointer of the game to put the score at 34-23. University then scored the next 17 points over a four-minute span to put the contest away. Seay had six of those 17 points, Hinds five, DuBois four and Patterson two. University led 60-27 after the third quarter and cruised to the victory.

The Trailblazers will be looking to avenge last year's Sectional semi-final loss to Covenant Christian. University will enter with a 9-3 record while Covenant Christian is 10-12. Western Boone ended its season with a 4-19 record.

UNIVERSITY 74, WESTERN BOONE 40				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	9	6-9	24	4
Sierra Hinds	7	0-0	19	3
Kamryn Washington	0	0-0	0	4
Jordan Patterson	3	4-4	11	2
Abby Hannon	1	0-0	2	2
Payton Seay	6	3-8	15	0
Arrión Sherrod	1	0-0	3	0
Becky Williams	0	0-0	0	0
Anne Gibboney	0	0-0	0	0
Reva Allam	0	0-0	0	0
Lindsey Blocksom	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27	13-21	74	15
Score by Quarters				
University	14	17	29	14 - 74
WeBo	6	14	7	13 - 40
University 3-pointers (7) Hinds 5, Patterson 1, Sherrod 1.				
University rebounds (52) DuBois 22, Seay 10, Patterson 6, Hinds 5, Hannon 4, Williams 2, Washington 1, team 2.				

Boys basketball

Tigers edge out Greyhounds

The Fishers boys basketball team scored its second victory over another Hamilton County team in as many days on Friday, edging out Carmel 35-34 at the Tiger Den.

The Class 4A No. 4 Greyhounds were in control early, leading 10-3 at the end of the first quarter. Fishers began its comeback in the second period, outscoring Carmel 12-6 to cut the Greyhounds' lead to 16-15 at halftime. The 'Hounds were up 28-26 after three quarters, but Fishers outscored Carmel 9-6 in the fourth.

Jeffrey Simmons led the way for the Tigers, scoring 16 points, including two 3-pointers, and collecting four rebounds. Peter Suder had 12 points and six rebounds for the Greyhounds, with Charlie Williams blocking two shots.

Fishers is 9-4 for the season and will continue its busy stretch with four games next week, starting with a Monday Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Brownsburg. Carmel is 16-2 and hosts Hamilton Southeastern on Friday.

Josh Whack	2-2	0-0	4	0
Peter Suder	4-11	3-5	12	2
Sam Orme	1-6	0-0	2	2
Charlie Williams	4-5	0-0	8	4
Bryce Beery	0-0	0-0	0	3
Wil Leary	0-1	0-0	0	0
Nick Frische	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15-29	3-5	34	12
Carmel 3-point shooting (1-7) Suder 1-3, Orme 0-4.				
Carmel rebounds (21) Suder 6, Orme 3, Williams 3, Gioia 2, Whack 1, Leary 1, Frische 1.				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Myles Stringer	1-2	0-0	3	4
Bryce Williams	0-2	2-3	2	2
Charlie Smith	1-6	1-1	3	2
Jeffrey Simmons	6-12	2-2	16	1
Lucas Prewitt	1-4	0-0	2	0
Sean Millsaps	2-2	0-0	5	2
Matt Brewer	2-2	0-0	4	0
Aidan Zimmer	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	13-30	5-6	35	11
Fishers 3-point shooting (4-9) Simmons 2-3, Stringer 1-2, Millsaps 1-1, Prewitt 0-3.				
Fishers rebounds (13) Simmons 4, Smith 3, Williams 2, Prewitt 2, Millsaps 1, Stringer 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Carmel	10	6	12	6 - 34
Fishers	3	12	11	9 - 35

FISHERS 35, CARMEL 34				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Connor Gioia	4-4	0-0	8	0



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Boston	12	9	.571	3.0
Toronto	10	12	.455	5.5
New York	10	13	.435	6.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	14	8	.636	-
Indiana	12	11	.522	2.5
Cleveland	10	13	.435	4.5
Chicago	8	13	.381	5.5
Detroit	5	17	.227	9.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	10	12	.455	-
Charlotte	10	13	.435	0.5
Orlando	9	14	.391	1.5
Miami	8	14	.364	2.0
Washington	5	14	.263	3.5

Western Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Northwest				
Utah	18	5	.783	-
Denver	12	9	.571	5.0
Portland	12	9	.571	5.0
Oklahoma City	9	12	.429	8.0
Minnesota	6	16	.273	11.5
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	17	6	.739	-
L.A. Clippers	17	7	.708	0.5
Phoenix	12	9	.571	4.0
Golden State	12	10	.545	4.5
Sacramento	10	11	.476	6.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	12	10	.545	-
Memphis	9	8	.529	0.5
Houston	11	10	.524	0.5
New Orleans	9	12	.429	2.5
Dallas	9	14	.391	3.5

Pacers roar back, but fall short to Pelicans

By BRENDAN ROURKE
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For the second time this year, the Pacers and the New Orleans Pelicans gave fans a thrilling contest. But unfortunately, it was time for Blue & Gold fans to feel the sting of a close loss. Using 10 fourth-quarter 3-pointers, including six from the reserves, Indiana (12-11) roared back from an 18-point deficit to take a slim lead late. But when time expired, the Blue & Gold found themselves one point shy of the win. They fell to the visitors, 114-113.

A Doug McDermott triple with 1:54 to go knotted things up at 110 apiece. But, the Pelicans (9-12) responded with consecutive buckets from Steven Adams and Brandon Ingram gave New Orleans a 114-110 lead with 42.6 seconds remaining. The Pacers' 10th 3-pointer of the fourth — an arc from Turner — pulled the Pacers to within one with 39.1 ticks left. The defense then forced a shot-clock violation, giving Indiana one final possession. Turner drove right through traffic and floated a shot. Unfortunately, the ball clinked off the rim and into Adams' arms. Adams called timeout with 0.5 seconds to go, sealing Indiana's fate.

It was certainly a moral victory for the club. But at the end of the day, the Pacers aren't interested in that and were left hungry for more.

"It can be cool to talk about how we came back," Justin Holiday said post-game. "But what we're trying to do every time we come on the floor is put a full game together."

Holiday was one of six Indiana players to finish in double figures. He led the team with a season-high 22 points, connecting on a career-high-tying seven

3-pointers. Bouncing back from a rough night in Milwaukee, Jeremy Lamb added 17 points and six boards in the loss. Doug McDermott added 14, while Goga Bitadze recorded 10 and two blocks as part of the Pacers' ferocious bench performance.

"He's a great team player," coach Nate Bjorkgren said of Bitadze. "I thought his spacing was good. When he was on the perimeter, he was trying to set those good screens...He has skills. He does — just like Myles (Turner) and (Domantas) Sabonis. So, he's capable of a lot of things."

But it was Lamb who was flying high for the Pacers in the opening minutes of the first, tallying eight of Indiana's first 10 points of the game. But New Orleans kept up the pressure, hitting eight of its first nine shots from the floor. At the 6:21 mark, Ingram broke a 16-all tie with a three from the left corner to push the Pelicans ahead before the first stoppage in play.

New Orleans found most of its first-half success using their big men in the paint. With 4:00 to play, Zion Williamson used his frame and athleticism to spin around Justin Holiday and finish a layup through a foul. Though he missed the free throw, he snagged the long rebound and drove left along the baseline. Seconds later, he pushed the Pelicans' lead to 25-19 on a strong two-handed slam.

But Indiana remained tenacious. The club tightened up on the defensive end, holding New Orleans for a 2:38 scoreless span en route to grabbing a 26-25 lead with 1:23 to play. T.J. McConnell's patented turnaround jumper with 34.1 seconds to play snagged a 30-27 Pacers lead before the quarter expired.

But the wheels began to fall off in the

second quarter for the Blue & Gold. Indiana finished just 5-of-21 (23.8 percent) from the field in the frame, leading to a 57-48 halftime deficit.

Pelican runs of 13-4 and 13-5 in the second quarter helped New Orleans earn the nine-point advantage in the second. The club finished the period 11-of-18 (61.1 percent) from the field, including 3-of-5 from deep. However, Indiana did have some chances to keep up with the visitors.

Trailing 42-36, Domantas Sabonis finished a tough putback layup in traffic around Williamson to pull within four of the lead. After Lamb blocked Redick's jumper, McConnell drove the lane and kicked the ball out to a wide-open Doug McDermott on the left baseline. McDermott drilled the triple to cut the deficit to 42-41 with 7:13 to play.

But that would be as close as they'd get in the first half. Using their length, the Pelicans inflicted damage close to the rim. All 13 points of New Orleans' 13-5 run came from from inside 14 feet or the charity stripe.

Five quick Pacers points quickly cut the Pelicans lead to 57-53 just 1:08 into the third. However, New Orleans was able to extend its lead to double digits behind a 14-5 run. Malcolm Brogdon finally ended the spree with step-back jumper at the 6:18 mark to trim the Pelicans' lead to 71-60.

Despite getting open looks, Indiana continued to misfire. McDermott's three from the top of the key cut the Pelicans' lead to 76-63 at the 4:33 mark of the frame. But then, Indiana went scoreless for the next 2:14. Meanwhile, New Orleans stretched its lead to 81-63.

Everything changed late in the third.

With 2:19 remaining, Justin Holiday drilled a trey to cut Indiana's deficit to 15. After that, the squad nailed three of their next four attempts from deep to end the frame down 11, 86-75. The most impressive of the run came from Goga Bitadze, whose buzzer-beating shot bounced off the front of the rim, then high off the backboard before falling through the net.

Then they kicked it into overdrive.

Back-to-back triples from Bitadze and Aaron Holiday cut the Pelicans' lead to 89-83 with 9:39 to play. Later, threes from Justin Holiday and McConnell, followed by a reverse layup from Bitadze trimmed the deficit to one possession, 94-91, with 7:14 left.

Despite New Orleans hitting on its attempts, Indiana was not deterred. Trailing 101-96 at the 5:17 mark, Aaron Holiday nailed a deep, 32-foot 3-point shot. On the ensuing Pelicans possession, his older brother Justin picked off Lonzo Ball's pass. He then found McDermott wide-open on the right wing for the seventh snipe of the frame to give Indiana a 102-101 lead with 4:39 remaining.

Later McDermott would respond to a Ball 3-pointer to knot things up at 110 with 1:54 to go.

But two small defensive breakdowns led to consecutive buckets from Adams and Ingram. Trailing by four with 39.1 ticks left, the Pacers connected on their 10th 3-pointer of the frame — an arc from Turner — to come to within one with 39.1 ticks left.

Indiana's lock-down defense then gave the offense 13.7 seconds for one final chance at another improbable victory over New Orleans. But, New Orleans had the last laugh this time, clogging up the paint and sealing the win.

Friday high school basketball scores

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GIRLS SECTIONAL
SEMI-FINAL GAMES

CLASS 4A

Merrillville
Merrillville 68, Gary West 27

Chesterton
Chesterton 36, Valparaiso 31
Crown Point 82, Hobart 27

Mishawaka
LaPorte 56, Michigan City 44
South Bend Adams 36, Mishawaka 32

Goshen
Penn 46, Elkhart 26
Warsaw 36, Northridge 28

Fort Wayne Snider
Carroll (Fort Wayne) 69, East Noble 35
Fort Wayne Snider 85, Fort Wayne Northrop 71

Columbia City
Homestead 45, Columbia City 33
Fort Wayne South 53, Huntington North 45

Harrison (West Lafayette)
Harrison (West Lafayette) 45, Northwestern 42
McCutcheon 57, Kokomo 33

Zionsville
Noblesville 72, Zionsville 62
Carmel 59, Fishers 57

Muncie Central
Mount Vernon (Fortville) 44, Richmond 32
New Palestine 63, Muncie Central 30

North Central (Indianapolis)
North Central (Indianapolis) 71, Lawrence Central 28
Lawrence North 74, Indianapolis Cathedral 68

Ben Davis
Perry Meridian 49, Southport 37
Indianapolis Roncalli 66, Ben Davis 58

Terre Haute North
Brownsburg 60, Terre Haute South 33
Plainfield 50, Terre Haute North 43

Franklin
Center Grove 32, Franklin Central 27
Franklin 68, Greenwood 31

East Central
East Central 68, Martinsville 62, 2OT
Columbus North 52, Bloomington North 26

New Albany
Jennings County 44, Floyd Central 32
Bedford North Lawrence 62, Jeffersonville 36

Evansville Harrison
Castle 83, Evansville Harrison 19
Evansville North 59, Jasper 40

CLASS 3A

Griffith
Griffith 44, Hammond 22
Calumet 64, Hammond Gavitt 56

Kankakee Valley
Knox 50, Culver Academy 24
Kankakee Valley 49, Hanover Central 24

South Bend St. Joseph
South Bend Washington 45, John Glenn 29
Mishawaka Marian 66, South Bend St. Joseph 42

Wawasee
Lakeland 49, West Noble 47
NorthWood 62, Tippecanoe Valley 61, OT

Garrett
Garrett 50, Woodlan 28
Angola 53, Fort Wayne Dwenger 37

Twin Lakes
Twin Lakes 54, Western 50
Benton Central 60, West Lafayette 54, OT

Norwell
Bellmont 65, Eastern (Greentown) 21
Norwell 81, Heritage 31

New Castle
Jay County 65, Yorktown 55
Hamilton Heights 73, New Castle 24

Tri-West
North Montgomery 45, Monrovia 39
Tri-West 54, Danville 44

Edgewood
Brown County 44, South Vermillion 33
Brownstown Central 43, Edgewood 32

Heritage Christian
Heritage Christian 56, Guerin Catholic 42
Indianapolis Chatard 59, Lebanon 39

Speedway
Indian Creek 68, Speedway 56
Beech Grove 46, Indianapolis Herron 43

Rushville
Lawrenceburg 44, Batesville 33
Rushville 66, Greensburg 52

Madison
Salem 70, Scottsburg 47
Silver Creek 51, Madison 36

Vincennes Lincoln
Vincennes Lincoln 45, Princeton 38
Washington 55, Pike Central 39

Mount Vernon (Posey)
Evansville Memorial 60, Heritage Hills 30
Gibson Southern 43, Boonville 29

CLASS 2A

Lake Station
Lake Station 66, Hammond Noll 63
Andrean 65, Bowman Academy 20

North Judson
Rensselaer Central 48, Westville 19
North Judson 64, South Central (Union Mills) 33

Fairfield
Prairie Heights 52, LaVille 38
Fairfield 51, Bremen 32

Eastside
Bluffton 51, Churubusco 38
Eastside 55, Adams Central 43

Manchester
Manchester 58, Lewis Cass 48
Rochester 40, Delphi 37

Fountain Central
Clinton Prairie 46, Lafayette Central Catholic 41

Taylor
Tipton 66, Madison-Grant 19
Eastbrook 82, Blackford 57

Alexandria
Alexandria 78, Lapel 59
Frankton 57, Elwood 25

Union County
Northeastern 44, Hagerstown 28
Shenandoah 44, Union County 26

Triton Central
Indianapolis Scecina 65, Irvington Prep Academy 24
Triton Central 70, Eastern Hancock 47

Cascade
University 74, Western Boone 40
Covenant Christian 40, Park Tudor 38

South Putnam
North Putnam 63, Parke Heritage 52
South Putnam 68, Southmont 54

South Ripley
Switzerland County 40, Southwestern (Hanover) 35, OT
South Ripley 64, South Decatur 29

Eastern (Pekin)
Eastern (Pekin) 72, Clarksville 29
Crawford County 68, Henryville 37

North Knox
Linton-Stockton 56, Vincennes Rivet 24
North Knox 54, South Knox 46

Forest Park
Evansville Mater Dei 39, South Spencer 20
Forest Park 53, Perry Central 28

CLASS 1A

Kouts
Kouts 55, Washington Twp. 39
Morgan Twp. 62, Covenant Christian (De-Motte) 44

Oregon-Davis
Triton 46, LaCrosse 20
Argos 57, Culver 38

Fremont
Fremont 37, Bethany Christian 36
Fort Wayne Blackhawk 94, Hamilton 12

Tri-County
Pioneer 58, Frontier 22
North White 53, South Newton 17

Northfield
North Miami 59, Southern Wells 47
Northfield 82, Lakeland Christian 29

Attica
Clinton Central 53, Attica 24
North Vermillion 56, Faith Christian 52

Tri-Central
Tri-Central 73, Liberty Christian 21
Cowan 64, Anderson Prep Academy 21

Tri
Blue River 50, Randolph Southern 27
Union (Modoc) 59, Cambridge City Lincoln 46

Bloomfield
North Central (Farmersburg) 51, Shakamak 34
Bloomfield 65, White River Valley 45

Bethesda Christian
Bethesda Christian 60, Indiana Deaf 26
Traders Point Christian 49, Indianapolis Riverside 48

Indianapolis Lutheran
Greenwood Christian 94, Providence Cristo Rey 20

Waldron
Jac-Cen-Del 59, Morristown 44
Southwestern (Shelbyville) 68, Rising Sun 35

New Washington
Lanesville 75, Christian Academy 7
New Washington 47, Borden 45

Edinburgh
Trinity Lutheran 86, Shawe Memorial 23
West Washington 38, Crothersville 27

Loogootee
Orleans 50, Barr-Reeve 41
Loogootee 40, North Daviess 19

Tecumseh
Springs Valley 51, Wood Memorial 32
Tecumseh 60, Northeast Dubois 37

BOYS GAMES

Benton HomeSchool 86, Clinton Christian 32
Daleville 71, Indiana Deaf 22
Fishers 35, Carmel 34
Greenwood Christian 70, Indianapolis Metropolitan 56
Hammond Noll 69, Wheeler 50
Indiana Math & Science 67, Eminence 56
Indianapolis Manual 82, Laurel HomeSchool 41
Lake Central 50, Merrillville 42
Lakeland Christian 86, Lakewood Park 80, OT
Providence Cristo Rey 86, Irvington Prep Academy 55
Purdue Poly Englewood 80, Crosspointe Christian 40
Trinity Greenlawn 53, Portage Christian 24
Valparaiso 53, La Porte 37