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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny. Wind gusting to 30 mph by afternoon. Isolated afternoon shower or storm.
Tonight: Showers and some storms. Wind gusting to 30 mph.
HIGH: 79 LOW: 58



Photo provided by City of Noblesville
(From left) Noblesville Community & Economic Development Director Sarah Reed, Cityscape Residential Managing Partner Brian Cranor, Mayor Chris Jensen, Cityscape Residential Managing Partner and Founder Jim Thomas and Noblesville Economic Development Director Andrew Murray break ground on the \$50 million Nexus multifamily living complex on the site of the former Marsh building and parking lot in Noblesville.

Noblesville, Cityscape break ground on \$50M Nexus project

The REPORTER
The City of Noblesville and Cityscape Residential broke ground Tuesday on Nexus, a public-private residential investment to the downtown area on the west side of the White River. The development, which is along River Road and State Road 32, plans to transform the

site of a former Marsh building and parking lot into a multifamily living complex.
"Nexus will drive economic development to our western anchor of the downtown area and bring energy back to a currently idle location," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "In partnership with Cityscape, we

are able to turn around an underutilized space close to the heart of our downtown by enhancing the quality of life and sense of place in this area."
Nexus is a public-private partnership that is projected to be a more than \$50 million investment. The public investment does not displace tax fund-

ing for core services and comes solely from the new revenues generated from this project. This development is projected to ultimately add \$37 million in post-redevelopment assessed value, which helps keep existing residents' taxes low.

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Meeting to deal with \$65.5M grant set for April 23

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

County Auditor Robin Mills said Monday that her office has scheduled a joint meeting of the Hamilton County Council and County Commissioners for April 23 to hopefully develop "a strategic plan" for the administration and distribution of COVID relief funds.
The county is due to receive \$65.6 million over the next two years from the huge \$2.9 trillion federal government program designed to compensate local governments for losses suffered as a result of the national pandemic.



Mills

Rules on where, when and how the money can be awarded are contained in the federal relief law, which is more than 300 pages long.
"It's going to be a long process," Mills said. She and county grants administrator Todd Clevenger are working on it, along with the assistance of financial consultant Mike Reuter.
That process will start at the April 23 meeting. Mills points out that "I don't have a vote" on deciding when and where the millions of dollars will go, but she does feel the responsibility for helping to organize handling of the county's single largest grant in history.
Where is the money likely to go? Some obvious local agencies that are eligible for compensation of lost revenue are

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Grand Park expecting all-time high number of fans, visitors this season

By KATIE WISELY
WISH-TV | wishTV.com

Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield is hoping for a big boost in income. The teams and the town are banking on full fields for the first time since the pandemic started.
There's a lot of pent-up demand and campus officials say all projections with visitor numbers are higher than 2019. Typically, they see about 2.3 visitors per athlete. This year they say it will look more like three.
Grand Park Sports Campus director William Knox says in June and July, the complex brings in between \$700,000 and \$800,000 in field revenue a month, plus anywhere from 20,000 to 30,000 people over the course of a weekend. This year they expect every-



Knox



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Following a year where field revenue was down \$1 million, Grand Park officials say they're preparing for a strong bounceback this spring and summer.
thing to significantly increase.
During the shutdown, the campus was down \$1 million in field revenue. Knox says this was hugely impactful to the operation. Luckily, July 2020 was financially the best month since opening in 2016, which allowed the complex to come out net positive at the end of the year.
Knox says if they have the season they are anticipating, it would make up for a lot of losses in 2020.
"When we look at the overall revenue portfolio, that's concessions, that's hotels, that's all those things that make up that travel industry and we look at being up for this summer and hopefully will again trend through the end of the year," Knox said.
Many facilities in surrounding states could not hold events and tournaments last summer, which is how they ended up at Grand Park. Now, campus of-

officials say those organizers are moving their events back to Westfield this summer.
The baseball Shamrock Classic kicks off this coming weekend. Every weekend there's an event scheduled. Although the mask mandate is set to end, the complex will still require them inside all indoor facilities. Social distancing is still in effect outside. The complex will evaluate on a weekly basis.

Pop-up vaccine clinic coming to Carmel Sunday

The REPORTER
The Hamilton County Health Department, in partnership with the City of Carmel and Trinity Free Clinic, will open a pop-up vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 11 at the Jill Perelman Pavilion at West Park in Carmel. Staff will administer the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine to the first 1,000 people who register.
"We're doing everything we can to get more shots into more arms in Hamilton County," said Christian Walker, the health department's Emergency Preparedness Director. "We chose the west side of Carmel because there aren't currently any vaccination sites in that part of the county."
The Hamilton County Health Department hopes to hold more pop-up vaccination clinics in the coming weeks. To register, go to ourshot.in.gov.



Walker

No announcement yet on new HSE superintendent, but contract is up for vote

We may not know the name of the new Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools Superintendent yet, but we do know the provisions in that person's contract with the district.
April 22 is the date we have been given for the announcement of the individual set to replace retiring superintendent of schools Allen Bourff. But the school board will hold a public hearing and vote on the new superintendent's contract before we know anything about the individual to be hired.
I understand the school



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board's desire to have the pact in place as the new superintendent enters the job, but it is hard for the public to comment on a contract for the head of our local public schools when we have no idea of that person's background and experience.
The compensation package for the newly-selected superintendent will be slightly lower than the current contract with Allen Bourff.
The contract spans three years, includes an annual salary of \$180,000, and has many other benefits listed.

Here is the public notice published by the school district with the contract provisions of the new HSE Schools superintendent:
The Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton Southeastern Central Administration Office located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, Indiana for the purpose of discussing and hearing objections to and support for a proposed contract between the School Board of Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools.
The proposed contract includes the following provisions:

- A. An initial term of three (3) years.
- B. An annual salary of \$180,000 to be adjusted annually by the percentage of the increase, if any, granted to the three other highest paid HSE administrators.
- C. A contribution on behalf of the Superintendent to the Teachers Retirement Fund at a rate established by the Fund (currently 3.0% of salary)
- D. Fringe benefits as follows:
 - Life and Long-term Disability Insurance with an estimated current cost to the Board of \$750 per year
 - Health, Vision and Dental

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SR 37 corridor drainage system cited in national engineering competition

The REPORTER
The Indianapolis-based team of American Structurepoint and WSP USA has earned a National Recognition Award for exemplary engineering achievement in the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) 54th annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) for the State Road 37 Drainage Line Project.
Reaching depths up to 40 feet, the new gravity sewer line will transport stormwater about a mile from the revamped corridor where four signalized intersections have been transformed into a series of interchanges. Because each interchange has a 15- to 20-foot depressed mainline road section with no adjacent gravity sewer outlets, the stormwater trunk lines provide a positive outlet for stormwater and eliminate the need for additional lift stations to pump water away.

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Insurance as given to other administrators with an estimated current cost to the Board of \$9,272.88 per year

- Leave for illness and other leaves accorded all administrators
- Right to transfer illness leave days from prior employment in accordance with state law and the right, as provided to other employees, to sell up to 20 days each year for \$60/day to be placed in a 457(b) plan as long as the employee maintains at least 50 leave days after the sale
- 20 paid vacation days per year with a right to receive payment for up to five unused vacation days each year
- Matching contribution of up to 5% of salary in a 403(b) plan as given to other administrators
- Deferred compensation contribution of 10% of base salary per year

- A vehicle allowance of \$500 per month
- Reimbursement or payment of conference expenses
- Technology provided as per other administrators and a smartphone/cell phone allowance of \$125/month
- Medicare and FICA taxes as paid for all employees
- The uninsured cost of an annual physical examination as required by the Board

E. The contract contains other terms regarding evaluation, indemnification and termination.

A complete copy of the proposed contract will be posted on the school's website, hseschools.org. The Board anticipates taking final action on this contract at meeting to be held no earlier than April 22, 2021.

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The mixed-use development includes 287 luxury apartments and 36,000 square feet of commercial space. Cityscape has developed a number of award-winning community-style neighborhoods throughout Central Indiana.

"Cityscape Residential is excited to be investing \$50 million in the future Nexus apartments in Noblesville, one of several large new investments this year for Cityscape," said James Thomas, founder and managing partner of Cityscape Residential. "We already have employees, families, and friends who live and work in Noblesville, so we knew it was a vibrant place to grow our business and to succeed. The City of Noblesville has been a strong partner in making

Rendering provided

this investment happen, so we were especially delighted to help arrange for the Noblesville public safety agencies to train in the former retail buildings prior to their demolition. But now it's time to get things moving, and to create something new and beautiful in place of tired parking and empty

buildings. We're thrilled to get construction going immediately."

The project will feature amenities such as extensive co-working space for residents in multiple configurations, conference rooms for resident use, swimming pool, exercise room, fitness-on-demand workouts,

bike storage and repair, fitness classes, pet spas, outdoor grills and downtown connectivity with convenient trail access to the White River Greenway, Forest Park and Morse Reservoir.

Construction is anticipated to be completed in the winter of 2022.

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The project team's simplified solution reduced traffic congestion and maintained access to businesses during construction. Along with providing an environmentally friendly, sustainable solution to keep the interchanges free of ponding hazards during heavy rain events, the trunk lines provide a much more aesthetically pleasing drainage solution in a high-traffic, urbanized area.

The project is eligible for additional honors as part of 173 entries this year representing engineering excellence from throughout the nation and the world. Judging for the awards program – known industry-wide as the "Academy

Awards of the engineering industry" – took place in February and was conducted by a national 20-member panel of built-environment leaders, along with experts from government, media, and academia. Award criteria focused on uniqueness and originality, technical innovation, social and economic value, and generating excitement for the engineering profession.

Recognition of all award winners including top winners – 20 Honor Awards, 16 Grand Awards, and the prestigious "Grand Conceptor Award" for the year's most outstanding overall engineering achievement – will take place during the 2021 Virtual EEA Gala,

to be held on Thursday, June 17.

About the ACEC

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing more than 5,200 independent engineering firms and more than 600,000 professionals throughout the United States engaged in the development of America's transportation, water and energy infrastructure, along with environmental, industrial and other public and private facilities. Founded in 1906 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 52 state and regional organizations.

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county parks and the county tourism bureau.

But, these losses are small in the grand scheme of things.

Overall, the county survived the pandemic in good financial shape, the auditor notes.

Apparently, in certain areas the county can award funds to county schools, libraries and other public institutions which did not get money from the local grant.

The money will first be available on May 10. Despite a long process ahead, the money must be distributed by the end of 2024 or it reverts to the federal treasury.

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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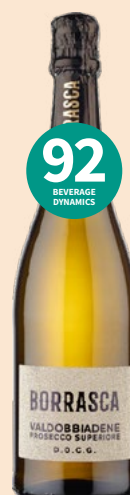
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\$100K added to Delphi investigation reward fund thanks to anonymous donor

By **ADAM STATEN**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

More money has been added to the Delphi double murder investigation reward fund, according to the Indiana State Police. Police said \$100,000 was anonymously donated, bringing the total amount in the fund to \$325,000. The bodies of Abigail Williams and Liberty “Libby” German were found in the woods near

a trail in Delphi on Valentine’s Day in 2017. No arrests have been made in the case as their murders remain under investigation. ISP says the \$325,000 will go to anyone who provides information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the case. Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact law enforcement at (844) 459-5786 or email abbyandlibbytip@cacoshrf.com.

Senior Showcase features art by HSE, Fishers students

The REPORTER
The Fishers Arts Council will soon present the 12th annual Senior Showcase sponsored by corporate sponsor STAR Financial Bank. The exhibit celebrates the art of seniors from Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High School. A free public reception will take place from 6 to 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 16, followed by the Awards Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Both events will take place in The Art Gallery at City Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers. COVID safety protocols will be in place. Facial coverings are mandated, as is social distancing. Volunteers will be available to help you navigate the gallery and auditorium. The winners this year will receive scholarships totaling \$2,000. The categories are: Best of Show (\$500), First (\$250), Second (\$150) and Third Place (\$100) in the categories of Drawing, Photography, and Painting/Mixed Media. The exhibit runs through



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Works featured at last year’s Senior Showcase included that of HSE student Katrina Nepes (left) and Fishers student Karissa Stiner (right).

Thursday, April 29, with the gallery open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Jesse Kramer, Director of Exhibits at Conner Prairie, will be the judge. The artwork for the exhibit was selected by Jasmine Osborne, Chair of the Visual Arts Department at Fishers High School, and Angela Fritz, Chair of the Visual Arts Department at Hamilton Southeastern High School, along with art department teachers Danielle Ontiveros and Lisa Brown. Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness will attend and present awards, along with Fishers Arts Council President Tom Rich, representatives from STAR Financial Bank, art judge Jesse Kramer, and the chairs of the two Visual Arts Departments. STAR is an Indiana-based community bank with assets in excess of \$2.6 billion. STAR focuses its philanthropy on education, arts and culture, and economic development. In 2019, STAR provided more than \$350,000 in direct economic aid to nonprofit organizations. If you have questions or want more information, email FishersArtsCouncil@gmail.com.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: Carmel should use value of land assets to offset increasing debt

Dear Editor:
As the Carmel City Council ponders the mayor’s request to borrow \$125 million more (plus an unstated amount of interest), let us review recent history. Late last year, under the guise of trying to get the lowest possible interest rates, city hall elitists issued two refinancing bonds. In so doing, they increased debt \$224 million to reduce debt \$188 million. Net increase in debt – \$36 million. That is to say, it costs future taxpayers \$36 million. In the \$125 million bond are requests regarding a new police headquarters annex to be built on land the city already owns – 998 Range Line Road South, according to Hamilton County records. It appears municipal minions bought the land before the money was approved for the annex. Also in the \$125 million plan is a request for \$13.4 million for other land acquisition. Yet, the city’s own 2020 annual financial report lists \$198 million in land assets. No public discussion has addressed the obvious: Why not swap, sell, trade or barter some of the \$198 million instead of borrowing \$13.4 million more? What in the wide, wide world of progressive utopian financial irresponsibility and public deceit is going on here?
Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) The Hamilton County Health Board will hold its quarterly meeting to discuss health department issues at 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at the Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021. This virtual meeting can be accessed at global.gotomeeting.com/join/243747085.

The Westfield Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021, has been canceled due to lack of an agenda.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

Letter to the Editor

Bill in General Assembly could help Hoosiers better afford health coverage

Dear Editor,
Many of us budget for our cars, homes, and in my particular case, the dog I so desperately want. One thing we often times cannot budget, and if we can it certainly isn’t easy, is our healthcare. According to a Gallup study, published on March 31, 2021, an estimated 46 million CANNOT afford healthcare. In their study, one in eight Americans have cut back on spending on food to pay for their healthcare or medicine. This is especially troubling for Indiana, as we have the fourth-highest cost for hospital care in the nation according to a RAND study. Higher hospital costs mean lower wages for Hoosiers. Higher hospital costs mean individuals choosing between receiving the essential care they need or putting food on the table for their families. The fact that Hoosiers pay twice as much as residents of the state of Michigan for hospital care is no fault of Hoosier healthcare warriors, the heroic men and women who saved so many lives throughout this pandemic. Instead, it is a reflection of the lack of transparency and accountability to the Hoosier healthcare consumer on the part of large hospital system executives. Luckily, there is legislation in the General Assembly being heard this session that works to address this gap in transparency by relying on free market principles that promote competition, choice, and transparency to curb costs. Although this is a step in the right direction, we still have a long way to go to ensure that no Hoosier has to choose between paying for food and paying for healthcare.
Savannah Kerstiens
Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare
Indianapolis

Letter to the Editor

Time to change name of Atlanta Braves baseball team

Dear Editor:
The day of the Native American mascot is over. In 2020 and 2021, Blue Georgia has gone a long way towards proving “The New South” is for real. Step up again, Atlanta. Make this the final season for the Atlanta “Braves” and feel free to choose from any of the following 10 new team names for Atlanta’s Major League Baseball franchise:

1. Atlanta Raves
2. Atlanta Backwoods
3. Atlanta Knaves
4. Atlanta Anabolics
5. Atlanta Caves
6. Atlanta Barbarians
7. Atlanta Saves
8. Atlanta Barbarellas
9. Atlanta Super Daves
10. Atlanta Bandits

(Jerry Reed’s “East Bound and Down” can be the team’s theme song, and Kenny Powers can be the new team mascot.)
Jake Pickering
Arcata, Calif.

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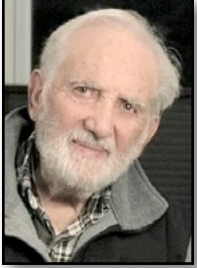
For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

1 Corinthians 1:25-29 (NIV)

Arthur J. Arnold

July 4, 1940 – April 4, 2021

Arthur J. Arnold left this life peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. He was born on July 4, 1940 in Ballard, Utah.



Arthur grew up in Utah and graduated from Spanish Fork High School and got his BA from Weber State College in Manufacturing Engineering. His career in engineering took him to live in several different states and work for various companies. Arthur was vice president of manufacturing at Chief Industries before he left and started his own business. He was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many positions, including Branch President, High Counselor, and worked in the Columbus, Ohio, temple for over five years. Arthur was very ambitious and was always busy working or fixing things. Everyone will miss his jokes and his sense of humor.

Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, Manfred Martin Arnold and Verna Mae Blanchard; and his two older brothers, Loren and Roy.

He leaves behind his wife of 60 years, Verna Ilene Butler Arnold; seven children, Steven Martin, Linda (Kermit Botz), Lisa, Robert Joseph (Nicole Graham), Lana (Travis Wells), David Arthur (Alessandra Rodriques Ribeiro), and Brandon Todd (Stefanie Anderson); 27 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren who affectionately called him their Grumpy.

No services are scheduled at this time. Arthur's family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes with his care.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Tammy Michelle (Michael) Rogers

July 12, 1962 – April 4, 2021

Tammy Michelle (Michael) Rogers, 58, Gosport, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021 at her daughter's home. She was born in Noblesville on July 12, 1962 to Marcus and Alice (Jackson) Michael.



Tammy graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 1980. She married Bryan Rogers on April 6, 1991. They then bought their home where they raised five daughters. She owned Rogers Exhaust for 30 years. Tammy also served on the PTO and as a Girl Scout Leader while her children were in grade school. Tammy was always known for being so loving and kind. She could put a smile on anyone's face and always knew just what to say. She never let anyone go without a meal or a place to stay. She enjoyed gardening and spending time in the kitchen making memories with her family. She devoted herself to her entire family. To her, kids were what made the world go round. Some of her best memories were made singing, dancing and being silly with her loved ones. Tammy was an avid Colts fan. She enjoyed watching her daughters and grandchildren participate in sports and all after school activities. She was truly the rock of her family and so strong. She will be very missed by all who knew her.

Tammy is survived by her husband of 31 years, Bryan Rogers; five daughters, Brandie Rogers, Jenny Rogers, Jessica Rogers, Trinity Rogers, and Angel Mace (Trevor); two sisters, Candice Cunningham and Patricia King; two brothers, Nelson Rogers (Tammy) and Jeffrey Rogers (Theda); nine grandchildren, Leo Wright, Makenzie Williams, Addilynn Winders, Milez Williams, Teddy Jo Cloyd, Jesslynn Cloyd, Akaiyah Rogers, Khari Gates, and Owen Mace; nephew, Elvis King; and nieces, Tiffany Hart, Stephanie Wilson, Shana Fager, Helen Rogers, and Autumn Rogers.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Daniel and Hazel Michael; maternal grandparents, Oscar and Flossie Jackson; sister, Julie Wilson; and niece, Tanya Cunningham.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2021 at the Heritage Baptist Church, 543 County Road 1500 West, Coal City, IN 47427, with Pastor Steve Tyra officiating.

Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday until the time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley's Children Hospital.

Online condolences can be shared with Tammy's family at westparrishpedigo.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to West & Parrish & Pedigo Funeral Home in Spencer, Ind.

Ernest L. Parks

September 19, 1952 – April 4, 2021

Ernest L. Parks, 68, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on September 19, 1952 to Willie Ernest and Phyllis Joan (McDole) Parks in Sheridan.



Ernest graduated from Sheridan High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army at Fort Campbell. He worked for Firestone Industrial Products for 30 years and was a member of the URW. Ernest enjoyed bowling and following Sheridan High School football, the Pacers, the Colts, the Reds, and IU. He also loved to eat at new restaurants. Most of all, Ernest enjoyed camping trips and being with his family and grandkids.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Parks; sons, Michael (Stefanie) Parks and Nicholas Parks; three grandchildren, Abbigail, Kaeden, and Alivia; brother, William (Laurie) Parks; and sisters, Patricia Ridsen and Jeanette Hopkins.

In addition to his parents, Ernest was preceded in death by his brother, Edward Parks.

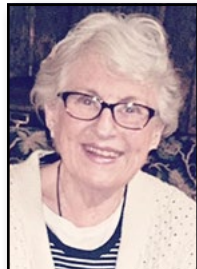
Services will be held at noon, with visitation from 10 a.m. to the time of service, on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Pastor Fred Knoll will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Joanna Margaret Owens

April 6, 1934 – March 31, 2021

Joanna Margaret Owens, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, after a long bout with the effects of dementia. She was 86 years old.



Mrs. Owens was born April 6, 1934, at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove and was the daughter of Herbert Warren "Doc" Hicks and Esther Mae (Little) Hicks.

Joanna graduated from Thomas Carr Howe High School in 1954 and was married to James Richard Owens on April 23, 1955. She then earned an Associate's Degree from Indiana University and worked as a Laboratory Technician for various hospitals, cardiologists, internal medicine, and general practitioner physicians in Indianapolis, Minneapolis, and Northern Indiana until 1977. Joanna relocated to Noblesville in 1978 and worked for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Hamilton County Soil and Conservation District until retiring in 2000.

Joanna was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville. She was also a member of the Hamilton County Republican Women's Club, serving as a Precinct Committee Person for many years. She held membership in the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and volunteered many hours at Riverview Hospital and Connor Prairie, especially after retirement.

Joanna is survived by two of her three children, Jon R. Owens (Mary), Indianapolis, and Kathy Jo Owens Forbush (Andrew), Noblesville; five grandchildren, Sara Ivy Owens, Margaret Tierney Owens, Mary Katherine Owens, and Joshua Mbithi (Bruce) Owens, all of Indianapolis, and Ashlynn Forbush, Noblesville; as well as many cousins in Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-brother, Walter James Hicks, Vancouver, Wash.; husband, James R. Owens; and son, David Paul Owens.

Joanna will be remembered for her independent spirit, love of life, and dedication to her family.

A brief service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2021, with an open house to follow in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Connor St., Noblesville. Randall and Roberts Funeral Homes is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Joanna's name to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038; or the Greater Indianapolis Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

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Big diamond wins for Guerin Catholic . . .

Golden Eagles softball stays perfect, GC baseball gets walkoff victory

The Guerin Catholic softball and baseball teams both won home Circle City Conference games on Tuesday.

The path to victory was decidedly different for each Golden Eagles team, but they got there nonetheless. The GC softball squad kept up its hot start to the season with a 17-0 win over Brebeuf Jesuit, thanks to a perfect game from Alicia Flores. Meanwhile, Guerin's baseball team got a dramatic win, as Braden Reel's RBI triple in the eighth inning sent the Golden Eagles to an 8-7 victory against Bishop Chatard.

TWO TIMES PERFECT

There is some motivation behind the fantastic start for the Golden Eagles' softball team. Coach Jeff Buckner said Guerin Catholic has "basically has the same team that we would have had" from last season, which of course was canceled due to the COVID pandemic. The coach said his team was "so disappointed that we couldn't play, and so they're not taking anything for granted" this time.

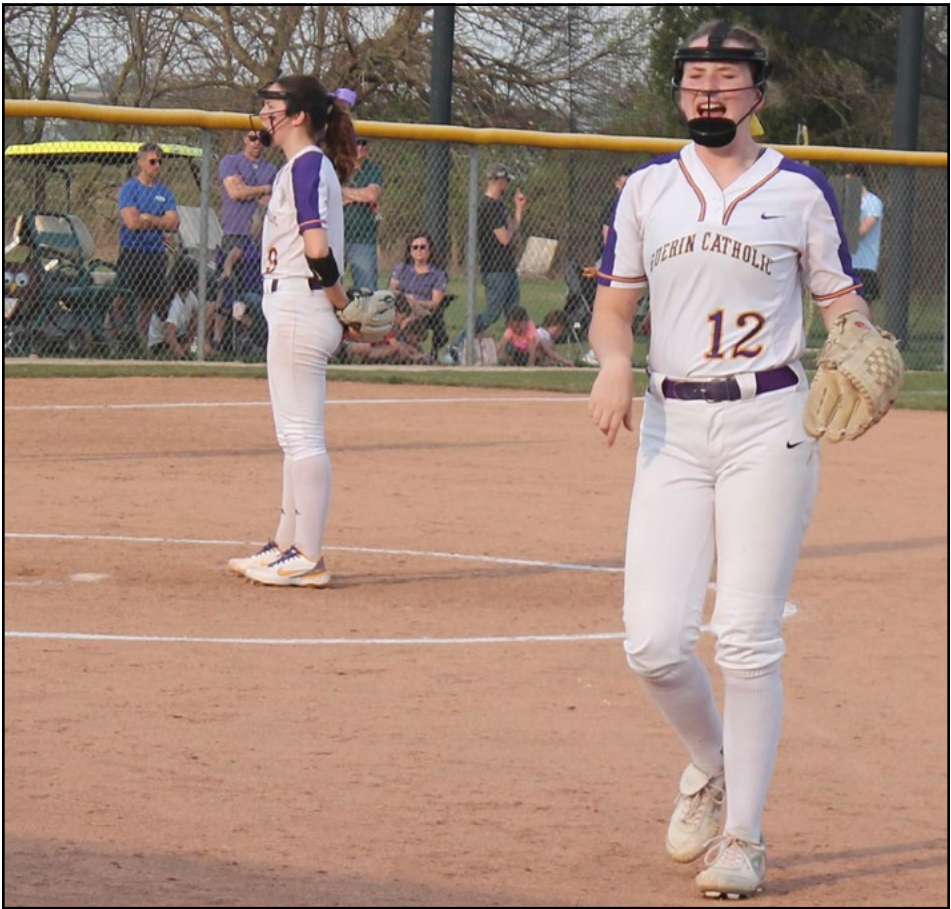
"They want to attack from the first pitch and just have fun every pitch," said Buckner.

The Golden Eagles are 4-0, and one could say its season has been halfway perfect. That's because the Golden Eagles now have two perfect games to their credit, by two different pitchers.

Izzy Kemp had the first perfect outing in GC's opener. Tuesday, it was Flores' turn. She didn't allow one Brebeuf player on base, going 15 up, 15 down. Flores threw 14 strikeouts; the only exception was in the fourth inning, when Kemp made the play on a would-be bunt to first base.

"They're throwing really well right now," said Golden Eagles coach Jeff Buckner.

Meanwhile, Guerin Catholic scored at least three runs in each inning. Aliyah



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Guerin Catholic's Alicia Flores (left) and Izzy Kemp have been overwhelming in the circle for the Golden Eagles during their 4-0 start to the season. Flores pitched a perfect game Tuesday in GC's win over Brebeuf Jesuit, following Kemp's perfect outing in the Golden Eagles' season-opener.

Dorsey got the first run on the board with a first-inning RBI triple, then Flores hit a double to add two more runs.

In the second inning, Ana Macha tripled in a run, then was soon home herself when Dorsey hit her first home run of the game. Up next was Victoria Flores, and she also homered. Lucy Schenk later doubled in a run.

Dorsey knocked in her second home

run in the third inning, which put three more runs on the board. The Golden Eagles finished strong, with six runs in the fourth inning. Julia Hartley singled in a run, then Macha hit an RBI double. Kemp added an RBI single, then Alicia Flores drove in two runs with her base hit. Kemp later stole home to finish out the scoring.

Macha finished the game 4-for-4 at the plate, scoring four runs and batting in three. Dorsey totaled four RBIs on a 3-for-4 night and Kemp was 3-for-3. Both Dorsey and Kemp scored three runs. Alicia Flores drove in three runs.

Buckner pointed out that Guerin has scored double-digit runs in all but one of its games. The only exception was the Golden Eagles' game with Zionsville, and they scored nine runs in that one.

"Every player has just vowed to not take anything for granted this year and they're coming out having fun," said Buckner. "The dugout is non-stop the entire game."

Guerin Catholic plays another Circle City Conference game tonight, traveling to Bishop Chatard.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 17, BREBEUF JESUIT 0 (5 innings)

Guerin Catholic	AB	R	H	RBI
Ana Macha	4	4	4	3
Aliyah Dorsey	4	3	3	4
Victoria Flores	3	2	1	1
Izzy Kemp	3	3	3	2
Alicia Flores	4	0	2	3
Lilli Everts	0	0	0	0
Karolina Clarey	0	0	0	0
Lucy Schenk	3	0	1	1
Zoey Bussick	0	0	0	0

Olivia Labus	0	0	0	0
Kirsten Mascari	3	1	1	0
Sarah Dilley	3	2	2	1
Julia Hartley	3	2	2	0
Totals	30	17	19	15

Score by Innings
Brebeuf Jesuit 000 00 - 0 0 6
Guerin Catholic 353 6x - 17 19 0
HR: Dorsey 2, V. Flores. 3B: Macha, Dorsey. 2B: A. Flores, Schenk, Macha. SB: Kemp 2, Macha, Hartley, Everts.
GC pitching IP R ER H
A. Flores 5 0 0 0
Strikeouts: A. Flores 14. Walks: none.

WALK-OFF TRIPLE

The baseball game between Guerin Catholic and Bishop Chatard became a back-and-forth one during the later stages. The Trojans scored five runs in the top of the third inning, but the Golden Eagles got back in it in the bottom of the third by scoring four runs.

Will Fremion batted in the first run, with his left field double scoring Aidan Morse. Josh Schaff drew a walk, then Spencer Wilt came in to run for him. Sam Tabor came up next, and his single scored Fremion. Later, Clay Patton reached on an error, and that sent Wilt and Tabor home.

Guerin tied the game at 5-5 in the fourth inning, as Fremion singled in Reel. In the sixth inning, Morse hit a double to score Patton and give GC a 6-5 lead. Chatard scored two runs in the top of the seventh, but Fremion stole home in the bottom of the inning, tying the game at 7-7.

So, it was on to extra innings. The Golden Eagles only needed one, as they quickly scored in the bottom of the eighth. Anthony Ferrucci got on base after being hit by a pitch, and Reel quickly sent him home by blasting a triple to center field.

Morse finished the game 3-for-4, while Fremion was 2-for-2, including a double. Schaff and Tabor both had two hits as well. Patton threw the first four innings, striking out seven. Wilt threw four strikeouts in relief, and Davis Wagner got the win by pitching the eighth.

Guerin Catholic is 1-1 and completes the conference series with Chatard today at the Trojans' field.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 8, BISHOP CHATARD 7 (8 innings)

Guerin Catholic	AB	R	H	RBI
Clay Patton	3	1	0	0
Anthony Ferrucci	3	1	1	0
Braden Reel	3	1	1	1
Aidan Morse	4	1	3	1
Adam Novelen	4	0	0	0
Will Fremion	2	2	2	2
Josh Schaff	3	0	2	0
Sam Tabor	4	1	2	1
Davis Wagner	2	0	0	0
Spencer Wilt	2	1	0	0
Evan Brong	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	8	11	5

Score by Innings
Bishop Chatard 005 000 20 - 7 10 2
Guerin Catholic 004 101 11 - 8 11 3
3B: Reel. 2B: Fremion, Morse. SB: Fremion 2. SAC: Ferrucci. HBP: Ferrucci.
GC pitching IP R ER H
Patton 4 5 3 8
Wilt 3 2 2 2
Wagner (W) 1 0 0 0
Strikeouts: Patton 7, Wilt 4, Wagner 1.
Walks: Patton 3, Wilt 2.

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Guerin Catholic boys golf starts season with two wins

The Guerin Catholic boys golf team is off to a good start, finishing first its season-opening tournament on Saturday, then winning a dual meet on Tuesday.

The Golden Eagles won the Edinburgh Golf Invitational on Saturday, with a team score of 296. Freshman Leo Wessel was the meet medalist with a 71. Two other Guerin Catholic players finished in the top 10: Sophomore Jacob Modleski was fifth with a 73, while junior Connor McNeely was seventh, also with a 73. Andrew White's 79 and Jack Sciaudone's 80 rounded out the Golden Eagles scoring.

On Tuesday, Guerin won a dual meet with Cathedral at Pebble Brook, 142-165. Wessel was the co-medalist with the Irish's Ryan Ford; both carded 34s.

McNeely was next for the Golden Eagles with a 35, followed by Modleski 36, White 37, Sciaudone 37, Christian Hein 37, Connor Reitz 37 and Ben Burgan 40.

Guerin Catholic won the junior varsity meet 175-181. Scotty Smith was the medalist with a 40, followed by Alex Ueber 43, Luke Scariano 49, Wyatt Bricking 52, Eli Haecker 53, Levi Firth 55 and Zach Delagrange 66.



Photo provided

The Guerin Catholic boys golf team won the Edinburgh Golf Invitational on Saturday with a team score of 296.

NBA Foundation recognizes Center for Leadership Development with grant

The NBA Foundation today announced that it has selected Center for Leadership Development (CLD) in Indianapolis for a grant award to support its programs for minority students. A long-time partner of the Pacers Foundation and Pacers Sports & Entertainment, CLD has for more than 40 years provided local youth and their parents with important educational opportunities, leadership development, and mentorship.

"I am incredibly appreciative and proud of the NBA Foundation's investment in the young people of our city through this well-deserved recognition of the Center for Leadership Development," said Steve Simon, PS&E owner and alternate governor. "Dennis Bland and his experienced team are impacting individual lives every day, but they are also changing the trajectory for entire generations of Indianapolis families."

CLD offers 15 developmental pro-

grams for middle and high school students and their parents, providing meaningful preparation in the core values of character, education, leadership, service, and career. Thanks in part to CLD's emphasis on hard work and high achievement, 71 percent of CLD graduates report enrolling in some institution of post-secondary learning while more than 50 percent of those who attend college earn a college degree.

"Our organization, which started in 1977 offering one program, today offers numerous programs to create a pipeline of excellence for African American youth, and now more than four thousand students and parents participate in Center for Leadership Development Experiences," said Dennis Bland, CLD President. "Now comes the NBA Foundation with this tremendous gift, and we get an opportunity to expand what

we do to help more young people be exposed to different career opportunities.

The NBA Foundation was created last August with the mission of furthering empowerment and upward mobility in the Black community, making a pledge to invest \$300 million over the next decade in cities across the country. It is funded through contributions made by all 30 teams.

"The NBA Foundation is honored to partner with the Pacers and award a grant to the Center for Leadership De-

velopment as part of our second-ever grant round," said Greg Taylor, NBA Foundation Executive Director. "For more than four decades, CLD has developed Indianapolis young people of color into future professional, business and community leaders, and we are proud to help their work grow in the years to come."

For more information on the Center for Leadership Development, click [here](#). For more information on the NBA Foundation, click [here](#).

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Hamilton County Reporter Boys Basketball Players of the Year

Gus Etchison, Hamilton Heights

Brian Waddell, Carmel



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The Hamilton County Reporter has named Hamilton Heights senior Gus Etchison and Carmel senior Brian Waddell as its 2020-21 Boys Basketball Players of the Year.

Etchison was a force for the Huskies as a four-year player. He averaged 29.7 points per game during his senior season, including 80 3-pointers, handed out 3.5 assists per game and collected 4.9 rebounds. Etchison became only the third player in Hamilton County history to reach the 2,000-point mark, which he did late in the season. He has committed to play at Western Michigan University.

The 6-foot-7 Waddell elevated his game to new heights this season and showed leadership in helping the Greyhounds win their second consecutive state championship. Waddell averaged 15.8 points and 6.3 rebounds per game, including 20 points and 10 rebounds in Carmel's state finals win over Lawrence North. Waddell is uncommitted as of today, but expect that to change quickly - this season has gotten him noticed.

Hamilton County Reporter All-County Boys Basketball Team 2020-21

FIRST TEAM					
Name	School	Year			
Joseph Bobilya	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Peter Suder	Carmel	Junior
Camden Brown	University	Senior	Brian Waddell	Carmel	Senior
Vinny Buccilla	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Josh Whack	Carmel	Junior
Luke Carroll	Hamilton Heights	Junior	Bryce Williams	Fishers	Junior
Kaleb Edwards	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Charlie Williams	Carmel	Junior
Gus Etchison	Hamilton Heights	Senior	HONORABLE MENTION		
Matthew Gillis	Guerin Catholic	Senior	Name	School	Year
Connor Gioia	Carmel	Senior	Luke Almodovar	Noblesville	Sophomore
Will Grissom	Guerin Catholic	Junior	Nic Depasquale	Westfield	Junior
Cam Haffner	Westfield	Junior	Silas DeVaney	Sheridan	Junior
Noah Harris	Noblesville	Senior	Kyle Eden	Sheridan	Senior
Ethan Moistner	Sheridan	Junior	Will Grissom	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Larry Pierce	University	Junior	Lucas Letsinger	Hamilton Heights	Senior
Dalton Retzner	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior	Mitchell Martin	University	Junior
Jeffrey Simmons	Fishers	Junior	John McCall	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Braden Smith	Westfield	Junior	Samuel Orme	Carmel	Sophomore
Charlie Smith	Fishers	Junior	Matthew Penley	Westfield	Senior
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Milwaukee	32	18	.640	2.5	L.A. Clippers	34	18	.654	5.0
Atlanta	27	24	.529	8.0	Denver	32	18	.640	6.0
Charlotte	25	24	.510	9.0	L.A. Lakers	32	19	.627	6.5
Miami	26	25	.510	9.0	Portland	30	20	.600	8.0
New York	25	26	.490	10.0	Dallas	28	21	.571	9.5
Boston	25	26	.490	10.0	Memphis	25	23	.521	12.0
Indiana	22	27	.449	12.0	San Antonio	24	24	.500	13.0
Chicago	21	28	.429	13.0	Golden State	24	27	.471	14.5
Toronto	20	31	.392	15.0	New Orleans	22	28	.440	16.0
Cleveland	18	32	.360	16.5	Sacramento	22	29	.431	16.5
Washington	17	32	.347	17.0	Oklahoma City	20	30	.400	18.0
Orlando	17	33	.340	17.5	Houston	13	37	.260	25.0
Detroit	15	36	.294	20.0	Minnesota	13	38	.255	25.5

Major League Baseball standings

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Baltimore	3	0	.600	-	Philadelphia	4	1	.800	-
N.Y. Yankees	3	2	.600	-	N.Y. Mets	1	1	.500	0.5
Toronto	3	2	.600	-	Washington	1	0	1.00	1.0
Boston	2	3	.400	1.0	Miami	1	4	.200	2.0
Tampa Bay	2	3	.400	1.0	Atlanta	0	4	.000	2.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Kansas City	3	1	.750	-	Cincinnati	4	1	.800	-
Detroit	3	2	.600	0.5	Chi. Cubs	3	2	.600	1.0
Minnesota	3	2	.600	0.5	St. Louis	3	2	.600	1.0
Chi. White Sox	3	3	.500	1.0	Milwaukee	2	3	.400	2.0
Cleveland	1	3	.250	2.0	Pittsburgh	1	4	.200	2.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	5	1	.833	-	L.A. Dodgers	5	1	.833	-
L.A. Angels	4	2	.667	1.0	San Diego	4	2	.667	1.0
Seattle	2	3	.400	2.5	Arizona	2	3	.400	2.5
Texas	2	3	.400	2.5	San Francisco	2	3	.400	2.5
Oakland	0	6	.000	5.0	Colorado	1	4	.200	3.5

Still short-handed, Pacers fall to Bulls

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Indiana had hoped a season-high 139-point outburst against the San Antonio Spurs on Saturday would spark some momentum as the playoffs loom in the distance.

However, the absences of Malcolm Brogdon and Domantas Sabonis proved too much against the Chicago Bulls and its newest player. Former Orlando Magic center Nikola Vucevic notched 32 points and 17 rebounds as the visitors (21-28) toppled the Blue & Gold (22-27), 113-97.

To make matters worse another prominent Pacers starter, Myles Turner, left the game early in the third quarter with a sprained ankle. He did not return to action.

Five Indiana players finished in double figures, with Caris LeVert leading the way with 20 points on 9-of-18 shooting. In his first game back since spraining his right toe, Jeremy Lamb recorded a solid 15 points, while Edmond Sumner added another 15 as well. But it just was not enough. After the game, head coach Nate Bjorkgren pointed to the discrepancy in rebounding (57-33) — especially on the offensive glass (14-6) — as a major factor in why the squad trailed for most of the night.

"Especially that first half, the glass was the biggest issue," he said. The Blue & Gold were out-rebounded 8-0 on the offensive boards over the first 24 minutes. "Defensively, we have to be better. Period."

The opening minutes saw a balanced affair with neither team making a significant run. After Zach LaVine fired a contested trey from the top of the key, Turner arced in a triple of his own to push the Pacers back on top. LeVert then drove the paint for another bucket, extending Indiana's slim lead to 11-8 with 7:57 to play.

LeVert continued to pilot the offense for Indiana, using his impressive handles to record seven points of an 8-2 spree that gave the Pacers a 21-16 edge with 3:42 left in the frame. Playing point guard in absence of Brogdon, the former Michigan standout worked around his slower mismatches to find easy points in the paint.

"I'm pretty comfortable with doing that," he said of playing extended minutes at point. "I've done it the past couple of years in my career. For me, it's just learning the offense, learning my teammates' tendencies and things like that."

But Chicago didn't let the Blue & Gold run away. The visitors eventually knotted things up at 26 apiece after Troy

Brown Jr.'s and-one finish with 1:57 to play. Former Pacer Thaddeus Young's 12-foot floater with 27.2 seconds lead gave the Bulls a 30-28 lead after one.

The first significant run of the game — a 9-2 Bulls surge that grabbed a 39-30 lead with 9:36 to play in the second quarter — proved to be enough for the visitors to control for good. Reserve point guard Coby White notched five points of the spree, including a deep triple from the right wing. He finished with 13.

Despite a timeout from coach Nate Bjorkgren, the Pacers struggled to make up ground. Consecutive offensive boards from the Bulls soon netted a double-dig-it lead. Vucevic's putback tip pushed the visitor's lead to 45-33 with 7:16 to go.

The squad did manage to knock in seven unanswered — four from Lamb, to cut the deficit to 45-40 with 5:57 left. But the newest Bull soon widened Indiana's deficit to double figures once again. After LeVert's 18-footer cut the score to 48-42, Vucevic recorded five straight to extend Chicago's lead to 53-42 at the 3:18 mark.

Chicago stretched its lead to 15 down the stretch before a Doug McDermott three from the left side trimmed it down to 58-47 with 1:05 to go. After a free throw from Young, Sumner's driving layup threatened to trim it to 10. But Tomas Satoransky's lone three of the game fell with 15 seconds remaining, giving the Bulls a 62-49 edge at the break.

After the break, Chicago kept on rolling, notching the first seven points of the third to grab a 20-point advantage. Then, at the 11:00 mark, Turner jumped up to a block an attempt. The big man fell awkwardly, rolling his left ankle in the process. He immediately left the court and headed to the locker room, adding more misery to the night.

But despite the mishap, the Pacers caught fire for a spell. A 12-4 run, including a string of seven unanswered, cut Chicago's lead to 73-61 with 7:10 left in the frame. Sumner reached double figures for the contest by notching five points of the surge, including a gritty and-one floater in the paint.

But Chicago soon stopped the Pacers' attempt, using threes from Vucevic and Patrick Williams to regain control. After LeVert's turnaround jumper cut the deficit to 11, the All-Star found back-to-back close-range buckets to push Chicago's lead back to 85-70 with 3:40 remaining. After a timeout, Chicago easily pushed the lead back to 20. Indiana scored just four more points for the duration of the frame and trailed 97-74 heading into the fourth.

JaKarr Sampson's energy gave Pacers fans a bright moment early in the fourth. His energetic play led to a 10-0 Indiana run to start the frame. The former St. John's forward muscled up a layup through a foul, earned a second possession after his missed free throw, then proceeded to block Brown's layup on the defensive end. The swat led to T.J. McConnell sprinting coast-to-coast for an easy layup that cut Chicago's lead to 97-79 at the 11:22 mark. Later, Lamb's wide-open 3-pointer from the right side trimmed the deficit to 97-84 with 9:45 remaining.

Although the Bulls responded with five straight, Sampson and Indiana hung tough. The big man added another bucket — a nifty reverse layup — at the 7:50 mark to keep the deficit at 14, 102-88. However, the talents of Vucevic started shining through once more. Back-to-back buckets helped him hit the 30-point mark for the game to push the lead back to 109-91 with just 4:24 left.

With the game out of hand, coach Bjorkgren headed deep into the bench. Fans got their first glimpse of Oshae Brissett, who signed a 10-day contract last week. The newest Pacer notched his first bucket — a running flush — with 1:52 to play. But that would be the last highlight of the night. Indiana will prepare for a bout against the Minnesota Timberwolves that begins in less than 24 hours.

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