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# Noblesville bypass to exceed \$113.5M

## Downtown traffic to be reduced by 24%, reroute will improve east-west connectivity

By **JEFF JELLISON**  
Reporter Publisher

On Tuesday, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, along with other city officials, presented the city's plan for a proposed bypass around downtown Noblesville. The project is titled by city officials as Reimagine Pleasant Street.

Reimagine Pleasant Street is a multi-year initiative expected to improve east-west connectivity and accessibility through Noblesville with an expected cost exceeding \$113.5 million.

The price tag includes two county funded bridges – one over White River at a cost of \$15.5 million, and the other crossing Cicero Creek at a price yet to be determined.

The project will create a new east-west corridor through Noblesville.

Information published on [the project's website](#) describes



**Construction is set to begin in late 2022, with the project completing by late 2025.**

the location of the bypass as follows:

Beginning from the west, the project begins at the intersection of State Road 32 and Hague Road and continues south and east across the White River, where it will follow the former Midland Trace railroad

bed. The project will then jog south to 8th Street and continue south to the existing alignment of Pleasant Street. Unlike previous designs, this corridor will minimize impact to the National Register-listed Plum Prairie Residential Historic District.

The corridor will continue

### Make your voice heard on Fishers community and recreation center

**The REPORTER**

As the City of Fishers considers the development of a community and recreation center, city leaders want to [hear from residents](#) on how an indoor facility could best serve the community.

The potential facility would not only serve as a location for sport and recreation, but it would also aim to fill broader community needs, including those related to art and culture.

The survey is part of Mayor Scott Fadness' [launch of a task force](#) to investigate and determine the needs for a community and recreational facility. Fadness has appointed Fishers City Councilor Todd Zimmerman as chair of the task force. Community stakeholders representing youth sports, arts and culture, and community groups have been appointed by Councilor Zimmerman as part of the task force.

[Click here](#) to take the 12-question survey.



**Zimmerman**

# Jensen: New city logo is “scalable,” “streamlined”

**The REPORTER**

*Editor's note: Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen released the following statement Wednesday afternoon regarding the unveiling of city officials' choice for a new Noblesville logo.*

“I appreciate the opportunity to provide more information to our constituents about our ongoing efforts to be a forward-thinking city that respects and values its unique heritage. We would have provided any of this information to the Reporter or other media outlets had requests been made. Just as we did with [Tuesday] night's Public Information Meetings for the Pleasant Street project, one of my priorities as Mayor is open communication with the community on matters of local significance.

“Discussions about a new logo began because the one at the time, which was 10 years



**Jensen**

old, from our perspective lacked scalability and notion that Noblesville is looking to the future and open for economic vitality. Hamilton County also began using a very similar design, which made it difficult to distinguish between the county and City of Noblesville.

“In October, the city held a survey on the City of Noblesville Facebook Page open to the public with four logo options to get a sense of which direction the public would like to go. Based on the feedback we received from that survey, 50% of the public vote preferred a simpler logo. With that knowledge and input from community members and community partners, such as the Chamber, Nickel Plate Arts, Main Street, and the Preservation Alliance, we took into

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## Frustrated Noblesville residents turn to social media

**The REPORTER**

Social media lit up Wednesday morning with hundreds of comments after [the Reporter published an article](#) indicating Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen debuted the city's new logo at a Hamilton Southeastern school board meeting.

Jensen, in a telephone conversation with Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison, said the Reporter's article was incorrect, and that he had released the new logo to several Noblesville organizations prior to the HSE meeting.

A majority of Wednesday's social media comments focused on the city's

decision to remove the historic courthouse from the logo and the quality of logo's design.

Some asked why Noblesville would do a public survey on five logo options, then choose an option not included in the survey.

The Reporter has chosen to publish a cross sample of comments from social media and the Reporter's website which questioned the city's decision on the new logo. No comments published were edited for content or grammar.

**Turn to Page 3 to read those comments.**

# Congratulations to Sheridan & Heights Rising Stars Class of 2022

**The REPORTER**

Congratulations to Hamilton Heights and Sheridan high schools' Rising Stars of Indiana Class of 2022. Students are nominated for their outstanding academic achievement and leadership.

Sheridan students include Joella Cox, Michael Cronin, Gabriel Holler, and Lexi Woodcock.

Hamilton Heights students include Kal Colter, Allyson Dinwiddle, Harrison Hochstedler, and Anne Petty.

These students are among 1,146 juniors from 291 schools throughout the state nominated for their outstanding academic achievement and leadership through a special recognition program of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP).

Congratulations to these students on all they have already achieved as they continue to expand their knowledge, growth, and leadership skills well into the future.



**(From left) Sheridan High School's Rising Stars Class of 2022: Gabe Holler, Lexi Woodcock, Joella Cox, and Michael Cronin.**

# No need to leave Hamilton County for spring break

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Tourism realizes a lot of local families will stay close to home this year for spring break, so the organization has put together a collection of ideas for things to do here in Hamilton County. It includes information for the area's top family-friendly attractions like Conner Prairie, Strawtown Koteewi Park, and Topgolf.

**Conner Prairie**

Bring the kids for a day of learning and adventure at this outdoor living history museum in Fishers. Don't miss the adorable baby goats and sheep in the Animal Encounters barn, plus the three-story treehouse at Treetop Outpost.

**Strawtown Koteewi Park**

Pronounced “koh-TAY-wee,” this is Hamilton County's largest park at more than 800 acres and eight miles of trails. It's home to three family-friendly attractions, too. Take a guided horseback trail ride or pony ride at K-Trails Equestrian Adventures, try your hand at the archery at Koteewi Range or tackle aerial treetop trails and ziplines at Edge Adventures: Koteewi Aerial Park.

# Hotel Carmichael gets Four Diamonds from AAA

**The REPORTER**

Carmel's Hotel Carmichael has received AAA's Four Diamond designation for 2021.

Hotel Carmichael, a 122-room luxury hotel, is located in Carmel's City Center and opened to the public last August.

The designation represents the overall quality and range of facilities and level of hospitality.

Only hotels that pass AAA's in-person professional inspection are able to earn designation.

Ten hotels in Indiana have received AAA's Four Diamond designation for 2021. The other nine Indiana venues have received the hotel honor in the past, including Ironworks Hotel Indy.



**Rendering provided**

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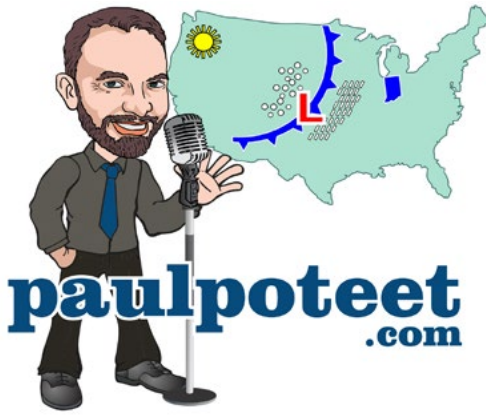
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Applications will be accepted at the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021.

**Online application available at:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/y86wtbse>





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# See what's on the HUGE RADAR

## BYPASS

from Page 1

Information obtained from the city indicates Noblesville is pursuing state funding in coordination with the Indiana Department of Transportation and regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), including an application for \$10 million for Phase 1.

Additional funding for the project could include a vehicle excise tax of \$25 per registered vehicle within the City of Noblesville and city officials are considering an increase in the current \$1.10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation property tax rate.

According to project documents, the city will tap numerous other funding sources to minimize the costs to taxpayers, including revenue generated through new private investments, that are already underway that will result in additional tax increment revenue of \$500,000 per year.

Construction is expected to begin in late 2022 with utility relocation. Roadwork is estimated to start in the spring of 2023.

Construction will be conducted in three phases:

1. The first phase will create the connection over the White River from River Road to 10th Street.
2. The second phase will improve existing Pleasant Street from 10th Street to SR 37.
3. The third phase will connect Pleasant Street from River Road to SR 32 at the Hague Road intersection.

City officials estimate the entire project should be completed in the fall of 2025.

## NEW LOGO

from Page 1


account all of the feedback, reviewed several versions and alternatives, and landed on the new logo.

"The City seal will of course remain the same and be the true marker of our rich history. The decision of the new logo was certainly not made in a silo. The new logo had already been shown to many community organizations and members in Noblesville before it was included near the end of a presentation Tuesday morning to Hamilton Southeastern Schools – which includes Wayne Township residents of Noblesville.

"A municipal logo must be scalable, as it is used in all different sizes and mediums throughout the city. The new logo design pays homage to our historic downtown with our uniquely Noblesville star brick featured at the top, the incorporation date of our fair city and a box encompassing the wording as a nod to our Downtown Square. Blue variant colors were selected as a signal to the two water amenities of our city, the White River and Morse Reservoir.

"This streamlined logo features an 'N' for Noblesville surrounded by the celebrated square brick star, unlike any other community. The delineation between the historic features in the logo and the fresh colors and clean design are intended to bring beauty, vibrancy and value. We are excited to launch the new logo to show people around the state, nation and world that we are a modern growing city of more than 63,000 residents that is open for business and respects its heritage. As always, if you have any questions you can call my personal cell at 317-509-3134."

**Turn to Page 3 to read comments from Noblesville residents.**



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**- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville**

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# TEST DRIVE TODAY



# Taxpayers sound off on new Noblesville logo

## Janet Hart Leonard

This is so wrong. Generic. Anytown, USA  
We are unique. When you have to explain a logo it loses its attraction. So disappointed.  
But I'm old Noblesville and this is jmh.

## Michelle Kish Pauls

It's terrible. So generic i agree with other comments that you can add "anytown" in the middle and it would be the same for any other city. Old logo is much better.

## Lynne Sylvester

It is cheap looking. Just terrible.

## Mandi Beatty

For some reason the new one reminds of a UPC/QR code. I hate it. The other one has character and what I always look for when it comes to Hamilton County online

## Sean Murray

Wow, 4th grade powerpoint, i would have been happy to do this for 10 k and could provide in about 10 minutes....side note, i have nothing to do with graphic design, unfriegin believable but typically indicative if all government spending

## Morgan Jackman

So they left to the people to vote and then they still chose a different one why does this sound so familiar

## Denise McDonald

I do not like it, to plain. No special character!

## Chrissy Weiland

I like the old one better. They should have saved the \$20,000 and put it towards bettering our community

## Rebecca Davis Merritt

Wrong on too many levels: people asked to vote on different designs and did and then one (an awful one IMO) not voted on is selected and new logo first shown in a different town than Noblesville (yes I know some Noblesville students attend school in Fishers.

## Drew Miller

So voted between 5 choices then end up using one that wasn't voted on? Sounds about right. An art student could have made a better design.

## Cathy Hare Reid

Loved the old, not the new. This is sad, sad, sad

## Janet Jaros

I was with the city when the old one was done, I didn't like it because it was a county building, not city. I was told it was the jewel of Noblesville. The new one is really bad. We have more going for us than this and the logo doesn't show it.

## Justin Kimbrell

This terrible logo is clearly the result of a design committee where every person got their \$.02 involved, which completely sterilized the logo. Who made it some weird cyan color that has no reflection on Noblesville?

## Susie Roberts

The new logo shows no character or creativity. The old one was much better. I am disappointed

## Debbie Bryant

This is so cheap looking!! Noblesville has character and lots of history. This new design is just plain

## G Trent Caldwell

Just sooo bad...sorry, but this is so elementary and they even asked for community input and ignored it. Sad that we now have the logo of a Florida souvenir shop!

## Scott Stemen

Really ?? That looks awful! The old one is much better. I think our courthouse should be incorporated

## Shawn Hendrix

As someone in this field, this is a lazy design. There is nothing that makes this unique or draws back to the history of our town. Rebranding is always a tricky thing, but what makes it successful is to reestablish the equity from the past and evolve it for the future. This is not it.

For \$20K the firm should have spent more time researching the history instead of using generalities. Local firm would have been a better fit.

## Original Logo



## Les White

I first thought it was an April fools joke.

## Judy Land Roberts

What a waste of money. Nothing wrong with old one!!!

## Susie Parker-Lehman

No wonder we're not taken seriously, this was such a waste of money

## Larry Snair

Not one mention of who is ultimately responsible for the change and where the buck stops - MAYOR CHRIS JENSON.

## Shannon Fleming Schrock

The new one is so boring. Why on earth did someone get 20k for that.

## Karen Marshall

Not impressed, very blah. And to think WE paid for that

## Ron Bounin

Nothing worse than have the people pick one of 5 potential logo's, and the city selecting one that wasn't one of the five choices.

## Lisa Gelfo

Yea that one is not good. At all. Has no feel of noblesville

## Linda Reel Nicholson

Sad, really sad. Noblesville deserves better than that.

## Karen Sommer Robinson

Sometimes change is not a good thing.

## Kim Murden Keefer

Miss the small town downtown feel and look

## Barbara Colvin

This one feels bland. Doesn't show or speak anything about noblesville!

## Peggy Ennis

Who did we offend with the old one? New one is boring!

## Juan N Donna Vazquez

Sorry but like the old better! Enjoy seeing the old courthouse/jail in the picture. Now it is BORING!

## Kimberly Brown

Super disappointing

## Jeanette Crow

Not inspiring at all.

## Terry Bentley

Lot of thought went into that....um, lets just make it a square. you would have thought it would have included the river or Potters bridge..

## Jennifer Witsken

Big mistake. Our courthouse is one of our biggest assets. Who's the brainiac who thought this s--t up?

## Lynne Davison

The old one was MUCH better!

## Susan Cook

That's a fail. If it ain't broke, don't fix it

## Heather Redick Clouser

This is a horrible design! Whomever commissioned this needs their head examined!

## Heather Slater

What's wrong with the old one? I think it's perfect and shows the courthouse. Who's bright idea is it to make the change? They need their head examined.

## Lynn Lippert Poynter

How disappointing, doesn't show anything unique which I think Noblesville is. Someone in a boardroom felt the need to update and negated what is iconic about the 'ville. So generic and could be anybody's town.

## New Logo



## Pam Mallery

The old one with the courthouse is great! The new one looks generic and unexciting and unimaginative. Ugh

## Jonathan Matthew Swinford

Today's society seems dominated by the idea of new. New phone. New car. New apps. All of this is great, right? Tired of the old? In with the new. Don't want to wait and be patient? There's something new waiting around the corner. Or so it seems. Smh

## Shannon Vanderpohl

Why does Noblesville need to be rebranded? Wonder what real good the \$20K could have done.

## Gary Blackledge

Elementary kids could have come up with a better idea and fed lots of kids for their design

## Jeff Zeckel

The city just wasted \$20k. As part of old Noblesville what a terrible new design! They just negated 180+ years of our history!

## Bonnie Martin

This is a childish looking logo. Was it designed by a elementary student cause it sure looks like it!

## Denise Henke

The powers that be must be ashamed of the historical courthouse!!! Just another step in removing Noblesville charm!!

## Peggy Harger-Russell

\$20,000 is just a start... wait til they start reprinting all the letter head, business cards etc... what will that cost?..\$\$\$\$\$

## Margaret Ambrose-Lips

I kinda like the old one better. Change is good. I just like the fact that we have such a beautiful downtown area that brings a lot of people to that area .. the old logo gives the feeling of the nostalgia of the beautiful old buildings.

## John Adams

Not a fan, took all of the character out of our unique history.

## Vicky Gaskin

Pathetic. Not a fan. Waste of money. I'm asking for a refund !!'

## Lauren Elizabeth

If 2020 had a logo

## Beverly Dell Morgan

I do not like the new logo. That is not what made us a great town to live in. Been here for 50+ years. The courthouse is a statement of Noblesville. If we change too much and get too big, may have to rethink living here.

## Anthony Di Palmo

For a \$20K rebranding campaign, you could easily ran a survey to the town of Noblesville to see what the people want to see. I wonder who they hired to create this... Hopefully somebody local. It would be very sad to discover that money was sent to a company out of state. Nonetheless, the logo itself is just a bit too modern from the old logo.

## Louis Hadad

Literally looks like something you'd see on a website that makes logos for \$2

## Jennifer Hall

Did you not have a meeting with any designers in it? The old one is way better. If a college critique didn't teach you anything- you should probably stick to fixing the roads.

## Tracy Gaskill

This is awful! Leave it alone and we spent how much for a block with an N at the top? My dog could have done better than this!

## Bob Souder

Government in a nutshell

## Debbie Pouch

What was wrong with the old one? Mad this happened.

## Jennifer Greene Woolums

I do think the old one was tired but the new one just looks boring.

## Jason Vernier

Why even ask for residents input if you aren't going to follow it? From the article: "After receiving several de-sign options from Hiron's, Noblesville offered area residents the opportunity to vote one of five options. The new logo was not among them."

## Wendi Groves Mikulla

Why did we pay money for that! Waste of taxpayer's money!! Keep the old one and get a refund

## Donna Steger

That could be a logo for any town anywhere too generic.

## Chris Allen

Since this new logo is overwhelmingly hated will the city listen to its citizens?

## Don Smith

No contest,the old one is better

## Jennifer Gipson

Old one is great! Represents both old town and new town. The courthouse is a staple in this town. Please go back to the old one.

## Joe Murello

Disgrace

## Casey Eschmann

The charm of Noblesville lies with the downtown area & courthouse...not feeling the new logo

## Max Merrell

The courthouse is an iconic figure! One of the most defining buildings in the county. not too impressed

## Alys Caviness-Gober

Loved the old one, and voted to keep it when the City of Noblesville, Ind. asked for votes (this new logo was NOT even one of the choices). New one looks like a toilet paper brand.

## John Farmer

The new logo says nothing. Not inviting at all. Please scrap it.

## Carla Johnson Cusanelli

Old one its the Courthouse that makes it Noblesville its in the center its a landmark its history....oh wait i forgot people are getting rid of history.... What a waste of 20k they could have used that money for a worthwhile cause.

## Jim Meacham

\$20K of your money was paid to Hiron's, a consulting firm from Indianapolis. Hiron's submitted five (5) different logos for consideration. (That's \$5 grand per logo idea). Our wonderful City Hall then picked a logo that was not even submitted by the consulting firm for consideration... ? The new logo was announced & viewed at the Hamilton Southeastern School Board meeting, in Fishers...?!! Anyone else see something a bit abnormal, about the selection & announcement of this new logo?

## William Pierce

Nice (((logo))) they chose there. Where can I be (((chosen))) for a 20k windfall where I can scribble some doodles down so they can throw them away? Everything is pure coincidence.

## Bryan Huff

The new logo is horrible and looks like something generated by a logo making app. The new logo does NOT speak to the cities rich history or any new progress. It is a meaningless, lifeless block lacking any creativity.

## Beth Lear

Wow that is one plain unattractive logo. Too bad every inch of charm is being stripped away. Trying to turn noblesville in to fishers or Carmel isn't attractive to residents but as usual leadership doesn't care

## Dave Kimm

Looks like an 8th art project

## Debbie Stark

What a waste of money.

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# Northern Chamber recognizes Georgi for her contributions

## The REPORTER

The Northern Chamber of Hamilton County Commerce recently recognized Peggy Georgi for working behind the scenes to help with the organization's branding, promotions, content images for the weekly Chamber News & Notes, Friday Flyer blasts, and the Chamber's pages in the Hamilton County Business Magazine and Northern

Hamilton County Magazines.

According to information published by the Chamber, Georgi has contributed to a team effort to advance the organization's mission of helping to create a strong local economy by promoting business through marketing, networking, and



Georgi

educational opportunities for close to two years.

While Georgi will no longer handling these tasks, she will continue to be active and involved where and when she can through her role at the Public Affairs Officer at Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

# Solar Day offers chance for community to learn about solar at HSE Schools

## The REPORTER

On April 17, Sand Creek Elementary School, 11420 E. 131st St., Fishers, will hold a Solar Day where neighbors and community members can see the solar installation, find out more about going solar, and learn how much money clean energy is saving Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

The event starts at 10 a.m., with the solar cooker contest kicking off at noon. Solar tours will operate continuously, with solar talks at the top of each hour. Solar Day will conclude at 1 p.m.

The event also will include a **Solar Oven Design Challenge**, where students are invited to make their own solar ovens and showcase them in the parking lot. Boy and Girl Scouts will be **eligible to earn a SUN Patch** for participating. Those interested in attending can **click here to register**.

HSE Schools flipped the switch on two solar arrays in 2019. The 4,800 panels power three of HSE's schools – Sand Creek Elementary, Sand Creek Intermediate, and

HSE Intermediate and Junior High – and are expected to save \$300,000 per year in utility costs.

The event will promote the relaunch of the **Hamilton County Solar Co-op** through Solar United Neighbors and Solarize Hamilton County. The co-op is free to join and open to homeowners and business owners in Hamilton County. Together, co-op members learn about solar energy and leverage their numbers to purchase individual solar systems at a competitive price and top quality.

# Carmel firefighters handing out free masks at Meijer

## The REPORTER

The Carmel Fire Department has scheduled another COVID-19 information booths to hand out information on vaccination, virus prevention and safety, and answer questions from the public. Firefighters will offer free bottles of hand sanitizer and disposable face masks while supplies last. The type of masks being distributed are similar to what you

would find in a doctor's office waiting room.

CFD will be at Meijer, 1424 W. Carmel Drive, Carmel, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, March 19. The booth will be set up inside the foyer of the east entrance.

During the event, representatives from CFD will wear masks and keep to physical distancing guidelines to avoid possible

spread of the virus. The event is open to the public and visitors should also wear masks and maintain proper distance from others as they approach the booth.

The goal of this booth is to provide the community with COVID-19 information, including handouts showing the City of Carmel and Carmel Fire Department "Best Practices" for dealing with the virus.

# Sen. Young introduces bill to encourage research & development by business startups

## The REPORTER

This week, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), along with his Senate Finance Committee colleagues, Senators Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), and Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), reintroduced the bipartisan *American Innovation and Jobs Act* to incentivize research and development (R&D) investments by innovative businesses and startups.

Many job creators and industry trade associations have voiced support for the *American Innovation and Jobs Act*, including the National Association of Manufacturers, the R&D Coalition, Cook Group Incorporated, Intel Corporation, the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association, the National Venture Capital Association, Bosch in North America, and the Semiconductor Industry Association.

"We are looking forward to building a post-COVID economy and strengthening – even super-charging – our manufacturing sector," Sen. Young said. "It's critical that as we think about this we identify as many ways as possible to increase investment in Research and Development (R&D) in this country. To that end, yesterday I reintroduced a piece of legislation – the *American Innovation and Jobs Act* – along with Sen-

ator Hassan. This would expand the R&D Tax Credit for innovative startups and ensure companies can continue to expense R&D costs in the year they are incurred."

Sen. Young also noted the need to bolster American competitiveness against China, and how supporting domestic research and development through his bill could help.

"In the 21st Century, the U.S.'s share of global R&D investments has fallen drastically from 39 percent to 29 percent," Sen. Young said. "Meanwhile, we continue to face stiff competition from countries like China. China has aggressively focused on growing its R&D sector and by some estimates will surpass American R&D investment just by the end of this decade. If we fail to take our competitors seriously, I have grave concerns about the ability of the U.S. to maintain our role as a global leader in this regard."

## Background

Companies and startups investing in R&D can either claim a tax credit or deduct their investments, which helps them to invest in developing new, innovative products that lead to additional jobs and a



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stronger economy. The bipartisan American Innovation and Jobs Act doubles the refundable R&D tax credit and extends it to more startups and small businesses. It also ensures

that companies who do not elect to take the credit may continue to deduct the full amount of their R&D expenses in the year they are incurred – an important tax incentive that expires at the end of this year.

The *American Innovation and Jobs Act* supports innovative businesses and helps create jobs by:

- Restoring incentives for long-term R&D investment by ensuring that companies can continue to fully deduct R&D expenses each year.

- Immediately doubling and then further raising the cap over time for the refundable R&D tax credit for small businesses and startups.

- Expanding eligibility for the refundable R&D tax credit so that more startups and new businesses can use it.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

## Meeting Notice

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, March 22, 2021.

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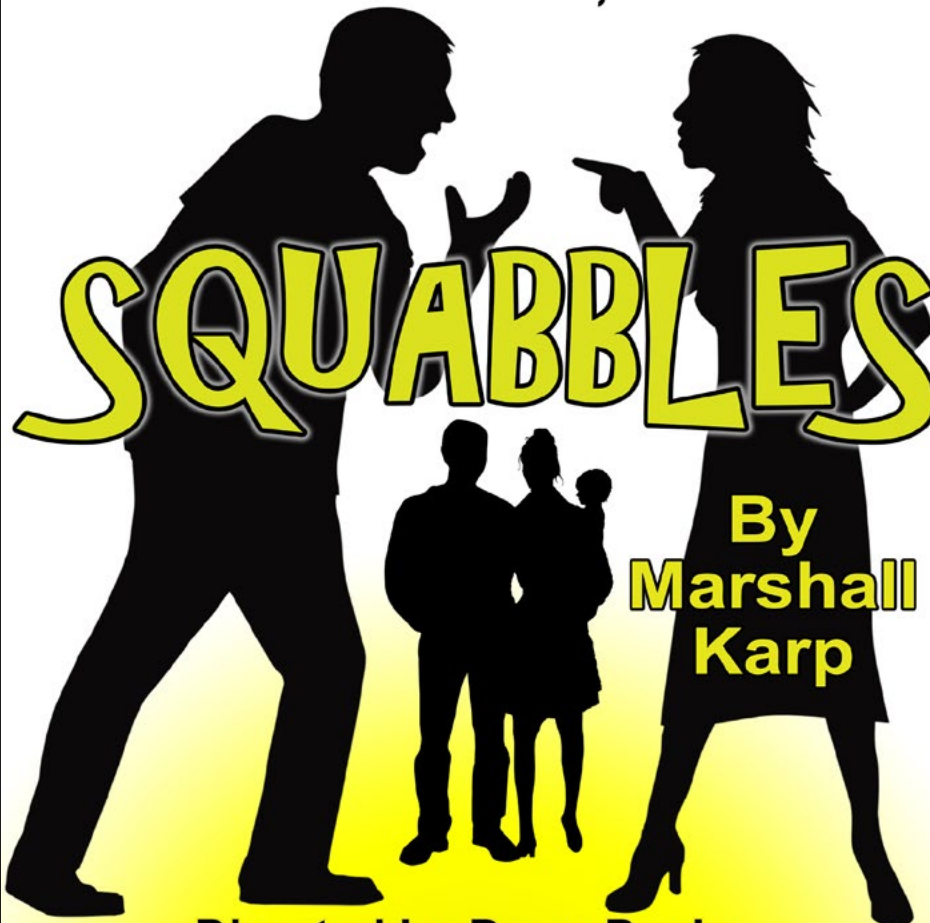
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# Niedermeyer & Giordano: Protect state funding for Noblesville Schools students

## Submitted

Last month, the Noblesville Schools board of trustees **issued an open letter to the public** urging action to protect public school funding.

Proposed legislation to slash tens of millions of dollars from Indiana's public schools is so concerning that we are also adding our voices on behalf of the Noblesville Schools administration and teachers.

Legislators are currently considering taking **more than one third of education budget increases away from public schools that serve 90 percent** of the students in the state.

**They expect residents to make up this shortfall through referendums**, while they have decreased per pupil funding and

implemented tax caps over the last decade that have drained over \$2 billion from public school students across the state.

This proposed **legislation also goes against Governor Holcomb's recommendations** as it takes much-needed funding away from teacher salaries. Holcomb's Next Level Teacher Compensation Commission found **Indiana public school teachers to be underpaid**, an issue that continues to contribute to the state's teacher shortage and puts the future of our Hoosier workforce and economic



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development at risk.

Public tax dollars should be for public school students.

Public schools demonstrate the **best academic results**, meet achievement standards, maintain financial accountability, offer transparency and

serve all.

Directing resources away from public schools will ultimately reduce the quality of our academics, school activities, facilities and staff.

We ask residents to **make their voice heard** regarding this troubling legislation.

**Find your legislators** and let them know you do NOT support Indiana House Bill 1005 or Indiana Senate Bill 413. Tell your legislators that you want to see public school funding prioritized in the state budget House Bill 1001.

Expect to see many of our administrators and teachers wearing red on March 24 in a joint demonstration of support for public education.

Our students can't advocate for themselves, so we must advocate for them.

Please help keep Noblesville Schools #noblesvillestrong.

**Dr. Beth Niedermeyer**

Superintendent, Noblesville Schools

**Amanda Giordano**

President, Noblesville Teachers' Forum

## Indy's North Split closing for 18 months beginning in May

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) reminds motorists the 18-month closure of the North Split Interchange in

downtown Indianapolis is only two months away. Major reconstruction is expected to close the interchange on or after May 15, weather permitting.

During the full closure, Interstate 65 and Interstate 70 between the North Split and Washington Street will be closed to all traffic while bridges and roadways are reconstructed. However, access in and out of downtown will remain via the I-70 westbound exit ramp to Michigan or Ohio streets and the Pine Street entrance ramp to I-70 eastbound. In addition, the I-65 southbound to I-70 eastbound and I-70 westbound to I-65 northbound connections will remain open to traffic during construction. (See details below.)

Project information can be found at **Northsplit.com**.

In anticipation of the full closure, INDOT developed a virtual project office with interactive construction maps and a 3-D flyover visualization showing how traffic will flow through the North Split when reconstruction is complete at the end of 2022.

Visitors to the **virtual project office** can view the new 3-D flyover at Station Seven. This video showcases the entire project area and features key changes in each leg of the North Split

interchange. The **video** also highlights design upgrades and shows motorists how the interchange will operate when it opens to traffic following construction.

The updated virtual project office also features a new **construction forecast map**. This map shows the construction locations and work types occurring throughout the project area. There are three timeframes to view: Active, 10-day, and 30-day traffic restrictions, for both local street and interstate closures.

Here is an outline of the interstate impacts and how travel will be maintained throughout construction:

#### I-70 westbound:

- Will be closed to I-70 westbound thru traffic and to I-65 southbound
- Will remain open at the Keystone/Rural interchange
- Will remain open to I-65 northbound
- Will remain open to either the Michigan or Ohio Street exits via collector/distributor ramps
- Will be accessible from Washington Street entrance ramp

#### I-70 eastbound:

- Will be closed to I-70

eastbound through traffic and to I-65 northbound (from the South Split)

- Will be accessible from Pine Street entrance ramp (There will be detours as the Michigan Street, New York Street, and Vermont Street bridges are reconstructed, but the Pine Street entrance ramp onto I-70 eastbound will remain open.)
- From the airport, all exits remain open for eastbound traffic up to Washington Street
- The West, Illinois, and Meridian streets interchanges (south side) can access I-65 southbound and I-65 northbound to Washington Street

#### I-65 northbound:

- Will be closed to I-65 northbound through traffic and to I-70 eastbound (from the South Split)
- Will be accessible from the North Illinois Street on-ramp
- Will remain open through the South Split up to the Washington Street exit

#### I-65 southbound:

- Will be closed to I-65 southbound through traffic and to I-70 westbound
- Will remain open to

I-70 eastbound (except closed for 45 days in Fall 2021)

- Will be accessible from the West Street entrance ramp to I-70 eastbound only (except closed for 45 days in Fall 2021)
- Will be accessible from the Delaware Street entrance ramp to I-70 eastbound only (except closed for 45 days in Fall 2021)
- Will be accessible from the Washington Street entrance ramp

Local streets crossing under the interstate will be closed for overhead construction work (durations vary).

Currently, the Michigan Street exit is closed for reconstruction, while the Ohio and Fletcher street exits remain open. The Michigan Street exit ramp is expected to be complete and reopen in May 2021, at which time the Ohio Street exit will close for reconstruction.

For up-to-date project information, visit **Northsplit.com** or text "NORTHSPIT" to 468311. Follow the North Split project's progress on **Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram**.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done—by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand." This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.*

Romans 15:17-22 (NIV)

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# Noblesville girls lacrosse starts season with two shutout victories



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville freshman Chloe Barnett (5) is having an excellent start to her lacrosse career after her performances in the Millers' first two games. Barnett scored three goals in Noblesville's Saturday win over Avon, then added four goals when the Millers beat North Central on Wednesday, where Barnett is pictured here, along with Sidney Klinger (4).

The Noblesville girls lacrosse team is off to a blistering start this season, with two overwhelming victories in its first two games.

On Saturday, the Millers took care of Hoosier Crossroads Conference opponent Avon 18-0 at Beaver Materials Field. Ten different Noblesville players scored, with senior Sidney Klinger leading the way with four goals and four assists.

Freshman Chloe Barnett, playing in her first varsity game, scored three goals for a hat trick. Emma Potter made six draw controls, while Aubrey Arms and Isabelle Imes both picked up three ground balls.

The Millers kept the momentum going Wednesday night in another home game, sailing past North Central 20-0.

Noblesville scored three goals in the first three minutes of the game, with Brooke Miller, Potter and Barnett all putting the ball in the net. The Millers continued the torrid pace in the first half, going up 9-0 with 15 minutes left, and expanding that lead to 14-0 by halftime.

"We have a lot of senior leadership on this team, which is really great," said Noblesville coach Veronica Mitchell. "Our first real game got canceled, so we were really looking forward to our game Saturday, and then tonight we came out again and just kept rolling with what we had. They've done a great job adjusting to a different style of play and just a lot."

The Millers' balance was on display again, as 13 different players scored. Barnett had four goals, with Miller, Potter, Klinger and Arms all scoring two. Noblesville had eight more players score one goal: Rheagan Haney, Nataley Blackburn, Emma Hammond, Marisha Woehler, Maya Hill, Tori Cook, Chaney

Cornell and Lindsay Wilson.

"I think that's going to be our biggest strength this year is just the all-around ability of everyone to just step up and do something different in every game," said Mitchell. "It's going to be really fun to watch. We have a lot of people who can put the ball in the back of the net and we also have a lot of people who do a really good job on the other side of the ball as well."

Noblesville's defense forced 15 turnovers and picked up 13 ground balls. Hammond had three draw controls, two ground balls and three forced turnovers.

"We've had two shutouts now, which is great," said Mitchell. "We also are doing a good job of putting a lot of pressure on the balls it's getting transitioned down to our defensive end. And they're doing a good job of working together and making sure that we keep the ball in our possession as much as possible."

The Millers' junior varsity Gold team is also 2-0 for the season, beating Penn 9-1 on Saturday and North Central 14-0 on Wednesday. Against Penn, Lila Julian had two goals, Avery Pohlman gained five draw controls and Adi Terry had six saves and two ground balls as goalkeeper.

Against the Panthers, Lyrric Barnett scored three goals, while Bri Miller had two goals and two assists. Noblesville had 14 ground balls, with Maya Narsinghani collecting three.

The Millers' JV Black team beat Penn's other JV team 7-0 on Saturday. Kaelyn Seyfried contributed four goals and one assist, and Kyra Knight made two forced turnovers.

Noblesville will play at Hamilton Southeastern on Friday.

## County basketball players receive honorable mention Academic All-State

Twenty-two Hamilton County senior basketball players were recognized as honorable mention Academic All-State for 2021 by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association on Wednesday.

Here is a list of the players receiving honorable mention:

**BOYS:** Vinny Buccilla, Hamilton Southeastern; Matthew Gillis, Guerin Catholic; Connor Gioia, Carmel; Matthew Jones, University; Daniel Keller, Guerin Catholic; Noah Linville, Hamilton Heights; John McCall, Hamilton Southeastern; Luke Naas, Westfield; Drew Pennington, Hamilton Heights; Dalton Retzner, Hamilton Southeastern; Jason Stutz, Hamilton Southeastern; Alex Totton, Hamilton Southeastern; Benji Welch, Westfield; Spencer Wilt, Guerin Catholic.

**GIRLS:** Erin Baker, Carmel; Bridget Dunn, Carmel; Audra Emmerson, Fishers; Katie Howard, Fishers; Mallory Miller, Noblesville; Riley Pennington, Carmel; Lydia Self, Hamilton South-

eastern; Emily Wood, Noblesville.

The IBCA Academic All-State program is one where academic prowess and athletic prowess both are considered in the selections. Items such as grade-point average and academic class rank are considered along with athletic performance in areas such as points per game, rebounds per game and assists per game. In most years, college board scores also are considered. This year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, some students not taking the SAT or ACT and some colleges not requiring those results, the IBCA waived its previous college board requirements.


"The quality of these student-athletes shows that success in academics and success in athletics are not separate entities," Witty said. "Rather, in many cases, a player's success in the classroom directly contributes to his or her success on the floor."

IBCA-member head coaches from schools across the state may nominate their senior student-athletes who meet criteria that include a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale and a class rank in the upper 25 percent of one's class. Traditionally, the IBCA has required an SAT score of 1,100 (on the reading and math sections) or an ACT composite score of 24 on the college boards, but, as mentioned earlier, those requirements were waived this year.

Once nominations were received, an IBCA committee reviewed the information and determined awards for first team and honorable mention.

Those selected will receive certificates from the IBCA for their honor. Certificates will be distributed to coaches or athletic directors sometime during April. The coach or athletic director then may present the certificates to the honored player or players from their school sometime before the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year.

The IBCA has selected an Academic All-State team for boys since 1973. The program was expanded to include a girls' Academic All-State team in 1980.



**Mon March 22 Boys Lacrosse**

**Park Tudor vs Noblesville**




6:00 pm - Varsity,  
8:00 pm - Junior Varsity


**Tues March 23 Girls Lacrosse**

**Guerin Catholic vs Noblesville**


6:00 pm - Junior Varsity,  
7:30 pm - Varsity

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Boys volleyball

# Southeastern sweeps Westfield



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

The Hamilton Southeastern boys volleyball team swept Westfield in a Wednesday night Hoosier Crossroads Conference match in the Royals' gym. Southeastern won 25-13, 25-16, 25-21. The victory improved the Royals' record to 3-1 for the season. On Saturday, Southeastern played in the Bishop Chatard Ides of March tournament, beating Noblesville in four sets, 20-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-23, then falling to the host Trojans in four sets, 25-23, 19-25, 25-21, 25-15. On Tuesday, the Royals won a four-set HCC match over Brownsburg, 25-23, 25-13, 23-25, 25-20. Southeastern plays at Carmel tonight, while the Shamrocks play their second game of the season tonight at Guerin Catholic. Pictured at left is Westfield's Brent Stone, pictured at right is Southeastern's Caden Marchione.

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## HSE girls track wins county dual meet with Westfield

The Hamilton Southeastern girls track and field team won an all-county dual meet with Westfield 74-58 on Tuesday. Both teams won eight events. The Royals were led by 1-2-3 finishes in the high jump and shot put, and also won the 4x800 and 4x400 relays, which are winner-take-all events where first place gets five points.

Individual winners for Southeastern were Halle Hill in the 1600 run, Alyssa Barker in the 400 dash, Ally Elsbury in the high jump, Rosiebella Fiabema in the shot put, Makenna Nickens in the discus and Ella Wilhelm in the pole vault. The Royals' relay winners were Olivia Brown, Katherine Kesler, Jehnea Mirro and Brooke Baker in the 4x800 and Hill, Brown, Mirro and Grace Newton in the 4x400.

The Shamrocks had two double winners. Princess Campbell was first in the 100 and 200 dashes, while Lucy Hauser swept the 100 and 300 hurdles. Sophie Porter took first in the 800 run, Mary Kate Sloan led a 1-2-3 sweep in the 3200 run and Sydney Black was victorious in the long jump. Westfield also won the 4x100 relay, which consisted of Jadeyn Hammes, Hauser, Kierstyn Ballard and Campbell.

Team score: Hamilton Southeastern 74, Westfield 58.

4x800 relay: 1. Southeastern (Olivia Brown, Katherine Kesler, Jehnea Mirro, Brooke Baker) 10:15.07.

100 hurdles: 1. Lucy Hauser (W) 16.83, 2. Makenzie Loftin (HSE) 17.47, 3. Carolina Pierce (HSE) 18.32.

100 dash: 1. Princess Campbell (W) 12.90, 2. Jadeyn Hammes (W) 13.54, 3. Jadyen Durden (HSE) 13.65.

1600 run: 1. Halle Hill (HSE) 5:03.30, 2. Julia Clark (W) 5:31.78, 3. Grace Newton (HSE) 5:32.37.

4x100 relay: 1. Westfield (Hammes, Hauser, Kierstyn Ballard, Campbell) 51.66.

400 dash: 1. Alyssa Barker (HSE) 1:02.01, 2. Regan Wans (HSE) 1:03.80, 3. Clara Cameron (W) 1:06.15.

300 hurdles: 1. Hauser (W) 51.55, 2. Loftin (HSE) 53.54, 3. Molly Moskovitz (W) 54.65.

800 run: 1. Sophie Porter (W) 2:28.87, 2. Brown (HSE) 2:29.89, 3. Allie Latta (HSE) 2:32.27.

200 dash: 1. Campbell (W) 27.61, 2. Daniela Rios-Rojas (HSE) 27.80, 3. Hammes (W) 28.19.

3200 run: 1. Mary Kate Sloan (W) 11:48.62, 2. Margaret Barnett (W) 11:51.20, 3. Liz Smith (W) 11:51.58.

4x400 relay: 1. Southeastern (Hill, Brown, Mirro, Newton) 4:16.61.

High jump: 1. Ally Elsbury (HSE) 4-10, 2. Madisyn Etheredge (HSE) 4-8, 3. Rotimi Aluko (HSE) 4-6.

Long jump: 1. Sydney Black (W) 16-1, 2. Mirro (HSE) 15-8.5, 3. Aluko (HSE) 15-1.5.

Shot put: 1. Rosiebella Fiabema (HSE) 34-5, 2. Makenna Nickens (HSE) 30-11, 3. Alli McEvoy (W) 30-9.5.

Discus: 1. Nickens (HSE) 91-8, 2. Fiabema (HSE) 90-0, 3. Marina Alphin (HSE) 89-4.

Pole vault: 1. Ella Wilhelm (HSE) 10-6, 2. Ashlyn Bauer (W) 9-6, 3. Hauser (W) 9-0.

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Brooklyn 124, Indiana 115			San Antonio 106, Chicago 99	Dallas 105, L.A. Clippers 89
Milwaukee 109, Philadelphia 105, OT			Golden State 108, Houston 94	

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB	Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	28	13	.683	-	Utah	29	10	.744	-
Brooklyn	28	13	.683	-	Phoenix	26	12	.684	2.5
Milwaukee	26	14	.650	1.5	L.A. Lakers	27	13	.675	2.5
Miami	22	19	.537	6.0	L.A. Clippers	26	16	.619	4.5
Charlotte	20	19	.513	7.0	Denver	24	16	.600	5.5
Atlanta	20	20	.500	7.5	Portland	23	16	.590	6.0
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Boston	20	20	.500	7.5	San Antonio	21	16	.568	7.0
New York	20	21	.488	8.0	Dallas	21	18	.538	8.0
Chicago	18	21	.462	9.0	Golden State	21	20	.512	9.0
Indiana	17	22	.436	10.0	Memphis	18	19	.486	10.0
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Toronto	17	23	.425	10.5	New Orleans	17	23	.425	12.5
Cleveland	15	25	.375	12.5	Oklahoma City	17	23	.425	12.5
Washington	14	25	.359	13.0	Sacramento	16	24	.400	13.5
Orlando	13	26	.333	14.0	Houston	11	28	.282	18.0
Detroit	11	29	.275	16.5	Minnesota	9	31	.225	20.5

Teams in positions 7-10 in their respective conferences will compete in a play-in tournament at the end of the season.

## Nets come from behind to beat Pacers

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The NCAA Tournament is keeping the Pacers on the road for most of March — in fact, Wednesday's game against Brooklyn was Indiana's only game at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in its first seven contests since the All-Star break.

For much of Wednesday, the Pacers seemed right at home. They used a 40-point quarter to build a comfortable lead which they held for much of the night. Domantas Sabonis collected his sixth triple-double of the season before the end of the third quarter. The stars seemed aligned for Indiana to snap a five-game losing streak in the friendly confines of Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

But James Harden and the Nets had other ideas. Brooklyn (28-13) was without Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving, but Harden picked up the slack, leading the visitors to a come-from-behind 124-115 win.

Malcolm Brogdon scored 24 points and Sabonis finished with 18 points, 11 rebounds, and 11 assists for Indiana (17-22), but it wasn't enough to overcome an MVP-like performance from Harden.

Harden scored 25 of his game-high 40 points in the second half while also tallying 10 rebounds and 15 assists to record his 11th triple-double of the season and lead the Nets to their sixth straight win and their 14th victory in their last

15 games. The 6-5 guard went 13-for-27 from the field and 12-for-14 from the free throw line.

"Harden was just doing his thing," Sabonis said after the game. "We tried to throw all kinds of different defenses at him, but he was picking us apart."

Sabonis and the Pacers' offense were rolling in the early going on Wednesday night. Sabonis scored 14 points in the first quarter alone, including 12 in an impressive two-and-a-half-minute sequence.

The All-Star forward got an easy dunk off a nice dish from Caris LeVert at the 4:08 mark. LeVert connected with Sabonis again on the next trip down the floor and this time he scored and drew a foul on Timoth   Luwawu-Cabarrot. After a Doug McDermott layup, Sabonis then jumped the passing lane to intercept Bruce Brown and took it himself to the rim for a one-hand jam, forcing a Brooklyn timeout.

Sabonis wasn't done after the stoppage, draining a 3-pointer and then scoring again inside off a dish from T.J. McConnell at 1:36. That flurry was part of a 23-7 Indiana run to close the quarter. The Pacers went 17-for-27 (63 percent) in the frame to open up a commanding 40-25 lead.

The Nets charged back in the second quarter, using a 20-8 run of their own to climb within four at 49-45 with five minutes remaining in the first half. Back-to-back layups from McConnell and LeVert

gave the Pacers some breathing room and they remained in front all the way up until the intermission, taking a 61-58 lead into the break.

Brogdon and Justin Holiday combined to score the Pacers' first 17 points in the third quarter to help the hosts maintain the lead.

Indiana led by as many as nine points in the frame, but Harden kept Brooklyn within striking distance with 11 points and four assists in the quarter. A Harris 3-pointer in the closing seconds of the frame trimmed the Pacers' lead to 91-89.

The Nets surged ahead early in the fourth quarter, however, tying the game at 96 on Harden's layup with 9:16 remaining and taking their first lead since the first quarter on Harden's lob to Nicolas Claxton 20 seconds later.

The Pacers briefly tied the game on McConnell's layup on the other end, but Brooklyn quickly retook control with two free throws by Jeff Green and a Harden 3-pointer.

Brooklyn built its lead up to nine at 115-106 heading into the final minute. The Pacers found life when Brogdon scored at the 1:05 mark and then Tyler Johnson committed a turnover on the ensuing inbound. LeVert drilled a quick three to cut the deficit to 115-111 with a minute to play.

But Brogdon was whistled for fouling Harden before the next inbound, which

gave him a free throw. Harden then blew by Brogdon for two more points to put the game on ice.

The loss continued a frustrating trend for the Pacers, who have had the lead entering the fourth quarter in all four of their games since the All-Star break but have only held on to win once.

LeVert, who was traded to Indiana from Brooklyn in January in the deal that brought Harden to the Nets, finished with 19 points, five assists, and two steals in his first game against his former team.

"Obviously, when you play against a former team it's a little extra special," LeVert said. "It was good to be able to be out here and play and be healthy and things like that. I wish we could have got the win."

McDermott and McConnell each scored 12 points off the bench for Indiana.

Harris finished with 19 points on 5-of-7 3-point shooting for Brooklyn. Green added 15 points and nine rebounds.

The Nets have been without Durant since Feb. 13 due to a hamstring strain and fellow All-Star Irving also sat out Wednesday's game with a sore right groin.

The Pacers will now head to Miami for a pair of games against the Heat on Friday and Sunday. They wrap up a three-game road trip on Monday night in Milwaukee.

## Fever sign Kelsey Mitchell to multi-year contract

The Indiana Fever announced today they have signed last season's sixth leading scorer in the WNBA, Kelsey Mitchell, to a multi-year contract. Per team policy, terms of the contract were not disclosed.

In the 2020 WNBA regular season, Mitchell finished with career high averages in scoring (17.9 points per game), assists (2.8 per game), rebounds (2.2 per game), minutes played (32.1 per game), field goal percentage (44.8 percent) and free throw percentage (84.9 percent). Mitchell also started all 22 regular-season games, which was the first time she started every game during a WNBA regular season in her three-year career.

"Coming into the league, Kelsey has proven herself as one of the WNBA's elite playmakers," Vice President of Basketball Operations and General Manager Ta-

mika Catchings said. "Kelsey has shown incredible commitment to growing every year with the Fever, both on and off the court, and we look forward to her staying with our franchise."

During the 2020 season, Mitchell also completed her master's degree in Sports Administration from the University of Cincinnati. On that same day against the Minnesota Lynx, Mitchell became the second fastest player in franchise history to reach 1,000 career points in her 74th game with the Fever. She also became the 217th WNBA player to reach 1,000 career points that day.

After being selected by the Fever with the No. 2 overall selection in the 2018 WNBA Draft, Mitchell recorded the second greatest rookie scoring season in franchise history, behind only Catchings.

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