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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly cloudy. Snow showers once again by late afternoon.
Tonight: Snow, with light accumulations.

HIGH: 20 LOW: 15



Westfield digging out after Monday's 11 inches of snow



City employee Dennis Hays works to clear sidewalks in downtown Westfield after Monday's storm that dropped nearly 11 inches of snow in parts of Hamilton County.

Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

Carmel trash, recycling service resumes today

The REPORTER

Due to Monday evening's snowstorm, the City of Carmel residential trash and recycling service was suspended for Tuesday. Service will resume today and will run on a one-day delay for the rest of the week, ending with normal Friday service taking place on Saturday.

City officials indicated the delay was for the safety of its residents by not having to move carts in the ice and snow and to allow snowplows to have the maximum possible access to roads.

Heights H.S. Drama Department presents *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*

The REPORTER

Members of the Hamilton Heights High School Drama Department cordially invite the community to attend its live production of *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* dramatized by Joseph Robinette from the story by C. S. Lewis. The play is being directed by Brooks Myers with Mataya Watson as Stage Manager.

The play is a dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic work. Four children accidentally find themselves in Narnia after stumbling through an old wardrobe. The children and audience are introduced to characters like Tumnus the Faun, the White Witch, Aslan the great lion, and Mr. and Mrs. Beaver. The witch is determined to keep Narnia in her possession and end the reign of Aslan, which leads to exciting action scenes involving battles, chases, and duels.

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Noblesville Schools proposes rebalancing elementary school boundary lines

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced on Tuesday a proposed rebalancing of elementary school boundaries for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approximately 200 elementary students (4 percent of the district's elementary population) would be impacted by the new boundaries and have already been notified directly of the proposed moves.

The new boundaries would see students from Hazel Dell Elementary, North Elementary, and Stony Creek Elementary moving to Hinkle Creek Elementary, Noble Crossing Elementary, and Promise Road Elementary. White River Elementary would have students moving both in and out. No boundary changes are being proposed at any other schools in the district.

See *School Boundaries* . . . Page 2

Carmel art gallery featuring Black artists gains national attention

By RANDALL NEWSOME
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Kuaba Gallery in Carmel has been featuring work from artists not only in Central Indiana but around the world. Now people all over the country are noticing the talent of some of the artists who showcase their work in Jayne Durning's gallery.

A writer for Martha Stewart's website decided to put a spotlight on two of her gallery's featured artists, painter Chika Idu and sculptor Dominic Benhura, as a part of a feature on Black talent.

The article, "Nine Black Artists Creating Incredible Things for Your Home," highlights people who specialize in anything from ceramics to mixed media contemporary art.



Photo provided

Jayne Durning, owner of Kuaba Gallery in Carmel, displays artwork that gained national attention after being featured on Martha Stewart's website.

Cumberland Cottages HAND project passes Fishers City Council by 5-4 vote

By LARRY LANNAN
LarryInFishers.com

The HAND project to construct 11 cottages at 141st Street and Cumberland Road will move forward after the Fishers City Council voted 5-4 approving a rezone of the property.

Voting yes for the rezone were David George, Cecilia Coble, Brad DeReamer, Samantha DeLong, and Jocelyn Vare. The no votes were from Selina Stoller, Pete Peterson, John Weingardt and Todd Zimmerman.

The Advisory Plan Commission voted an unfavorable recommendation 8-1, with Howard Stevenson being the only commission member supporting the proposal.

There was a great deal of discussion about car ports rather than garages



Graphic provided

for the 11 cottage units. HAND Executive Director Andrea Davis said an upgrade to garages is possible, once more details of the design are available now that

the rezone has been approved.

The city planning staff recommended approval of the housing project.

The rezone approval is just

one step in the process. Davis said she plans to continue discussions with neighbors and council members as the project moves to the next stages.

Retired teachers continue serving their communities

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Retired Teachers Association, along with its parent organization, the Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA), has long recognized the value of voluntary service contributed by its members. Each of the 10 districts' volunteer hours are sent to state legislators to let them know that retired teachers continue to give back to their communities. The district Area 5 comprises Marion, Tipton, Hamilton, and Johnson counties.

For the last 10 years, Indiana retired teachers have given over one million volunteer hours each year. In the last year, Hamilton County gave 1,093 hours for youth projects and 22,761 other projects, for a total of 23,764 volunteer hours from retired teachers.

Each year, the Hamilton County organization nominates a Volunteer

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SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

Current fourth graders impacted by the moves will be allowed to stay at their home school for their last year of elementary next year, if they choose.

A committee made up of district staff and parent representatives developed the rebalancing proposal after carefully studying the issue for several months. The plan works to minimize the number of impacted students while appropriately balancing class sizes and socioeconomic backgrounds as evenly as possible across schools.

“We know that this kind

of change can be stressful for families who are impacted and we hate that,” said Noblesville Schools Associate Superintendent Dr. David Mundy. “Unfortunately, we can’t control where growth occurs and must address the lack of space in some of our buildings. Our goal is to maximize existing space while minimizing disruptions to families.”

The district commissioned a professional demographic study



Mundy

\$30 million, rebalancing as needed to use existing space efficiently saves taxpayers money.

“We last rebalanced in 2016,” Mundy added. “We realize doing it again this year was not ideal given the

pressure COVID has placed on our school systems and families, but due to upcoming student projections we must address space in our buildings now.”

Impacted families have been invited to in-person meetings to discuss details of the proposed moves.

“I want to thank the parents and staff who served on our study committee as their input was a key part of this process,” Mundy said. “I look forward to meeting more parents and answering any questions at our upcoming public meetings.”

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Community News

Support HSE/Fishers FFA at Wayne-Fall Lions’ Bean Supper

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club will hold its annual Ham & Bean Supper from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27. This year’s supper will be drive-thru style, so be sure to stay in your car.

All proceeds will benefit the Hamilton Southeastern/Fishers FFA, so please make your free will donations.

The menu includes ham and beans, cornbread, coleslaw, a drink, and a cookie. Hot dogs will also be available.

The Ham & Bean Supper will be held at the Wayne-Fall Lions Club, 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

HEIGHTS DRAMA

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RETIRED TEACHERS

of the Year and three Honorable Mention awards. These individuals have volunteered in a multitude of ways and accumulated extensive hours of services unselfishly to their communities.

Each year the IRTA Community Service Committee selects one person from each district to receive the AMBA Clock for their

outstanding service activities. The clock represents the time spent on volunteer hours. The recipients have distinguished themselves as exemplary volunteers who have gone above and beyond to serve their communities and the great state of Indiana.

Just announced, the winner of Hamilton County Volunteer of the Year

for 2020 is Marilyn Bailey, Noblesville. The three Honorable Mentions were Martha Rockey, Sheridan; Jane Simmons, Anderson; and Deb Carrell, Noblesville.

Hamilton County’s Volunteer of the Year Michael Jenkins, Cicero, was selected from the district (four counties) to win the AMBA Clock award for 2019, which was announced in

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2020. This is a great honor and well deserved. Jenkins was chosen out of all the four counties’ volunteers.

Jenkins serves as board member of the Cicero Christian Church, as a 14-year board member and secretary of the Hamilton County Public Library, and board member, president and CEO in working with HOPE Family Care Center. At Cicero Christian Church, he serves as an elder emeritus, as member of the church’s mission team, Board Secretary of Cicero Christian Schools and as a weekly micro-church leader. He also prepares and helps publish the weekly prayer and praise list.

Continuing his work in education, Jenkins teaches adult Bible study classes at his church, serves as a member of the weekly “mentoring at lunch” program at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, and also serves on that district’s “vision program.” In 2019, he had 121 youth hours and 981 others, for a total of 1,102 volunteer hours. In 2020, he logged 1,030 hours.

Jenkins joins other Hamilton County Clock award winners: Ina Van Duyn, Carmel; Phyllis Linenberger, Noblesville; Jan DeJarnatt, Noblesville; and Donna Skeens, Carmel.

“Drama club president, senior Jaxon Smith, and vice president, senior Alyssa Potts, chose the play for this year,” explained Brooks Myers, of the students desire to choose a play that would appeal to everyone. “In addition, this play provides a variety of roles, which allows something for everyone who wants to be involved.”

The play features 26 cast and crew and has been a labor of love.

“The group rose to the challenges of the season and found creative ways to rehearse amid quarantines, school closures, and social distancing restrictions to continue bring this play to life,” noted Myers. “We are excited to share this beloved classic with the community.”

Performances will be as follows:

- Friday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 and must be purchased online and prior to the door at

Cast & Crew

Aslan – Elianna Watson
White Witch – Rebekah Steffen
Lucy – Hannah Beechler
Edmund – Tanner Orton
Susan – Caroline Stone
Peter – Jaxon Smith
Mr. Beaver – Greg Hall
Mrs. Beaver – Alyssa Potts
Unicorn – Abigail Lennis
Centaur – Amber Lane
Turnnus – Mayson Leonard
Fenris Ulf – James Jones
Dwarf – Mackenna Potts
Father Christmas – Ash Hall
Elf – Amber Lane
Forest Animals – Emily Bonebrake, Lucy Hubbell
Evil Army Members – Julianne Stewart, Casper Wanczyk
Wood Nymphs – Adrianna Kauffman, Jessa Steffen, Rebecca Beechler, Anna Monnin
Director – Brooks Myers
Stage Manager – Mataya Watson
Lights – Ana Alsop
Sound – Jonathon New
Graphic Designers – Amber Lane and Rebekah Steffen
Set Designer – Taylor Myers

hhschuskiess.org. All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department. Hamilton Heights High School is located at 25802 SR 19, Arcadia.

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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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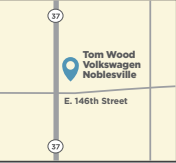
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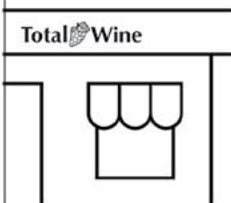
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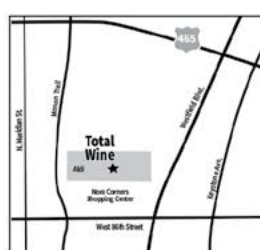
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Letter to the Editor

Weingarten makes constitutional argument for handgun licensing

Dear Editor:

The group Hoosier Gun Rights, **which supports the measure of no permit gun carry**, argues in a statement that “as a law-abiding citizen, you shouldn’t need any ‘permission slip’ from the government to keep and bear arms.”

Well, as a law-abiding citizen, I should not need a permission slip to drive a car; remove license requirements to drive. Nor should there be a license requirement to be a plumber or an architect or a psychologist or a doctor or a pilot or many other professional licensees. No government should have license requirements to ensure the overall safety of the public.

Let’s see who is “law-abiding” – that is the entire reason behind the background check and licensing requirement. Is the person just released from a mental hospital who was never convicted of a crime a law-abiding citizen? Under this bill they are. Maybe they were in the hospital because they want to kill people. What if they go off their meds and buy a gun?

The Constitution says, “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.”

Okay, let’s apply this to the exact wording – to bear arms you must be a member of a “A well regulated Militia.” So, if you are in the National Guard or Military you are in a well regulated militia, but as an ordinary citizen, you are not and currently in Indiana need a license. To change this will allow more people who should not have a gun to get a gun. It’s a very bad bill.

Joe Weingarten
Fishers
Hamilton Co. Democratic Party Chair

Letter to the Editor

Reconstruction on SR 37 . . . tick-tock, tick-tock

Dear Editor:

You may think I misspelled the words above, but I’m not referring to the current app that is so popular today for its many dance videos. But many local elected officials are performing their own State Road 37 dance: Dancing against time – and dancing while you are in the dark. At least until the next election.

For those unaware, the concept to reconstruct SR 37 and make it similar to the Keystone Parkway in Carmel or U.S. 31, also in Carmel, was borne out of both the fear Governor Pence would lose his 2016 bid for re-election to John Gregg and the desire for extended funding for road engineering and construction companies. So there was a series of very hush-hush meetings between Fishers Mayor Fadness, County Commissioner Heirbrandt, Gov. Pence and his staff at INDOT, resulting in the December 2015 announcement that the State of Indiana would bequeath \$100 million towards the reconstruction of SR 37 AND that it would occur under local control! Much fanfare followed with emphasis placed on the \$12 million contribution by both Fishers and Hamilton County each, and designating Noblesville as a “partner,” even though Noblesville will not contribute a single dime until the project moves north of 146th Street.

There was a grand total of one public meeting for the Hamilton County Council and Commissioners to jointly discuss the project just prior to the May 2016 Republican Primary. The vote was unanimous to accept the \$100 million from the State, despite unanswered questions as about why Fishers was designated the “lead” agency when they had never before managed a project of this scope or magnitude. The initial price tag for the project was \$124 million.

From 2016 to 2019, there were a few “stakeholders” meetings held by RQAW, the Carmel-based firm coordinating the design and management of the project (RQAW moved their HQ to Fishers in 2018.)

I asked repeatedly: “How much is the project over budget?” At the second meeting, RQAW Owner Troy Woodruff stated around \$16 million. This would equate to \$8 million per Fishers and Hamilton County since the original agreement stated cost overruns would be split equally and the interpretation was 50/50, regardless if there were change orders Fishers requested or caused that resulted in the extra expenses.

The massive underground drainage project has been cast as one of the primary drivers of the excess costs since it was budgeted around \$4 million, yet the final price was nearly \$20 million! Another recent development has been the claim that costs projected in 2015 were unrealistic and didn’t take into account inflation and the success of the economy, which had led to increased labor and material costs.

Ground was broken for the first interchange in the fall of 2019 at 126th Street and SR 37; it opened over a year later in November 2020. Nearly five years have passed since the announcement was made and ONLY one interchange has been completed. In October 2020, it was revealed to the County Council that RQAW was no longer involved in the project; for the first time it was announced that the Hamilton County Highway Director and the Fishers City Engineer would be jointly responsible for the project. It was also stated the “current” projected cost was estimated to be \$166.7 million, which represents an overrun of \$42.7 million, even though some internal documents stated it was between \$50 million and \$52 million.

This translates to an average of at least \$21.35 million apiece, or a 172 percent increase! This is based on just one interchange actually being open, with four more to be built.

In late 2020, I opposed approving Fishers’ request for \$5.6 million in additional funding of the project based on the city’s failure to comply with terms of the original agreement. Fishers failed to supply quarterly reports on the project’s expenses, not only to the County Council, but also the Fishers City Council. And I don’t believe Hamilton County should contribute more money than Fishers, which it would if the County acted before ahead of the City. Unfortunately, I was outvoted 5-2 in December 2020.

As of Jan. 1, 2021, there is a new majority on the Hamilton County Council, and it has no track record on this subject. I believe it will act similar to the newly-established Democratic majority in Congress and vote to approve any and all cost overruns with no regard to fiscal accountability.

In addition, I see other projects spearheaded by the Commissioners or Mayors being funded either through new bonds or cash funded by the County’s healthy cash reserves of nearly \$60 million. There is also the matter of the original agreement with INDOT stipulating the project must be completed by September 2023, yet only one interchange is open as of late November 2020, and the 146th Street interchange is not projected to be completed until 2022.

This leaves three interchanges on SR 37 to be built between 2022 and 2023.

Next up: The massive 146th and Allisonville Interchange Project with a price tag of \$36 million and then converting each intersection to an interchange on 146th Street between Carey Road and River Road at an average “minimum” cost of \$20 million to \$23 million EACH.

Watch the clock, and your wallet – the spending is about to commence ... Tick-tock, tick-tock.

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Rick McKinney is the past President of the Hamilton County Council, having served 24 years as an At Large councilor. He is the Senior Policy Analyst for the Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County, having joined the group in January 2021.

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Two local students receive full-ride college scholarship

The REPORTER

Recently, 16 Indiana student caddies found out they had been awarded the Western Golf Association (WGA) **Chick Evans Scholarship**, a full four-year housing and tuition scholarship and the nation's largest privately funded scholarship program.

Locally, two Hamilton County students – Kaiden Miller, Fishers, a student at Cathedral High School, and

Meris Shotton, Westfield, a student at Westfield High School – were each selected to receive the scholarship.

For the first time ever, WGA directors, Evans Scholars alumni and other program supporters interviewed each of the nominees during a series of virtual selection meetings due to COVID-19. Each caddie has a unique story to tell, reflecting the scholarship's four selection criteria: A

strong caddie record; excellent academics; demonstrated financial need; and outstanding character.

The full tuition and housing college scholarship is valued at an estimated \$120,000 over four years.

The Indiana selection meeting was the eleventh of more than 20 meetings the Evans Scholars Foundation will hold across the country through the spring. Currently, a record 1,045

caddies are enrolled at 19 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars, and more than 11,320 caddies have graduated as Evans Scholars since the program was founded by famed Chicago amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans Jr. When the 2020-2021 selection meeting process is completed this spring, an estimated 300 caddies are expected to be awarded the Evans Scholarship.

Scholarship offer for students seeking criminal justice career

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

If criminal justice is something you plan on pursuing, the Jen Grillo Memorial/Fishers Police Corps Scholarship competition should be of interest to you. A \$1,500 scholarship is available to students at either Fishers High School or HSE High School.

The student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, be accepted to a college or university, and seek to attend full-time. The student must also demonstrate school leadership, a commitment to his or her

community, and a desire to contribute to society.

The application form is available at [this link](#).

Here are some additional requirements for all applicants:

1. Complete a typed or legible handwritten essay indicating why he or she has chosen a law enforcement-related career, and how they specifically plan to meet that goal. The essay must be at least 500 words.

2. Submit two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a teacher; the other may be from a school counselor, coach, or community leader. The letters

of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the back of the envelope must be signed by the author of the recommendation.

3. Submit a student transcript. A complete applicant package must include the application, the 500-word (minimum) essay, the student transcript, and letters of recommendation.

The completed package is to be submitted to:

*The Jen Grillo Memorial/
Fishers Police Corps
Scholarship Fishers
Police Department
ATTN.: Officer James Alvis
4 Municipal Drive,*

Fishers, IN 46038

The application must be in by 4 p.m. on March 29. Any incomplete package will disqualify a submission.

The Corps Board will review all applications and essays. Applicants will be notified of their status, and if selected as a finalist, will be contacted for an interview.

Meeting Notice

The Atlanta Town Council will hold a special meeting to discuss the ball diamonds at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at 795 S. Central St., Atlanta.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

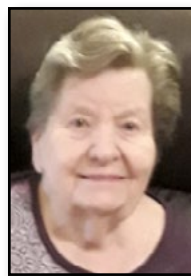
I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Romans 11:13-16 (NIV)

Marion L. Strawn

August 10, 1928 – February 14, 2021

Marion L. Strawn, 92, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on August 10, 1928 to Charles and Leona Deusser in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Marion was a homemaker, wife and mother. She was a great cook and baker. Marion was an avid reader and enjoyed crafts and crochet. She was a wonderful mother who could do anything.

Marion is survived by her daughter, Linda (Mike) Gibson; son, William Strawn; daughter, Sherry (Ron) Swason; grandson, Christopher (Valerie) Terry; and granddaughter, Mindy Swanson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Strawn; and her daughter, Deborah Sue Terry.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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Going behind the numbers . . .

Carmel sets new mark in state victory



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Carmel's Berit Berglund (above) and Colleen Duffy take their marks for the backstroke race during Saturday's IHSAA state finals. Both did their part in helping the Greyhounds to their 35th consecutive state title.

By RICHIE HALL

When the Carmel girls swim team won the state championship in 2015, it did so by scoring a new-record total of 445 points.

Such a high point total would be a difficult number to reach again, right? Yes. But if there's one thing the Greyhounds seem to know how to do every year, it's meet and surpass their own high standards.

Carmel won state again Saturday, its record 35th consecutive state title and 36th overall. The Greyhounds won with a new-record total of 479 points and also set a new mark for the biggest winning margin, besting runner-up Fishers by 279 points. The Tigers scored 200 to place second for the second year in a row and third overall.

"I think they have been through so much together and they were incredibly grateful for the opportunity," said Carmel coach Chris Plumb. "They had great leadership from the team and they helped all the girls succeed."

Time for a math lesson. The most points that can be scored at a state swim meet are 597. In individual events, champions receive 20 points, second-place finishers 17 points and third-place finishers 16 points. That's 53 points for a 1-2-3 sweep. Multiply that by nine and you get 477 points.

Now add in the relays, which count for double, so a victory is worth 40 points. If a team sweeps all three relays, that's another 120 points.

Those relay sweeps have been a reason why the Greyhounds keep their streak going every year. Starting with the 2009 state meet, Carmel has won all but TWO relay events. That's 37 victories in 39 state relays. The only non-Greyhounds teams that have been able to win a relay during that stretch are Zionsville, which took the 200 freestyle relay in 2012, and Northridge, the 2018 champion in the

200 free relay.

Two Carmel swimmers won three events, taking one individual event and then swimming on two relays. Junior Gretchen Lueking finished first in the 200 free, while sophomore Berit Berglund won the backstroke. Both swimmers competed on the first-place 400 free relay with senior Madelyn Christman and sophomore Meghan Christman. Berglund joined senior Margaret Love, junior Hayley Reed and senior Colleen Duffy on the winning medley relay, and Lueking teamed up with Meghan Christman, Madelyn Christman and Duffy on the first-place 200 free relay.

In terms of championships, Lueking now has eight state titles while Berglund is at six state titles.

One unique item about this meet is that it took place with no spectators do to COVID-19 restrictions. It was the first time this had happened in what is usually a well-attended IHSAA event. Last year's state meet attracted 4,129 fans.

"Obviously, it was quieter and less energy," said Plumb. The coach noted that in some ways, "the athletes were able to just focus on themselves. They have also been racing all year with limited or no spectators, so they were ready."

This was the 15th season for Plumb as coach of both the Carmel girls and boys teams, and thus the 15th time that he coached the girls in a state championship. Plumb has also won nine state titles with the boys, giving him a new record total of 24 state championships, surpassing the Greyhounds' longtime cross country/track and field coach Chuck Koeppen's total of 23.

"I think Carmel does everything well," said Plumb. "The administration supports you and they have high expectations. The community is filled with successful people and when you combine all those things, you have to raise your own standards."

Pairings set for state wrestling meet

The pairings are set for this weekend's IHSAA state wrestling finals, which begin Friday at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Seven Hamilton County wrestlers are competing at state this year. That includes two in the 113-pound division. Carmel's Isaac Ward takes on Whiteland's Joey Buttler in a first-round battle of sophomores, while Westfield senior Dylan Driver will face Tell City's Coy Hammack in the first round.

At 120 pounds, Westfield junior Braxton Vest faces Seeger senior Nathaniel Hennessey in the first round; both wrestlers have only lost two matches this season. Carmel junior Brac Hooper will wrestle Crown Point senior Stephen Roberson Jr. in his first-round match.

Greyhounds senior Robert Major will take on another senior, La Porte's Jamaal Salaray in the first round at 160 pounds. Major is unbeaten for the season with a 37-0 record, one of two wrestlers in that weight class that is perfect for the season. Evansville Mater Dei junior Broderick Baumann is the other one, at 26-0 for the year.

At 195 pounds, Hamilton Southeastern junior Max Broom will face West Lafayette junior Connor Barket in the first

round. Westfield junior Mihail Platonov takes on Gavit sophomore Edgar Decker in a first-round match at 285 pounds.

All first-round matches will take place on Friday, in two different sessions. The first session, for wrestlers in weight classes 106-145, begins at 11 a.m. The second sessions will have wrestlers in weight classes 152-285 compete, and start at 7 p.m. Friday winners advance to Saturday action, where they will wrestle three matches and be guaranteed a place in the top eight.

Here is a list of brackets that contain Hamilton County wrestlers, from track-wrestling.com

113 POUNDS

Kyrel Leavell (Warren Central), freshman, 28-2 vs. Reese Courtney (Center Grove), freshman, 29-5
Bryce Denton (Penn), freshman, 20-5 vs. Jared Brooks (Wabash), junior, 37-2
Reed Egli (Evansville Mater Dei), junior, 24-2 vs. Alexzander Cottey (Perry Meridian), senior, 32-2
Hayden Brady (Garrett), sophomore, 27-3 vs. Anthony Bahl (Crown Point), sophomore, 24-3

Isaac Ruble (Bellmont), junior, 25-0 vs. Drake Fritz (West Central), freshman, 37-5

Joey Buttler (Whiteland), sophomore, 30-7 vs. Isaac Ward (Carmel), sophomore, 17-6

Hayden DeMarco (Chesterton), freshman, 35-3 vs. Beau Brabender (Northridge), freshman, 29-5

Dylan Driver (Westfield), senior, 29-4 vs. Coy Hammack (Tell City), sophomore 31-1

120 POUNDS

Aidan Sprague (East Noble), junior, 29-1 vs. Travis Haug (Forest Park), senior, 22-6
Carleton Perry (Warren Central), senior, 24-4 vs. Logan Frazier (Crown Point), sophomore, 31-3
Lane Gilbert (Sullivan), sophomore, 27-0 vs. Justin Puckett (Northridge), senior, 30-4

Nathaniel Hennessey (Seeger), senior, 23-2 vs. Braxton Vest (Westfield), junior, 33-2

Dillon Graham (Cathedral), freshman, 26-4 vs. Tristian Vaughn (Harrison), senior, 19-4

Braden Haines (Brownsburg), junior,

17-8 vs. Anthony Wood (Jay County), freshman, 37-4

Sergio Lemley (Chesterton), sophomore, 33-1 vs. Keaton Morton (Perry Meridian), sophomore, 26-9
Austin Lewis (Bluffton), sophomore, 21-5 vs. Cole Ross (Evansville Mater Dei), senior, 23-2

132 POUNDS

Aidan Torres (Chesterton), sophomore, 31-2 vs. Devin Frazier (Centerville), junior, 38-4
Dominic Litchfield (Bellmont), junior, 20-5 vs. Alec Freeman (Evansville Mater Dei), senior, 25-1
David Pierson (Warren Central), senior, 28-3 vs. Lakin Webb (Rensselaer), junior, 20-3

Ben Dalton (Monrovia), senior, 37-1 vs. Dylan Stroud (Manchester), junior, 37-1

Ian Heath (Leo), senior, 30-0 vs. Cade Meier (Bloomington South), senior, 24-5

Cole Solomey (Kankakee Valley), sophomore, 25-5 vs. Anthony Hughes (Lawrence North), senior, 23-5

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Eastern Conference				
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Philadelphia	18	10	.643	-
Brooklyn	18	12	.600	1.0
Boston	14	13	.519	3.5
New York	14	15	.483	4.5
Toronto	13	15	.464	5.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	16	12	.571	-
Indiana	14	14	.500	2.0
Chicago	11	15	.423	4.0
Cleveland	10	19	.345	6.5
Detroit	8	19	.296	7.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Charlotte	13	15	.464	-
Miami	11	16	.407	1.5
Atlanta	11	16	.407	1.5
Orlando	10	18	.357	3.0
Washington	8	17	.320	3.5

Tuesday's games	L.A. Lakers 112, Minnesota 104
Boston 112, Denver 99	Portland 115, Oklahoma City 104
New Orleans 144, Memphis 113	Brooklyn 128, Phoenix 124
Toronto 124, Milwaukee 113	San Antonio at Detroit, postponed

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	23	5	.821	-
Portland	17	10	.630	5.5
Denver	15	12	.556	7.5
Oklahoma City	11	16	.407	11.5
Minnesota	7	21	.250	16.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Lakers	22	7	.759	-
L.A. Clippers	21	8	.724	1.0
Phoenix	17	10	.630	4.0
Golden State	15	13	.536	6.5
Sacramento	12	15	.444	9.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	16	11	.593	-
Memphis	11	12	.478	3.0
Dallas	13	15	.464	3.5
New Orleans	12	15	.444	4.0
Houston	11	16	.407	5.0

WRESTLING

Kysen Montgomery (Brownsburg), senior, 27-3 vs. Cameron Clark (Jay County), freshman, 28-6
Brac Hooper (Carmel), junior, 30-4 vs. Stephen Roberson Jr. (Crown Point), senior 17-3

160 POUNDS
Broderick Baumann (Evansville Mater Dei), junior, 26-0 vs. Elias Hilger (Bishop Dwenger), senior, 33-3
Tyler Jones (Warren Central), junior, 26-6 v. Bradey Pittman, Plymouth, junior, 22-8
Landon Buchanan (Jimtown), junior, 36-2 vs. Bray Emerine (Floyd Central), freshman, 20-10
Aaron Steenbeke (Penn), sophomore, 26-3 vs. Andrew Wilson (Cathedral), senior, 26-3
Orlando Cruz (Crown Point), sophomore, 28-3 vs. Jakob Sheets (Perry Meridian), senior, 21-12

Kade Law (Columbus East), junior, 33-3 vs. Logan Farnell (Maconaquah), sophomore, 40-3
Robert Major (Carmel), senior, 37-0 vs. Jamaal Salary (La Porte), senior, 27-6
Eli Johnson (Norwell), junior, 34-2 vs. Landon Boe (Plainfield), junior, 32-2

195 POUNDS
Hayden Filipovich (Indpls. Lutheran), senior, 40-0 vs. Bazle Owens (Tippecanoe Valley), sophomore, 28-10
Blake Heyerly (Adams Central), junior, 41-1 vs. Ke'Shawn Dickens (Avon), senior, 26-4
Eli Pack (Culver Academies), senior, 18-0 vs. Ryan Bovard (East Central), junior, 24-6
Wyatt Willman (North Posey), junior, 31-1 vs. Matt Lepper (Fort Wayne Carroll), senior, 23-4
Ibrahim Khaoucha (Northridge), se-

nior, 29-1 vs. Harris Eason (Franklin Community), senior, 26-5
Gage DeMarco (Chesterton), junior, 36-2 vs. Johnny Parker (Cathedral), senior, 25-4
Brach Carrington (Greencastle), senior, 37-0 vs. Chad Washburn (Kokomo), freshman, 20-6
Max Broom (Hamilton Southeastern), junior, 30-5 vs. Connor Barket (West Lafayette), junior, 19-1

285 POUNDS
Mariere Omonode (West Lafayette), junior, 13-0 vs. Makhi Watts (North Central), junior, 24-5
Brandon Villafuerte (Angola), junior, 25-1 vs. Matthew Munoz (Jeffersonville), senior, 34-1
Evan Shafer (Connersville), senior, 37-0 vs. Brock Donati (Penn), senior, 21-8
Jacob Johnson (Franklin Community), junior, 26-3 vs. Braydon Erb (Western), senior, 31-1
Leighton Jones (Brownsburg), sophomore, 29-0 vs. Jacob Sommer (Elkhart), senior, 25-10
Hunter Whitenack (New Prairie), junior, 39-1 vs. Antone Alexander (Franklin Central), senior, 33-3
Reeve Muncie (Fort Wayne Carroll), senior, 31-1 vs. Amara Kaba (Pike), 25-7
Mihail Platonov (Westfield), junior, 31-5 vs. Edgar Decker (Gavit), sophomore, 32-3

300 Central Indiana artists sought for March Madness pop-up events

By RANDALL NEWSOME
WISH-TV
If you are an artist in Central Indiana, the Arts Council of Indianapolis wants your help welcoming college basketball fans to the city for March Madness. It's also a chance for local artists to share in the national spotlight.
Lindsey Lord, director of Artist Services for the Arts Council, talked about what the spotlight could mean for the city's arts community. Watch the videos to hear what she had to say.
Leaders in this project along with the Arts Council include Indiana Sports Corp, Indianapolis Cultural Trail and many more organizations forming a welcome committee ahead of the event.
While the deadline has passed for visual artists to sign up, they are still looking for music, dance and performance artists.
[Click here](#) to learn more about the project or to sign up if you're an artist. The deadline for performing artists to apply is 11:59 p.m. Wednesday.

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