

SUNDAY, FEB. 28, 2021

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Scattered morning showers,
then mostly cloudy.

Tonight: Mostly to
partly cloudy.

HIGH: 58 LOW: 30



Hamilton County honoring 131 employees for their service

Mills, Duvall have combined total of 80 years serving county

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is celebrating 131 employees for their service to the community. Each year the Board of Commissioners and Human Resource Department recognizes and honors employees for long and meritorious service by presenting service awards at the end of each five years of employment.

Each recipient will be given a service pin with the number of years on it. Human Resource Director Sheena Randall said, "Our goal is to bring to the citizens and taxpayers of Hamilton County the most responsive governmental services possible. Employing top quality people, providing them with meaningful work, and retaining their services helps us serve the public efficiently and effectively."

Hamilton County Auditor Robin Mills, and Lynette Duvall, a caseworker in the Pros-



County Auditor Robin Mills (left) and Lynette Duvall, a caseworker in the Prosecutor's Office (right), have both served Hamilton County for 40 years.

ecutor's Office, top this year's list of employees with the most longevity. Each has been employed with the County for 40 years.

"I have stayed with Hamil-

ton County because I enjoy the work I do," Duvall said. "Plus, the county offers great benefits, such as health insurance, paid holidays, and a 37.5-hour work week."

"I know that longevity in a place of employment is almost unheard of these days," Mills added. "But the county has offered me stability and job growth. I have been mentored by and continue to work with some pretty awesome people. It's been a privilege to see Hamilton County grow and develop into one of the most sought-after places to live and to know that I have been a part of that."

This year, six employees will celebrate 35 years of service with the county, 11 will mark 30 years, and 18 will observe 25 years. Another 17 employees will be honored for reaching the 20-year milestone, with 15 others marking 15 years, 16 celebrating 10 years, and 46 observing five years of employment.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of Service Pin recipients for 2020.

The journey of grief ... continues

"Grief never ends. But it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor lack of faith. It's the price of love."
— Author unknown

It's been two months since I held my mom's hand, for the last time, before she passed.

It's 7 p.m. Time for Wheel of Fortune. It's the time, every night, that I always called my mom. She would talk for about 25 minutes and say, "It's time for Jeopardy. Go watch it with Chuck. I'll talk to you later." Never did we say goodbye.

Several times a week I would go to her window to visit with her on the phone. I would put birdseed in her feeder outside her window. Her feeder now hangs outside my kitchen window. I love it when a red-bird comes to visit. I know, I just know. It was heaven sent.

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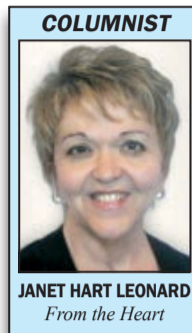


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New artwork promoting diversity on display in Fishers Nickel Plate District

By ALEAH HORDGES
WISH-TV | wistv.com

The Fishers Arts and Culture Commission has new artwork displayed that's aimed to promote diversity and inclusion within the community.

It's a series of banners called Seasons Nouveau that drivers can see on The Edge Parking garage off East 116th Street.

They were created by lo-

cal artist Tasha Beckwith. The eight banners are large digital images that each show women of different ethnicities during the four seasons of the year.

Vice President of Fishers Arts and Culture Commission Cecilia Coble said Seasons Nouveau is displayed in Fishers' Nickel Plate District, a statewide cultural district designated by the Indiana Arts Commission, and it will be on display for the next 12

to 18 months.

"It feels really good," Beckwith said. "It's been such an honor to be a part of this project and I'm really grateful for the opportunity for people to see these images. I really love how they came out."

"We have so many people from a variety of backgrounds, races, cultures and I think the banners just depict that richness, and we want to celebrate that and we want to highlight

the diversity of our community here in Fishers," Coble said.

Beckwith mentioned the banners are a combination of her style while following the Fishers Arts and Culture Commission's master plan of inclusiveness.

To continue its master plan, Coble added there will be a new mural on the Fishers Police Department Garage adjacent to the Nickel Plate Trail this summer.

Barrier-Free Theatre celebrates disability, inclusion in Carmel

The REPORTER

In honor of Developmental Disability Awareness Month, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation will hold its first virtual Barrier-Free Theatre performance. The virtual performance, titled *A Hero's Heart*, will be free to the public and held at 6 p.m. on March 6 and at 2 p.m. on March 7 via Zoom. A link to the Zoom event will be sent directly to participants the morning of the event and after their ticket is reserved.

Barrier-Free Theatre is a drama therapy intervention in which participants with and without disabilities work together to write and act in their own production. Barrier-Free Theatre empowers participants, increases self-confidence and improves self-awareness. It also creates a positive, inclusive, creative environment.

Preparation for this performance, originally scheduled to be performed in March 2020, began in August 2019. The cast, which comprises 16 individuals, worked together to develop the original concept and script for the performance. The topics explored in this year's performance include bullying, acceptance, and the idea that we're all heroes of our own story.

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Mike Grubb named Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Board Member of the Year



Photo provided

At the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's annual board retreat in January, Mike Grubb was named the Club's Board Member of the Year. Grubb, of The MDC Group, has served on the Club's board of directors for 12 years. His tireless efforts with BGCN's Safety Committee during the pandemic ensured that the Club's doors were able to safely reopen to local youth in the summer of 2020. (Pictured) BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry (left) presented the award to Grubb.

Shepherd's Center becomes of United Way accredited partner

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana announced last week that Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County has been approved for accreditation and can apply for United Way grants in basic needs, family opportunity, and social innovation, as well as access training, technical assistance, and capacity building programs.

The programs and services of Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County align with United Way's basic needs goals to provide the essentials to the community's most

vulnerable members and life-saving assistance to those in emergency situations in Central Indiana.

To receive accreditation with United Way, a nonprofit in the human services sector must meet all legal requirements for a nonprofit agency in the State of Indiana; align with United Way's focus areas of education, financial stability, health and



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basic needs; and serve individuals and families in Boone, Hancock, Hamilton, Hendricks, Marion, and Morgan counties.

"We are grateful for the impact United Way of Central Indiana's COVID-19 pandemic response funding had for seniors in our community. We were able to ensure that seniors remained safe and healthy during this

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Noblesville firefighters to begin giving COVID vaccine to homebound residents

The REPORTER

Starting Monday, March 1, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) will begin administering vaccines to at-risk, hard to reach, or otherwise immobile or homebound individuals as part of the Homebound Hoosiers EMS Vaccine Administration Program. The program is a cooperative public health effort within Indiana.

"Individuals who are unable to leave their homes and are eligible to be vaccinated should do so in order to protect themselves, visitors and other direct support providers," said Mayor Chris Jensen. "I'm excited that our city's fire department has the programming and resources in place to offer this service free of charge to our at-risk residents."

The Hamilton County Health Department (HCHD) has partnered with local Emergency Medical Services providers to administer the COVID-19 vaccination to Homebound Hoosiers. NFD will use its Community Resources Paramedics to administer the COVID-19 vaccination

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Stacy Atkinson joins OneZone Chamber Board of Directors

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced that Dr. Stacy Atkinson has been added to its Board of Directors. Dr. Atkinson serves as the new Chancellor of the Hamilton County Ivy Tech Campus in Noblesville. Prior to her new role, she served as Chancellor for the Ivy Tech Campus in Richmond, Ind.

"I am truly honored and humbled to join a dynamic team of leaders and learn how the new Hamilton County campus can serve the area in the best way possible," Atkinson said.

OneZone's Board of Directors plays an important role in supporting and activating the mission and vision of the organization. The current board is composed of 18 business leaders representing Fishers and Carmel in industries from healthcare and technology to marketing and consumer retail.

"When we first met Dr. Atkinson, it was clear that her energy and leadership would immediately com-



Atkinson

plement the OneZone board of directors' skills and experiences," said Patrick Broccoli, OneZone Board Chair. "It is an exciting time at OneZone Chamber of Commerce as we continue to build deeper relationships with our community leaders and enhance value for all OneZone stakeholders."

For more information about OneZone events and initiatives, visit [OneZone-Commerce.com](https://www.onezonecommerce.com).

Rep. Spartz opposes \$1.9 trillion spending package

The REPORTER

Representative Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued these remarks regarding Friday's passage of the \$1.9 trillion spending package out of the House of Representatives:

"Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 1319. This \$1.9 trillion spending package is being considered without meaningful debate and without Republican input. While more than 200 Republican amendments were proposed, Democrats only accepted two.

"I personally authored five commonsense amendments to improve government transparency and

accountability, assist juvenile justice and foster care systems, and address concerns with standardized testing. All of them were unanimously rejected by Democrats.

"We must take action to address the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic, but this bill does not address the concerns of everyday Americans. It addresses the desires of the Majority. It also does not address small business struggles. Instead, it adds more regulations on businesses already suffering from the pandemic.



Spartz

"Less than nine percent of the \$1.9 trillion authorized in this bill goes to defeating COVID-19. Under this package, taxpayers will have to finance the wish list of the Majority passed under the guise of relief.

"Democrats' partisanship stands in the way of meaningful discussions about how to best serve our constituents. The American people need Congressional action to crush COVID-19. While there are portions of this bill I could support, I cannot support it in its current form."

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

1. Beach Wedding Weekend – Rachel Magee
2. Before She Disappeared – Lisa Gardner
3. Book Charmer – Karen Hawkins
4. Colorblind – Robert B. Parker
5. Faithless in Death – J.D. Robb
6. Happy Singles Day – Ann Marie Walker
7. Local Girl Missing – Claire Douglas
8. Out of Hounds – Rita Mae Brown
9. Payback – Jack Mc-

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10. Russian – James Patterson
11. Serpentine – Jonathan Kellerman
12. Shadow Box – Lu-

anne Rice

Non-Fiction

1. Ride the Devil's Herd – John Boessenecker
2. Walk In My Combat Boots – James Patterson

Inspirational Fiction

1. The Mockingbird's Song – Wanda E. Brunstetter

Children's

1. Bad Kitty Gets a Bath – Nick Bruel
2. Baking Day at Grandma's – Anika Denise
3. Dino-Dancing – Lisa Wheeler

4. Friendship According to Humphrey – Betty G. Birney

5. Grumpy Monkey Up All Night – Suzanne Land

6. Night-Night Train – Amy Parker

7. Pig the Slop – Aaron Blabey

8. Trouble According to Humphrey – Betty G. Birney

9. Wolf Called Wander – Rosanne Parry

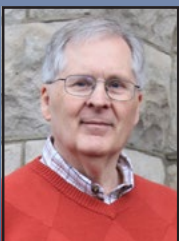
Young Adults

1. Chosen – K.F. Breene
2. Key to Fear – Kristin Cast

DVDs

1. Cats & Dogs 3: Paws Unite (Children's)
2. Croods: A New Age (Children's)

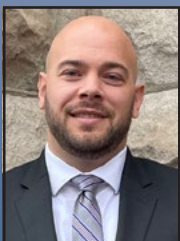
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Fishers road construction updates

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State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](https://www.in.gov/transportation/146th-street).

• **Monday, March 1:** Southbound SR 37 median lane, just north of 146th Street, will be closed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to perform widening.

• **Tuesday, March 2:** Northbound SR 37 median lane, just north of 146th Street, will be closed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to adjust temporary barrier wall and pavement markings for northbound SR 37 traffic.

• **Wednesday, March 3:** Northbound SR 37 outside lane, just north of 146th Street, will be closed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to

adjust temporary barrier wall and pavement markings for northbound SR 37 traffic.

State Road 37 & 131st/135th Streets

Beginning on Wednesday, March 3, the northbound SR 37 right turn lane onto 135th Street will be closed from 131st Street to approximately halfway to 135th Street for Phase 1 construction. This portion of the dedicated turn lane will not reopen to regular capacity until the interchange is complete. The southbound SR 37 dedicated right turn lane onto 135th Street will also close for additional widening to accommodate traffic in Phase 2.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrive.com](https://www.37thrive.com).

106th Street & Hague Road

Currently, there are lane restrictions in place for east

and west bound traffic on 106th Street at Hague Road. Through lanes will be restricted and traffic will use the left turn lanes as through lanes. Left turn access onto Hague Road will remain open. Advanced warning signs will be in place. These restrictions are anticipated to be in place until mid-May for bypass pumping for improvements to the Hague Road Lift Station.

Meadows Drive

Drainage work is currently taking place on Meadows Drive, Royal Drive, and Frances Street and is anticipated to be completed in February.

Admirals Pointe Drive

Indianapolis DPW currently has Admirals Pointe Drive closed through mid-summer 2021 to replace the timber bridge over Geist and the north fork of Dry Branch. The detour will consist of Old Stone Drive East to Carroll Road/700 West, south to East 79th Street, and west to Oakland Road.

How COVID-19 altered my love for school

Editor's Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

One year ago today, I was a freshman in high school. I was a very involved student wrapping myself up with class presidency, playing soccer, managing my school's basketball team, and participating in marching, pep, and concert band, all while maintaining straight A's. Nothing made me feel happier or more accomplished than achieving good grades, after-school activities to keep me occupied, and just overall learning.

I loved it and thrived off it, as nerdy as that sounds.

After the pandemic officially began and all schools across the nation were sent into electronic learning, my attitude began to shift. With nothing to look forward to and no school to show up to, I went into a slump. My work wasn't based on learning the material anymore. It was all about



completion, just getting it done. My mind kept telling me, "As soon as we finish this school year online, everything will go back to normal for your sophomore year. You're going to love this again. This is just a phase." And that was just the beginning.

After an eventful extended summer, I thought I would come back and find my passion again. After a single day of attending, I could tell I lost the sheer love for being at school. It wasn't how it used to be. After weeks of e-learning, my brain was rewired to think of schoolwork as just a big test of completion and not actually learning. After-school activities no longer seemed worth it if my peers and I couldn't attend them like we used to.

For example, now when you walk into school, the first thing on your mind isn't the excitement for tonight's basketball game. It's the worry of "Will COVID guidelines even allow me to be present for tonight's basketball game?"

Overall, this resulted in me dropping all forms of band and being a team manager. The fun just wasn't there and the constant uncertainty seemed like a heap of anxiety to take on.

Even though I don't enjoy it as much as I was once accustomed to, I'm still very conscientious about my grades. It's something very important to me and always will be. One thing that especially pains me is the impact of COVID on them. I have always been a straight-A student. Never in my entire life have I gotten otherwise. After being sent home to a 14-day quarantine due to in-school COVID exposure not once, but twice, in a single semester, my grades felt the impacts.

Nothing compares to in-school learning. Being forced to learn the material other kids are learning in class at home and then taking quizzes over that material upon return is complete insanity to me. (Note: This isn't our educators' fault, as they feel these effects just as much as us students.)

This is what I ultimately believe shot

me into my first C as a quarter letter grade. (Thank you, chemistry, for being absolutely impossible to teach yourself and for leaving me with absolutely no motivation for your subject.) Although my semester grade was only a B, and some folks may call me crazy for being upset about a B, it hurt to see a goal of mine go down the drain for something no other generation has ever had to deal with.

I'm a happy girl, don't get me wrong. I've found so much happiness in the past year I would've never imagined. For example, I'm surrounded by the best people in the world and love playing on my soccer team. I'm still class president and carry a 3.9 GPA. I just find it so fascinating how much the daily life of a teenager has changed in the past year. It's beyond my mental capacity, and I can't even begin to express everything I feel to myself, yet convey it in my writing.

I just find it beyond depressing that I took walking into a building with a bunch of annoying, loud, and screaming high schoolers (myself included) for granted.

Synergize doubles impact on Carmel community

By DENISE MOE
For the Reporter

On its first-ever double-impact day, Synergize raised funds for Girl Scouts of Central Indiana and held a blood drive in partnership with Versiti. The professional group, which focuses on lifetime legacies rather than transactional relationships, donated 38 units of blood to Versiti Blood Center of Indiana and \$2,185 to Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.

Danielle Shockey, CEO of Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, spoke at the event. She emphasized the confidence that Girl Scouts gives to girls and young women, and the importance of having spaces for girls to be vulnerable while building new skills.

"My life's work has been about helping students engage, find their voice, and become who they want to become," said Shockey, who formerly worked in education. "In Girl Scouts, I found all of that multiplied."

Other speakers at the event included Tara Stanton, wife of Synergize founder Ar-



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

ron Stanton, and Synergize members Kelly and Jason Ulm. Each of them highlighted the impact Synergize members have made on the local community since the business

was founded in 2020.

"You may not be able to change the world for everybody, but you can change the world for somebody," Tara Stanton ex-

plained. "I know that Synergize isn't about just one person. It's about every single one of you, coming together to support these causes in Indiana."

The money raised by Synergize will be used in Girl Scouts' upcoming programs and provide financial assistance to girls in 2021. Donations from the blood drive will be given directly to the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana and will treat local patients.

Synergize has partnered with Versiti in 2021 to facilitate three more blood drives. The partnership is part of Synergize's Ripples Of Impact (ROI) initiative, which is the group's way to redefine ROI in the context of real relationships and community impact. On the next double-impact day in May, Synergize aims to collect a full 50 donations.

4:30 Meetup is a monthly recurring event that benefits a nonprofit organization. In March, Synergize will raise funds for Make-A-Wish. To learn more about Synergize's impact goal and ROI partnerships, or to become a member of the group, visit synergizeindy.com.

Spring Break

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If there was ever a year for a staycation, this is the year! Hamilton County attractions, hotels, and restaurants are following the Hoosier Hospitality Promise Health & Safety Guidelines, so staying close to home is not only safe, it's affordable. It's also a great way to support local, independent businesses.



Check out everything there is to see and do at VisitHamiltonCounty.com/Spring-Break

Carmel’s Center for the Performing Arts announces six more livestream concerts

The REPORTER
Pop, country, funk, classical, jazz, and indie rock are on deck as the Center for the Performing Arts announces six more dates in its livestream concert series featuring Indiana-based artists.

Free to view on YouTube, Facebook and the Center’s website, *Live at the Center* sponsored by Allied Solutions delivers a front-row perspective on the best in local original music, with multi-camera HD video and rich stereo sound. More information on registration and viewing options is available at TheCenterPresents.org/LATC.

“*Live at the Center* has been a success story in this challenging arts season,” said Jeffrey C. McDermott, President and CEO of the Center for the Performing Arts and the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation. “The support of our donors and sponsors has enabled us in turn to help support local artists, and our production team has worked hard to create an exceptional experience for both the artists and the audiences.”

The newly announced performances from April through June are:

Tommy Icarus, alternative
Tuesday, April 14,
at 7:30 p.m. from the Studio Theater

Pavel & Direct Contact, Latin jazz
Friday, April 30,
at 8 p.m. from the Palladium

Starlite Lounge (formerly known as Carmichael), indie rock
Thursday, May 6,
at 7:30 p.m. from the Palladium

Meghan Cristeen Martin & the 1900, Americana
Friday, May 21,
at 8 p.m. from the Palladium

Joshua Thompson, classical piano
Wednesday, June 2,
at 7:30 p.m. from the Palladium

Audiodacity, funk/pop/rock
Saturday, June 19,
at 8 p.m. from the Palladium

Updates on Center activities and online arts and entertainment opportunities are available through the weekly Interlude e-newsletter. Anyone can join the Center’s eClub mailing list by visiting TheCenterPresents.org and clicking the “SIGN UP” button.



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Classical pianist Joshua Thompson will perform live from the Palladium on June 2.

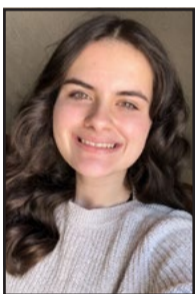
DAR names Tipton High School senior as its Good Citizen of the Year

The REPORTER
The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, held its annual Good Citizen Recognition Tea on Feb. 7. The “Tea,” however, was held as a virtual Zoom this year due to pandemic restrictions.

The Good Citizen Award and Scholarship event is held annually on a national basis. The Horseshoe Prairie Chapter promotes the essay competition throughout Hamilton County for high school seniors. The competition is also open for surrounding counties, as students from Tipton High School and Heritage Christian High School have participated.

The criteria for the award are based on the good citizenship displayed by the students both in their communities and in their school academic and extracurricular activities. The essay topic this year was “Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It” with this year’s focus question: “How do the combined actions of so many citizens help our nation moving forward?”

The Good Citizen of the Year winner was Katelyn Riddle from Tipton High School. She is in the Top 10 percent of her class since ninth grade, was on the All-A honor roll her sophomore and junior years, is a National Honor Society in-



Riddle

ductee, is ranked ninth in her class of 126 seniors, and has a 4.072 grade point average. Katelyn will receive a certificate, a scholarship check from the Horseshoe Prairie Chapter, and a large American flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol in her honor at the request of U.S. Congresswoman Victoria Spartz. Riddle is a candidate for the Indiana State DAR Good Citizen competition going forward.

The 2021 DAR Good Citizen Award candidates representing their various high schools were: Yanni Wei, Carmel High School; Katie Barnett, Fishers High

New at Hamilton East Public Library

The REPORTER
Here are the new library items lists for the week of Feb. 22:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. The city of tears, By Kate Mosse
2. The lost boys, by Faye Kellerman
3. Out of hounds, by Rita Mae Brown
4. The Russian, by James Patterson
5. The gates of Athens, by Conn Iggulden
6. Blink of an eye, by Iris Johansen
7. The Arctic fury, by Greer Macallister
8. Remote Control, by Nnedi Okorafor
9. Knock knock, by Anders Roslund
10. Ink and shadows, by Ellery Adams

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Podcasting, by Tee Morris
2. We thought we knew you, by M. William Phelps
3. A swim in a pond in the rain: in which four Russians give a master class on writing, reading, and life, by George Saunders
4. ADHD 2.0: new science and essential strategies for thriving with distraction – from childhood through adulthood, by Edward M. Hallowell
5. Real-word python: a hacker’s guide to solving problems with code, by Lee Vaughan
6. Instant loss on a budget: super-affordable recipes for the health-conscious cook, by Brittany Williams
7. Get what’s yours for

healthcare: how to get the best care at the right price, by Philip Moeller

8. Three simple lines: a writer’s pilgrimage into the heart and homeland of haiku, by Natalie Goldberg
9. Fundamentals: ten keys to reality, by Frank Wilczek
10. The dirty, lazy, keto not time to cook cookbook: 100 easy recipes ready in under 30 minutes, by Stephanie Laska

New DVDs

1. Jungleland
2. Love under the rainbow
3. The New Mutants
4. Babylon Berlin. Season 1
5. Bad education
6. The short history of the long road
7. Spree
8. My hero Academia. Heroes rising
9. Supa Modo
10. The flesh and the fiends


New Music CDs

1. 2020, by Bon Jovi
2. The absence of presence, by Kansas
3. Alive & breathing, by Matt Maher
4. John Williams in Vienna, by John Williams
5. Chris Tomlin & friends, by Chris Tomlin
6. Chromatica, by Lady Gaga
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Sen. Mike Braun working with colleagues to end taxpayer-funded Congressional pensions

The REPORTER
U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Rick Scott (R-Fla.) – both former entrepreneurs – have re-introduced Senate legislation to end taxpayer-funded pensions for members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Congressman Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) will introduce companion legislation in the House.

Currently, members of Congress are eligible for their federal pension after just five years of service. The amount of the pension depends on years of service and the average of the highest three years of salary. For example, if Speaker Nancy



Braun

Pelosi were to retire today, her 34 years in Congress would net her an annual taxpayer funded pension of over \$100,000.

This legislation would end taxpayer-funded congressional pensions, which, as the Senators and Representative put it, would help to “drain the swamp” in Washington by removing a perk that provides a financial incentive for re-election in Congress.

“It’s time we make Washington more like Main Street and end taxpayer-funded pensions that Senators and Congressmen

are entitled to in retirement like Nancy Pelosi’s six-figure annual pension,” said Sen. Braun. “I’ve pledged to forgo my Senate pension, because I believe the only incentive for serving in Congress should be serving the people of your state. If we remove this perk from Congress, we’ll get better leaders.”

Sen. Scott said, “We need to end the concept of career politicians if we ever want to change Washington and make government work for American families. That means we need term limits

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State Police seeks applicants for 81st Recruit Academy

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The Indiana State Police is accepting additional applications for the 81st Recruit Academy. Individuals who are interested in beginning a rewarding career as an Indiana State Trooper must apply online at in.gov/isp/2368.htm. This website will provide a detailed synopsis of the application process as well as information on additional career opportunities with the Indiana State Police.

Note: If you have already applied for the 81st Recruit Academy you do

NOT need to reapply.

Applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. EST on Tuesday, March 9. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted for the 81st Recruit Academy. Only the first 150 submitted applications will be accepted.

If selected to proceed in the selection process, applicants will complete the Written Examination, Physical Abilities Test, and Oral Interview in one day.

Testing will be held Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14 at the Indiana

Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield. Applicants must pass each phase of the selection process to continue to the next phase. Further details and instructions will be sent by email to applicants by the end of business on March 10.

Basic Eligibility Requirements and consideration factors for an Indiana State Trooper are as follows:

1. Must be a United States citizen.
2. Must be at least 21 and less than 40 years of age when appointed as a police

employee. (Appointment date is Dec. 2, 2021.)

3. Must meet a minimum vision standard (corrected or uncorrected) of 20/50 acuity in each eye and 20/50 distant binocular acuity in both eyes.

4. Must possess a valid driver's license to operate an automobile.

5. Must be willing, if appointed, to reside and serve anywhere within the State of Indiana as designated by the Superintendent.

6. Must be a high school graduate as evidenced by a diploma or general equivalent

diploma (GED).

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pension program provides a lifetime pension after 25 years of service. Additionally, the Indiana State Police Department provides comprehensive disability coverage and a life insurance program.

Student loan forgiveness programs are being offered at this time. [Click here](#) for more information.

Interested applicants can obtain additional information about a career as an Indiana State Trooper by visiting in.gov/isp/3041.htm to find the recruiter assigned to your area.

When was Title IX legislation passed and which U.S. Senator introduced it?

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This week in Indiana's history ...

1817 – Congress organized Indiana as one judicial district and a federal court was established. Benjamin Parke, a territorial judge from Vincennes, was appointed by President James Monroe to serve as the first district judge. The court met in the state capital of Corydon. It moved to Indianapolis when the seat of state government was transferred there.

1913 – On the same day that thousands of Suffragists were marching in Washington, D.C., over 500 women confronted lawmakers at the Indiana Statehouse. "Women to the right of them and women to the left of them," reported the *Indianapolis Star*, "women in the corridors and in the doorways, women everywhere, and



on every woman a yellow streamer bearing in black letters, 'Votes for Women.'" Governor Samuel Ralston cheerfully agreed to wear one of the streamers on his coat.

1921 – Will Hays, from Sullivan, became United States Postmaster General. Appointed by President Warren G. Harding, he was sworn in by another Hoosier, Supreme Court Justice Willis Van Devanter from Marion. The following year, Hays became Chairman of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. In that position,

he enforced what became known as the "Hays Code," which set moral standards for Hollywood movies.

1932 – Indiana Governor Harry G. Leslie offered all state resources to Colonel Charles Lindbergh and his wife Anne in the aftermath of the kidnapping of their 20-month-old son. The Lindberghs had been guests at the Governor's Mansion and were widely admired by Hoosiers. The baby's abduction from their New Jersey home dominated the news, commanding banner newspaper head-

lines and front-page stories for the next six weeks.

1941 – Helen Keller was the honored guest at Memorial Stadium in Gary. She had recently been named one of the 10 outstanding women in the world. Though blind and deaf, she was an inspirational and successful author, political activist, and lecturer. She was accompanied on her trip to Gary by her long-time secretary, Polly Thomson.

1972 – Indiana United States Senator Birch Bayh introduced amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965. The new legislation, classified as Title IX, called for an end to gender discrimination and provided equal opportunities to women in public education. Signed into law in June of 1972, Title IX has had a far-reaching effect, especially in women's sports.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

Romans 13:1-5 (NIV)



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Boys swimming state finals

Carmel claims 7th straight team title

Streett, Carlile, Malicki are individual winners

By RICHIE HALL

INDIANAPOLIS - The Carmel boys swimming team has enjoyed a nice run at the state meet over the past several years. That run continued on Saturday, as the Greyhounds won their seventh consecutive state championship at the IU Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis. Carmel scored 360 points, the third-highest point total ever achieved by a boys team at state. The ‘Hounds won by 161.5 points over runner-up Fishers, the fourth-highest margin of victory.

If those aren’t enough records, here are a few more. It was the 21st overall state championship in boys swimming for Carmel, extending a record. The Greyhounds’ seven straight titles is another extension record, as is the 10th state title for Carmel coach Chris Plumb.

“We had a lot of guys score and it obviously was a goal to have everybody score in every race,” said Plumb.

The Greyhounds had 24 swims at state, including 19 in the championship heat, all of which earned state medals. Carmel also won three individual events, starting with the medley relay, where the team of Carter Lancaster, Ryan Malicki, Christopher Holmes and William Kok finished in a time of 1 minute, 29.60 seconds.

“The 200 medley relay, we needed everybody to do their job and they did,” said Plumb.

Malicki would later claim an individual event, winning the breaststroke in 53.71 seconds. The junior won a battle with Mount Vernon senior Aidan Tierney, staying a stroke ahead to get Carmel’s first win in the event since 2018.

“Shout out to Aidan, he had a really great race,” said Malicki. “I think I just really capitalized on racing off of him. He did amazing. That’s always nice to have someone next to you to push you.”

The breaststroke was the next-to-last event, and Carmel won the final event as well, the 400 free relay. The team of Griffin Hadley, Kayden Lancaster, Carter



Photo provided by IHSAA/Double Edge Media

The Carmel boys swim team won its seventh consecutive state championship Saturday at the IU Natatorium. The Greyhounds scored 360 points and also won three individual events.

Lancaster and Augustus Rothrock won that race in 2:58.70.

“It’s a tough meet,” said Plumb. “There’s a lot of fast swimming. So, to get away with three wins, great effort by those guys. Every relay was hard-fought and close. There’s a lot of great swimming in this state and we feel pretty good about coming on top.”

Carmel placed second in the 200 free relay, with the squad of Malicki, Hadley, Rothrock and Kayden Lancaster finishing in 1:22.02. Rothrock picked up third-place medals in the individual medley and butterfly, while Hadley placed third

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Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Fishers' Jackson Carlile (left) and Kyle Ponsler scored a 1-2 sweep in the 500 freestyle and helped the Tigers to a runner-up finish as a team for the first time. Fishers totaled 198.5 points at the meet.

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SWIMMING

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in the 200 free and fourth in the 100 free. Both are bound for the University of Tennessee next fall.

The Greyhounds had three events where all three of their swimmers earned medals. In the IM, Ryan Malicki (sixth) and Carter Lancaster (eighth), joined Rothrock on the medals stand. Kellen Reese (sixth) and Christopher Holmes (seventh) also reached the podium in the butterfly. Kayden Lancaster (fifth), Aaron Shackell (seventh) and Gregg Enoch (eighth) gave Carmel three more medals, and team points, with their performances in the 500 free.

Other medal winners for the 'Hounds were led by Sean Sullivan, who finished third in the backstroke. Three more Carmel swimmers got sixth-place finishes: Kayden Lancaster in the 200 free, Carter Lancaster in the backstroke and Brandon Malicki in the breaststroke.

Consolation finishers for the Greyhounds were Shackell in the 200 free (10th), Sullivan in the 100 free (11th), Connor Lathrop in the backstroke (12th), and Holmes (15th) and Andrew Robertson (16th) in the 50 free.

FISHERS PLACES SECOND

The Fishers Tigers continued their rapid ascent in the swimming world by finishing second at the state meet. The Tigers scored 198.5 points, the most ever in school history, and their runner-up finish is easily the best at the meet, surpassing last year's fourth-place mark.

Fishers had nine medal winners, including a 1-2 finish in the 500 freestyle. Jackson Carlile won the race in 4:22.31, with Kyle Ponsler the runner-up with a time of 4:23.37.

Carlile became the first-ever boys swimmer to win a state event for the Tigers. While winning is a big deal, Carlile said he was happy for Fishers' runner-up trophy – "the first time the boys team has gotten something as a team," he said. "So, I think that was the priority for everyone going in and that's what I focused on throughout the meet."

Carlile, who will swim for Indiana University in the fall, also tied for fourth in the 200 free, while Ponsler took fourth in the IM. Both swimmers were part of two of the Tigers' three medal-winning relays, joining Connor Carlile and Reed Beaumont on the third-place 200 free relay, then teaming with Connor Carlile and Tyler Schwertfeger to take fourth in the 400 free relay. Beaumont and Connor Carlile joined Logan Ayres and Daniel Bennett on the eighth-place medley relay.

Fishers also picked up two medals in diving. William Bennett was the runner-up with a score of 557.00 points, while Sebastian Otero took sixth. Freshman Jack Roby finished 10th in diving, also earning points for the Tigers.

Connor Carlile also took 10th in the IM and Ayres was 13th in the backstroke.

"These guys were just super tough," said Tigers coach Joe Keller. "I knew that

we would have to drag them out of here, regardless of the end result, because they were going to put it all out there today. We just knew that the effort was going to be over the top."

STREETT WINS FOR HSE

Hamilton Southeastern senior Keegan Streett led the way for the Royals, winning the 200 freestyle.

Streett won his race in a time of 1:36.72. He dropped a considerable amount of time from his Friday preliminary swim; Streett swam the prelim race in 1:38.15, so he was nearly a second and a half faster on Saturday.

"It feels great," said Streett, who will swim for the University of Georgia next fall. "I would have liked to have been faster with the time." But as he pointed out, "it's nice to get my hand on the wall first and that's all that really matters."

Streett earned four medals at the meet. He also took third in the 100 free, and was part of both of the Royals' freestyle relays, joining Logan Hess, Thomas Reising and Zack Bostock on the fourth-place 200 free relay. Bostock, Streett, Charles Rogers and Reising teamed up for a sixth-place finish in the 400 free relay.

Southeastern placed sixth as a team with 125 points, marking the school's 20th top-10 finish at the state meet. In addition to the freestyle relays, the Royals medaled in the medley relay, as Ryan Harrison, Justin Voelker, Reising and Bostock placed sixth. Voelker would later place 11th in the breaststroke and Reising finished 16th in the butterfly.

OTHER SCHOOLS

Noblesville tied for 35th as a team with nine points. The Millers' young swimmers were a factor, with sophomore Aidan Biddle placing 14th in the breaststroke and freshman Luke Whitlock taking 15th in the 500 free. Both swimmers joined Jeremiah Ledwith and Cavan Cameron for a 15th-place finish in the medley relay.

Hamilton Heights freshman Nathan Cox placed 13th in the diving event, scoring four team points for the Huskies. Cox totaled 433.10 points in the diving.

Westfield junior Noah Brauer took 16th in the IM, earning one point for the Shamrocks.

Team scores (Top 10 and all county): 1. Carmel 360, 2. Fishers 198.5, 3. Zionsville 189.5, 4. Franklin Community 169, 5. Penn 154, 6. Hamilton Southeastern 125, 7. Chesterton 122, 8. Center Grove 90, 9. Homestead 75, 10. Brownsburg 72.5, T35. Noblesville 9, 41. Hamilton Heights 4, T46. Westfield 1.

200 medley relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Carter Lancaster, Ryan Malicki, Christopher Holmes, William Kok) 1:29.60, 6. Southeastern (Ryan Harrison, Justin Voelker, Thomas Reising, Zack Bostock) 1:33.86, 8. Fishers (Logan



Photo provided

Hamilton Southeastern's Keegan Streett won the 200 freestyle, dropping nearly a second and a half from his Friday preliminary time.

Ayres, Reed Beaumont, Daniel Bennett, Connor Carlile) 1:34.57.

"B" Final: 15. Noblesville (Jeremiah Ledwith, Aidan Biddle, Luke Whitlock, Cavan Cameron) 1:38.03.

200 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. Keegan Streett (HSE) 1:36.72, 3. Griffin Hadley (C) 1:37.29, T4. Jackson Carlile (F) 1:38.02, 6. Kayden Lancaster (C) 1:38.25.

"B" Final: 10. Aaron Shackell (C) 1:40.34.

200 individual medley

"A" Final: 1. Will Modglin (Z) 1:45.14, 3. Augustus Rothrock (C) 1:47.01, 4. Kyle Ponsler (F) 1:48.28, 6. R. Malicki (C) 1:48.62, 8. C. Lancaster (C) 1:49.75.

"B" Final: 10. C. Carlile (F) 1:51.65, 16. Noah Brauer (W) 1:56.29.

50 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. Brady Samuels (Delta) 19.72.

"B" Final: 15. Holmes (C) 21.35, 16. Andrew Robertson (C) 21.42.

One-meter diving

Finals: 1. Sam Bennett (Delta) 615.55, 2. William Jansen (F) 557.00, 6. Sebastian Otero (F) 484.50, 10. Jack Roby (F) 452.50, 13. Nathan Cox (HH) 433.10.

100 butterfly

"A" Final: 1. Samuels (Delta) 47.05, 3. Rothrock (C) 48.30, 6. Kellen Reese (C) 48.94, 7. Holmes (C) 49.53. "B" Final: 16. Reising (HSE) 50.85.

100 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. Ethan Martin (CG) 44.02, 3. Streett (HSE) 44.68, 4. Hadley (C) 45.09.

"B" Final: 11. Sean Sullivan (C) 46.00.

500 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. J. Carlile (F) 4:22.31, 2. Ponsler (F) 4:23.37, 5. K. Lancaster (C) 4:32.43, 6. Shackell (C) 4:34.50, 8. Gregg Enoch (C) 4:40.95.

"B" Final: 15. Whitlock (N) 4:42.60.

200 freestyle relay

"A" Final: 1. Penn 1:21.29, 2. Carmel (R. Malicki, Hadley, Rothrock, K. Lancaster) 1:22.02, 3. Fishers (J. Carlile, C. Carlile, Beaumont, Ponsler) 1:23.41, 4. Southeastern (Logan Hess, Reising, Bostock, Streett) 1:23.87.

100 backstroke

"A" Final: 1. Modglin (Z) 46.60, 3. Sullivan (C) 48.96, 6. C. Lancaster (C) 49.67.

"B" Final: 12. Connor Lathrop (C) 51.52, 13. Ayres (F) 52.14.

100 breaststroke

"A" Final: 1. R. Malicki (C) 53.71, 6. Brandon Malicki (C) 56.78. "B" Final: 11. Voelker (HSE) 57.43, 14. Biddle (N) 58.06.

400 freestyle relay

"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Hadley, K. Lancaster, C. Lancaster, Rothrock) 2:58.70, 4. Fishers (J. Carlile, C. Carlile, Tyler Schwertfeger, Ponsler) 3:04.24, 6. Southeastern (Bostock, Streett, Charles Rogers, Reising) 3:06.98.

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LEFT: Noblesville's Keira Harper makes a jump during her balance beam routine during IHSAA Sectional 2 competition Saturday at Noblesville East Middle School. Harper had the Millers' highest place (ninth) and score (8.60) on that event.
RIGHT: Fishers' Savannah Strange jumps on to the vault. Strange scored an 8.25 on vault and a 31.75 in the all-around.

Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Millers place seventh with 'good day'

By RICHIE HALL
NOBLESVILLE - The Noblesville gymnastics team hosted the IHSAA Sectional 2 on Saturday at Noblesville East Middle School, and things went well for the Millers.

Noblesville's young team finished seventh in the standings with a score of 94.95. The top three teams advance to next weekend's regional at Portage; Harrison was the sectional champion by scoring 106.40 points.

"This day was just a good day for these girls and what a way to finish the season," said Millers coach Jody Ramey. The coach said her team was dealing with some minor injuries that had caused "a rough week with practices."

"But we finished our practice last night beautifully, so we were able to come in today refreshed and feeling good about where we were," said Ramey.

Noblesville looked solid throughout the meet. The Millers' top place and score came in the balance beam event, where sophomore Keira Harper placed ninth with an 8.60.

Harper also had the top score in the vault with an 8.425 and the uneven bars with a 7.65. Freshman Lauren Paska led the way in the floor exercise, scoring an 8.175. Harper's 32.30 made her the top all-around score for Noblesville.

After Harrison, the other teams advancing to the regional are Lapel, which fielded a full team for the first time, scoring 103.025 points. Lafayette Jefferson got the third spot by scoring 101.75 points.

"It didn't work out this season, but we are definitely within reach," said Ramey. "I have no seniors on this team. And all of them plan to come back next year. With that being said, we work over the summer, we definitely have a team that can advance come next year."

Fishers sophomore Savannah Strange also competed at the sectional for the second time. Strange finished 18th in the all-around by scoring 31.75. Her best placing was 10th in the uneven bars, while her top score was an 8.25 in the vault.

"I think I did my best," said Strange. "Better than last year."

Lapel senior Madi Carpenter won the all-around with a score of 37.425 and won two individual events, the floor exercise (9.425) and uneven bars (9.25). Harrison's Haiven Gipson was first in the vault (9.70) and the balance beam (9.45).

Team scores: Harrison 106.40, Lapel 103.025, Lafayette Jefferson 101.75, Logansport 99.375, Northwestern 98.525, Western 96.60, Noblesville 94.95, Southmont 89.25, Crawfords-

ville 82.375, North Montgomery 67.075, Tri-County 34.825, Fishers 31.75, Caston 26.00, Peru 25.45.

All-around scores: 16. Keira Harper (N) 32.30, 18. Savannah Strange (F) 31.75, 20. Lauren Paska (N) 31.65, 21. Hailey Knoll (N) 31.00.

Vault: 20. Harper (N) 8.425, T22. Strange (F) 8.25, 24. Knoll (N) 8.225, 31. Paska (N) 8.00, T33. Sierra Graue (N) 7.75.

Uneven bars: 10. Strange (F) 7.925, 16. Harper (N) 7.65, 18. Paska (N) 7.50, 21. Knoll (N) 7.375, 31. Lyrric Barnett (N) 6.00.

Balance beam: 9. Harper (N) 8.60, 17. Paska (N) 7.975, 23. Strange (F) 7.525, T25. Knoll (N) 7.275, 38. Barnett (N) 6.10.

Floor exercise: 18. Paska (N) 8.175, 20. Knoll (N) 8.125, 21. Strange (F) 8.05, 25. Harper (N) 7.625, 28. Barnett (N) 7.375.

Boys basketball

'Hawks fall in close game with Comets

After this weekend, no one can say that the Sheridan boys basketball team is not battle-tested.

The Blackhawks played their second tough game in as many days Saturday at Larry Hobbs Gym, hosting Eastern in a Hoosier Heartland Conference contest. The game was tied at 39-39 with seconds to go, but the Comets hit a 3-pointer with three seconds left to win 42-39. The victory gives Eastern a share of the conference title; both the Comets and Carroll finish with 7-1 records.

The two teams were tied at the end of each of the first three quarters. The score was 8-8 after the first period; Kyle Eden had six points for Sheridan in that quarter. The 'Hawks and Eastern were knotted at 16-16 at halftime, with Silas DeVaney scoring four.

In the third quarter, Sheridan led by as much as five points. Ethan Moistner got hot, nailing two 3-pointers on his way to nine points. But the Comets came back and tied it up at 28-28 going into the fourth. The game stayed tight until Eastern's late 3-pointer.

"I think the last three games we've played have been very tough games

that'll prepare us for our sectional very well," said Blackhawks coach Tod Windlan. "We had a chance to win all three games."

Eden led Sheridan with 13 points, followed by Moistner with 11. DeVaney and Moistner both collected four rebounds and Moistner also made four steals.

Sheridan finished conference play right in the middle, taking fifth place with a 4-4 record. The Blackhawks are 11-10 overall and play Eastbrook Tuesday in the first game of the Blackford sectional.

EASTERN 42, SHERIDAN 39					
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Corbin Murray	2-3	0-1	4	4	
Kyle Eden	6-11	0-0	13	1	
Cayden Hunter	1-2	0-0	3	0	
Silas DeVaney	4-8	0-3	8	3	
Ethan Moistner	4-5	1-1	11	0	
Cole Webel	0-1	0-0	0	3	
Keenan Warren	0-0	0-0	0	1	
Totals	17-30	1-5	39	12	
Score by Quarters					
Eastern	8	8	12	14	42
Sheridan	8	8	12	11	39
Sheridan 3-point shooting (4-8) Moistner 2-3, Eden 1-2, Hunter 1-2, Webel 0-1.					
Sheridan rebounds (13) DeVaney 4, Moistner 4, Webel 3, Eden 2.					



Photo by Si DeVaney III

Sheridan's Corbin Murray scored four points for the Blackhawks during their game with Eastern on Saturday.



NBA standings

Saturday's games	New York 110, Indiana 107
Cleveland 112, Philadelphia 109	Utah 124, Orlando 109
Washington 128, Minnesota 112	Denver 126, Oklahoma City 96
San Antonio 117, New Orleans 114	Dallas 115, Brooklyn 98

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	22	12	.647	-
Brooklyn	22	13	.629	0.5
Toronto	17	17	.500	5.0
New York	17	17	.500	5.0
Boston	16	17	.485	5.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	20	13	.606	-
Chicago	15	17	.469	4.5
Indiana	15	17	.469	4.5
Cleveland	13	21	.382	7.5
Detroit	9	24	.273	11.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	16	17	.485	-
Charlotte	15	17	.469	0.5
Atlanta	14	19	.424	2.0
Washington	13	18	.419	2.0
Orlando	13	21	.382	3.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	27	7	.794	-
Portland	18	14	.563	8.0
Denver	18	15	.545	8.5
Oklahoma City	14	20	.412	13.0
Minnesota	7	27	.206	20.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Clippers	24	11	.686	-
L.A. Lakers	23	11	.676	0.5
Phoenix	21	11	.656	1.5
Golden State	19	15	.559	4.5
Sacramento	13	20	.394	10.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	17	12	.586	-
Dallas	16	16	.500	2.5
Memphis	14	15	.483	3.0
New Orleans	14	19	.424	5.0
Houston	11	20	.355	7.0

Saturday high school basketball scores

Courtesy John Harrell's website
www.johnharrell.net

GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE FINALS
Class 1A: Pioneer 43, Loogootee 42
Class 2A (Friday): Linton-Stockton 63, Tipton 25
Class 3A: Silver Creek 54, South Bend Wash-
ington 48
Class 4A: Crown Point 44, Brownsburg 34

BOYS BASKETBALL
Barr-Reeve 69, Shakamak 39
Brownstown Central 68, Charlestown 55
Cannelton 63, Dugger Union 52
Clarksville 61, Crawford County 57
Detroit Loyola (Mich.) 47, Culver Academy 41
Eastern (Greentown) 42, Sheridan 39
Hobart 56, Lake Station 54
Tipton 67, Rossville 64, OT
Union City 65, Lapel 64
Washington 57, Boonville 28
ICSAA Final Four
Evansville Christian 60, Victory Christian 44, 1st

Boys basketball sectionals begin Tuesday

When Tuesday rolls around, the IH-SAA will begin quite possibly the most highly-anticipated boys basketball sectionals in a long time.

Why? Because there were people who were worried the season might not get to finish. But the sectionals are here, including five that involve Hamilton County teams.

Carmel is hosting Class 4A Sectional 8, which starts with two games on Tuesday. The first is a re-match between Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern, which tips off at 6 p.m. The Royals won the regular-season contest back on Dec. 19, shrugging off an early deficit to eventually win 65-51. The Tigers are 14-6 and Southeastern is 11-10.

The second game will tip off at 8:30 p.m., as the Eric Clark Activity Center will be cleared in between games. Westfield will take on Zionsville in that contest. The two teams played back on Dec. 4 – the Shamrocks’ season opener – with Westfield winning 47-38. The ‘Rocks are 16-4 while the Eagles are 14-7.

Tickets are still available for both games as of Sunday morning, with a capacity of 1,000 for each game. Click on [this link](#) for Fishers-HSE tickets, and [this link](#) for Westfield-Zionsville tickets.

In other Tuesday games... Hamilton Heights plays Yorktown in the first round of Class 3A Sectional 24

at New Castle, with tipoff at 6 p.m. The Huskies are 15-4 and have won their last four games, while the Tigers are 14-7. The two teams did not play in the regular season.

Sheridan will make another trip to Blackford for Class 2A Sectional 39 play. The Blackhawks take on Eastbrook in the 6 p.m. game. Sheridan is 11-10, while the Panthers are 5-15.

University will take on the Class 2A Sectional 42 host, Heritage Christian, at 6 p.m. in the first game at that sectional site. The two teams were to play each other earlier in the month, but that game was canceled. The Trailblazers are 14-6 and the Eagles are 10-8.

Pacers again come up short, fall to Knicks

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

For the third straight game, the Pacers were right there in the final minutes with a chance to win, but came up a play or two short.

Indiana led by as many as 16 in the first half on Saturday night in New York and rallied from a nine-point deficit in the fourth quarter to take the lead, but could not hang on down the stretch. In the end, the Pacers (15-17) fell to the Knicks (17-17) on the second night of a back-to-back.

It was the third straight loss and the ninth in the last 13 games for the Blue & Gold. New York, on the other hand, has won five of its last eight contests.

The Pacers led 98-93 with four minutes remaining, but the Knicks responded with an 11-0 run to take the lead. RJ Barrett knocked down a 3-pointer and converted a three-point play to put New York back in front. Then after a timeout, Julius Randle hit a three and Barrett made a layup to extend the Knicks' lead to 104-98.

T.J. McConnell ended the Pacers' drought on a layup with 2:13 remaining, then found Edmond Sumner for an open three 25 seconds later to trim the deficit to one.

Two Nerlens Noel free throws with 1:16 to play made it a three-point game. On the other end, Myles Turner had an open look from the right corner to tie the game, but couldn't get the shot to fall.

Domantas Sabonis was then whistled for a foul on Randle on the other end and the All-Star forward made both foul shots with 29.7 seconds left.

Out of a timeout, the Blue & Gold got a quick look for Sabonis, who banked in

a 3-pointer to make it a two-point game with 25 seconds remaining. The Pacers then fouled Barrett, who missed both free throws with 14.9 seconds left.

But the Blue & Gold never got a shot off, as Sabonis and McConnell botched a handoff, allowing Derrick Rose to deflect it and Frank Ntilikina to corral the loose ball. Ntilikina then sealed the game with two foul shots with 2.9 seconds left.

"Plain and simple, that's on me," McConnell said. "Coach (Nate Bjorkgren) drew up a great play for me if there wasn't the backdoor (look) to come off Domas' (dribble handoff). I just completely turned my head. That one's 1,000 percent on me."

With the win, the Knicks took the season series against Indiana for the first time since 2016-17. The Pacers beat New York in the season opener on Dec. 23, but the Knicks won at Bankers Life Fieldhouse on Jan. 2.

All five starters scored in double figures in Saturday's loss for Indiana. Doug McDermott had a team-high 20 points, while McConnell recorded a double-double with 17 points and 12 assists while also pulling down six rebounds.

The Pacers jumped out to an early 8-0 lead behind two threes by Justin Holiday and a dunk by Turner. The Blue & Gold remained in front for the entirety of the opening frame.

Holiday and McDermott scored eight points apiece in the first quarter. Indiana's reserves then checked in and combined for 10 unanswered points to open up a 13-point lead before four Knicks points to close the frame trimmed the Pacers' lead to 32-23 entering the second quarter.

The visitors extended the margin

to 46-30 following an 11-3 run mid-way through the second quarter. But the Knicks roared back, as All-Star forward Randle scored six points and Barrett hit two threes as the Knicks reeled off a 21-6 run to make it a one-point game in the closing seconds of the first half.

Sabonis had the ball on the right block with under five seconds remaining and tried to fire a pass to the opposite corner, but Rose deflected it to Randle, who pushed the break and dished to Rose for a deep three at the buzzer that gave New York a stunning 54-52 lead at the intermission.

"Just some dumb turnovers that let them get some easy buckets in transition," McDermott said of the Knicks' run to close the first half. "I think we maybe settled a little bit. Earlier in the game we were really moving the ball and kicking it out and I thought maybe they were collapsing on us a little more and we weren't making the right reads there...We've got to play a certain style for 48 minutes. We can't get high on ourselves when we're up."

The Pacers regrouped at halftime and played well to open the third quarter. McDermott scored nine of Indiana's first 13 points in the frame, giving the Pacers the lead again with a 3-pointer with 7:28 remaining in the period.

Indiana led 67-64 before the Knicks scored seven straight to surge back ahead. They remained in front for the remainder of the third quarter. Randle scored 11 points in the frame as New York took an 81-78 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Knicks quickly added to their lead in the final frame thanks to a Noel dunk and a four-point play by rookie Im-

manuel Quickley.

The Pacers quickly rallied, however, reeling off nine unanswered points, capped by a Sumner slam off a lob from Aaron Holiday, to tie the game at 89 with 8:36 to play. Indiana then took a 94-91 lead when Turner hit a 3-pointer from the top of the arc with 6:37 remaining.

Turner's layup with 4:15 left extended the lead to 98-93, but Barrett answered with 3-pointer and a three-point play on the next two possessions to give the Knicks a lead they would not relinquish.

"The feeling is they want to win really bad, just like me," Bjorkgren said of the mood in Indiana's locker room after the latest loss. "They don't feel good. It doesn't feel good at all losing a basketball game...We played hard again. We just came up short. It will turn."

Randle led all scorers with 28 points on 12-of-22 shooting and also tallied 10 rebounds, six assists, and four steals. Barrett added 24 points and seven rebounds, while Rose finished with 17 points and 11 assists.

Sabonis finished with 15 points, seven rebounds, and nine assists in the loss. Justin Holiday scored 13 points, while Turner had 11 points and four blocks.

Starting point guard Malcolm Brogdon missed his first game of the season due to soreness in his right knee after colliding multiple times with opposing players during Friday's loss in Boston. McConnell started in his place.

The Pacers continue a four-game road trip in Philadelphia on Monday. They will finish the trip on Wednesday in Cleveland before returning home to host Denver on Thursday in their last game before the All-Star break.

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