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### TODAY'S WEATHER

**Today:** Morning sun, afternoon clouds. Wind gusting to 30 mph. Scattered afternoon rain and/or snow showers.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy. Spotty rain and/or snow shower possible in the evening.  
**HIGH:** 51 **LOW:** 32



# Nickel Plate Express exceeds its goal for rail preservation

## The REPORTER

The Nickel Plate Express surpassed its \$20,000 fundraising goal for rail preservation at the inaugural Golden Spike Gala on Nov. 4.

The gala, hosted by Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and sponsored by Gaylor Electric, raised \$25,500 for the preservation of historic rail equipment in Noblesville.

Indianapolis resident and frequent Nickel Plate Express passenger Gail Parka kicked off the evening with a \$10,000 donation to the Nickel Plate Express. Not to be outdone, Parka's seven-year-old grandson, Aaiden, sent his grandmother with a piggy bank full of \$67.51 in change for the Nickel Plate Express. Aaiden hopes to be a train engineer one day and was excited to support the Nickel Plate Express' continued operation in Hamilton County.

Inspired by Aaiden's generosity, the following donors pledged over \$1,000 each toward the Nickel Plate Express' fundraising goal: Mary Sue Devlin, Dana Friedman and Scott Lindenberg, Forrest Myers, Brett Morrow, Darren Peterson and Mike Lennox.

The Golden Spike Gala featured fantastic culinary samplings from Chef Bill Wampler of 10 West Restaurant and Bar and was hosted at the 10 West Lofts on Jackson Street in Cicero.

The gala enjoyed a show of support from elected officials, including County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen,



Photo provided

(From left) Gail Parka, who donated \$10,000 for the preservation of historic rail equipment in Noblesville, along with Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Dagny Zupin. Park's grandson Aaiden's piggy bank (the Gatorade bottle) is being held by Zupin.

Noblesville Common Council President Darren Peterson and County Councilman Steve Schwartz.

"I was overwhelmed by the support for Nickel Plate Express at our first Golden Spike Gala," said Nickel Plate Express Executive Director Dagny Zupin. "I believe Gail and Aaiden's generous donations were responsible for kicking off an evening full of support and celebration for this important community asset. Thanks to Mayor Jensen and our gala attendees, we surpassed the fundraising goal with an evening to remember."



Photo provided

(From left) Cicero resident Mary Sue Devlin, who donated \$1,000, along with Nickel Plate Board President Brett Morrow and Nickel Plate Executive Director Dagny Zupin.

# Laura Alerding presented with Susan Armstrong 'Heart of the GOP' Award

By **DENISE MOE**  
 For the Reporter

Noblesville School Board member and longtime GOP faithful Laura Alerding has been given the Susan Armstrong Heart of the GOP Award.

Alerding has consistently volunteered for the Republican Party. She is a precinct committeeman, co-chair of the Noblesville GOP club, treasurer for the Republican Women's Club, and last year won her race for Noblesville School Board.

Alerding has come up with some creative ideas for events, including next Sunday's chili cookoff between the Noblesville and Westfield GOP clubs, raising money for the party including a very successful silent auction, and ways to heighten public awareness of the GOP. She has knocked on hundreds of doors for candidates and made phone calls.



Alerding

Susan Armstrong was a longtime precinct committeeman and volunteer, who during the course of her later years struggled with heart failure. While awaiting a heart

transplant, she continued her work for the party by making phone calls and writing notes to voters. She received a donor heart and was able to continue volunteering in person for the party for several years prior to her passing.

From 2010 to the present, Alerding was elected or assigned to be a Convention Delegate at the Indiana GOP Conventions. In 2014, Alerding was

## More about Laura Alerding

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## Public invited to attend meeting on Geist Greenway project

### The REPORTER

Fishers city officials and the Hamilton County Commissioners will host a public hearing about the Geist Greenway project on Monday, Nov. 16 at Geist Elementary School, 14051 E. 104th St., Fishers.

The presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m., with an informal open house occurring

from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m. Following the formal presentation, a second informal open house will occur and end promptly at 8:30 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current preliminary design plans for the programmed phases of the project.

During this time, members of the public will be afforded the opportunity for their comments to be heard in a formal setting, recorded, and incorporated into the project record.

Currently, only Phase 1A (113th Street to 126th Street), Phase 1B (104th Street to Bowline Road/Lux Road), and the reconstruction of the Bell-

Ford Bridge within Phase 1B are funded. Once funding is secured for the unprogrammed phases (96th Street to 104th Street and 126th Street to Olivo Road at 131st Street) a re-evaluation of the socio-economic and natural impacts may need to occur.

Click here for more project information.

## The best stage

"Oh, this is the BEST stage!"

My husband John will tell you that I've said this phrase every year for the past 21 years – in other words, for as long as I've been a parent. This statement refers to each stage of life our boys have been in.

At first, I gushed out the phrase when the boys were babies and toddlers. They were so snuggly, so cute, and it seemed like they changed every week. Of course, there were the not-so-fun moments when we were up with them at 2 a.m. Or when we had to change a poopy diaper for the eighth time in one day. Or when they had crying jags for no discernable reason. But overall, I loved it.

I next proclaimed the preschool years as the best stage. Jonathon and Jacob were a bit more independent and I was working from home with them as a daycare provider (toughest job I've ever had, by the way). Oh, the fun we had at parks, the zoo, Chick-fil-A, etc. Seeing the world through their eyes was magical.

But, oh, the elementary school years! The best. John and I dove into Cub Scouts together and led everything from the Pinewood Derby to den meetings to field trips. And when the boys reached middle school, they crossed over to Boy Scouts and we had such great adventures! Jonathon and Jacob were quite independent then and we could leave them at home when we went out on dates. That was the best stage.

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## From the desk of Heights Supt. Derek Arrowood

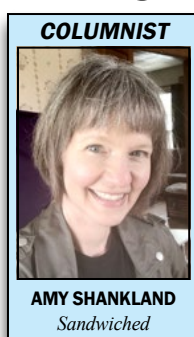
Update #71 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

Hamilton County is turning 200 in 2023! Jessica Petty, a 2015 Hamilton Heights graduate, is helping to lead the way as the Hamilton County Bicentennial Coordinator. The community is invited to get involved and be a part of this milestone celebration. To help the Bicentennial Planning Committee better plan for programs for the celebration, kindly take a few minutes to complete a Community Survey that can be found [here](#). It will be open until Nov. 30. Also, be sure to follow, share, like and post on their social media sites: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter – all under @hamcoturns200. #HamCoTurns200

Speaking of being involved, we value public participation and recognize the importance of public input on issues affecting the community and all things Hamilton Heights. Our School Board meeting dates, times, locations, agendas, and past meeting minutes can be found on our [website](#). In fact, we just released our Board meeting calendar for 2022. Most of these meetings will be conducted at the new Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center at 420 W. North St., Arcadia. [Click here](#) to find the dates on our website.

If you are looking for something cool to do this weekend, I highly recommend attending Hamilton Heights Drama Department's fall play, *You Have the Right to Remain Dead* by Pat Cook. There will be three performances of the play, directed by

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# BEST STAGE

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Oh... but then there was high school... that's when I also entered the Sandwich Generation and began to take care of both my mom and our family. Even though it was an incredibly stressful time in my life, I loved seeing the boys in their activities, ranging from cool science projects to jazz band and choir concerts. They helped their grandmother move into and get adjusted with her assisted living facility as well, which was nice. The best!

And now they're

young adults away at college. I told my best friend recently that adult children ROCK. For example, John, Jonathon, and I visited Jacob up at Ball State last Friday evening. We enjoyed some Chinese food, then went back to the house Jacob is renting with some friends to enjoy a game of Uno. Or, should I say, cutthroat Uno.

Cutthroat Uno is playing the game and not allowing someone to stop drawing cards until they get the right color, number, or

symbol to put down on the discard pile. This definitely made the game a bit more, um, entertaining. We often found ourselves at times wondering if we had more cards in our hand than in the draw pile. But we laughed and had an absolute ball.

As we drove back to Noblesville, I couldn't help but reflect on how wonderful it is to have adult children. Yes, we still guide them, but we've become friends with them – and it is a blast.

After all, it's the best stage.

# ARROWOOD

*from Page 1*

Hamilton Heights English Teacher and Drama Club Sponsor Brooks Myers, in collaboration with her theatre arts class. The play brings together the best elements of comedy, intrigue, suspense, and audience participation in this who-done-it murder mystery. Tickets are \$5 and are available online [here](#). All proceeds benefit the High School Drama Department.

On another note of community interest, our Food Pantry will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15 at the high school. Enter through Door A.

This is National School Psychology Week (NSPW) and I want to give a shout out to the invaluable work school psychologists and other educators do to help our students thrive. This year's theme is *"Let's Get in GEAR."* The theme's acronym provides a challenge to **Grow** both personally and professionally. It encourages us to **Engage** in best practices and **Advocate** for children's access to mental health and learning supports. To **Rise** implies resilience and renewal despite the challenges of the past. When we get in gear, we move together. When one gear moves, the gears connected to it move as well. When we move together there is a positive synergy

that builds and becomes greater than any single effort. #SchoolPsychWeek

Thursday was Veterans Day. This occasion gives us the opportunity to thank our veterans for always keeping the nation before themselves. I would like to recognize and express my gratitude to those men and women, who answered the call to serve, and for the sacrifices they have made so that we can enjoy the freedoms and life we lead today. Please join me in taking a moment, not just on Veterans Day but any day there is an opportunity to thank and honor those who have served our country. We will always remember the dedication and sacrifice of our veteran families. Thank you!

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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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# Noblesville, Carmel Lions assist Gleaners



Photo courtesy Julia Kozicki

On Nov. 6, the Noblesville and Carmel Lions Clubs helped Gleaners distribute food. Gleaners is providing food distribution the first Saturday of every month at Hamilton Heights High School from 10 a.m. to noon. (Above) Lions Tim Baker, Joe Connerley, Rollin Cutter, Jeff Kozicki, Steve Morgan, and Sid Thomas from Noblesville, and Lions Bill Ryan, Lane Sims, and Bob Yunker from Carmel.

## ALERDING

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named Republican of the Year for Washington Township. In February 2016, she and her husband Jim moved to Noblesville and soon afterward she met Laura Campbell, Hamilton County GOP Chairwoman. Campbell assigned Alerding as a precinct committeeman in Hamilton County. In late 2018, Alerding became a co-chair for the Noblesville GOP Club and participated in GOP parades, volunteered at the GOP 4-H

Fair booth and planned several Noblesville GOP Club meetings featuring candidates for various offices in addition to campaigning for several candidates. She continues to co-chair this club. Alerding ran for Noblesville School Board in 2020. She campaigned for her own office and for Victoria Spartz at the same time during the months leading up to the 2020 general election. With the help of her husband Jim and other volunteers, Alerding won her

election and helped Spartz win her election to be the Congresswoman for District 5. Alerding's school board term began in January 2021, at which time she also agreed to be a board member of the Hamilton East Public Library and was placed on the Noblesville Redevelopment Commission as a non-voting member. She and her husband Jim have a combined family of six children and 18 grandchildren.

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# Indiana Missing Children’s Day poster contest now open

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana State Police (ISP) is partnering again in 2022 with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in promoting the National Missing Children’s Day Poster Contest.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25 as National Missing Children’s Day. This day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers and all concerned individuals with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. It serves as a reminder for law enforcement to continue efforts to reunite missing children with their families and loved ones. It also serves as an occasion to honor those who are dedicated to this very noble cause.

The National Missing Children’s Poster Contest provides an opportunity for schools, law enforcement, and parents/guardians to discuss and promote child safety.

The state winner will receive a national award certificate from DOJ and their poster will be selected to go to the national judging competition. The national winner, along with his or her parents and teacher, and the state manager will be invited to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Missing Children’s Day ceremony.

Some important facts about the contest:

- There is no limit on the number of posters a school can submit.
- Only one poster per student is allowed for submission.
- Students who submit posters must be in the fifth grade.
- Artwork should reflect the theme “Bringing Our Missing Children Home.” This phrase must appear somewhere on the poster.
- The theme may be depicted in the artwork through one or a combination of illustrations and can be created using media such as acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons and pastels. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs and stamping will not be eligible for consideration.

- The finished poster must measure 8 ½ by 14 inches.
- The poster must be submitted with a completed application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist.
- All poster contest rules can be found at [this link](#).
- Deadline for submissions from participating organizations to be received by Sergeant Seth Tumey is Feb. 26, 2022.

Submissions are to be sent to:

Indiana State Police Museum  
Attn: Sergeant Seth Tumey  
8660 E. 21st St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46219

To learn more about the National Missing Children’s Day Poster contest go to [ojdp.gov/missing-childrensday](#).

If ever a child goes missing, contact your local police department or dial 9-1-1. It is also a good idea to keep an updated picture or cell phone image, and a DNA sample from your child. For more safety and prevention tips please visit [in.gov/amberalert/2335.htm](#).

Meeting Notice

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, in the board room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

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# Survey: Teen shoppers concerned about shortages of gift items this holiday season

*Junior Achievement Research also indicates teens see higher prices, less help at stores*

## The REPORTER

A new survey of teens conducted for Junior Achievement by the research firm ENGINE Insights shows that most teens (55 percent) are concerned that global supply chain issues will result in shortages of gift items this holiday season. The results are part of the JA Teens & Holiday Spending survey, which assesses teen consumer attitudes associated with the holiday shopping season. The survey of 1,006 13- to 17-year-olds

was conducted by ENGINE Insights Oct. 19-24.

Additional findings include:

- 75 percent of teens have noticed changes during recent shopping experiences, including higher prices (49 percent), harder to find items (47 percent), and fewer checkers/less help at stores (32 percent).
- 81 percent of teens plan to shop "in-store" this year, compared to 68 percent last year (due to pandemic restrictions), with

70 percent also shopping online.

- 78 percent of teens plan to spend "the same" or "more" on gifts this holiday season.

- Top teen gift ideas include clothing (61 percent), video games (53 percent), gift cards (52 percent), accessories (42 percent), and small electronics (38 percent).

"For many teens, shopping for others during the holiday season is their first exposure to some of the economic realities, such as

rising prices or shortages, that face their parents or caregivers," said Jennifer Burk, President and CEO of JA Central Indiana. "In many ways, this can be a teachable moment. At Junior Achievement, we encourage parents and caregivers to take this opportunity to discuss things like putting together a budget for the holidays, comparison shopping, and creative gifting if higher prices or hard-to-find items become a challenge."

Junior Achievement recently launched JA Connect, a new online

resource where teens can learn about careers, entrepreneurship, and how to manage money. The "My Money" section takes teens through developing a budget and planning their financial future. JA Connect is available at [connect.JA.org](https://connect.JA.org).

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## Obituaries

### Kent F. Schuch

July 12, 1951 – November 2, 2021

Kent F. Schuch, 70, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. He was born on July 12, 1951 to Herbert and Alberta Schuch in La Lima, Honduras.



Kent was a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church for over 30 years. He was a Purdue University graduate in environmental engineering and an avid Purdue fan. Kent was an engineer for over 40 years, owned along with his partner, Schuch & Sullivan for over 25 years, and a city engineer for Fishers, playing an integral part of the city's growth.

He was an Eagle Scout and Scout Leader for most of his life. Kent enjoyed golf (even though he was not very good) and anything that had to do with tools. He enjoyed traveling, visiting almost every state and several other countries. Kent enjoyed singing and loved all kinds of music.

He is survived by his wife of three years, Kellie Schuch; father, Herbert Schuch; son, Thomas Jacob "TJ" (Beth) Schuch; daughter, Sara (John) Boline; stepdaughters, Rita (Eric) Chreist and Laura (Joe) Stephens-Spoto; brother, Neil (Carolyn) Schuch; sisters, Anna (Ray) Hensley and Alene Cathcart; and seven grandchildren, Sydney, Aiden, Maggie, Emilia, Austin, Jenna, and Will.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Alberta Schuch.

Visitation will be held at 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](https://randallroberts.com)

### Sean Stephen Hutto

August 24, 1978 – November 8, 2021

Sean Stephen Hutto, 43, Westfield, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 8, 2021 at his home. He was born on August 24, 1978 to Arthur Stephen and Danna K. (Howe) Hutto in Monticello, Ind.



Sean worked for Rural Metro & Seals as an EMT and paramedic. He received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University in criminal justice and was valedictorian for his paramedic class at St. Vincent at 86th Street. Sean had been working for IU Saxony as a critical care paramedic. He had a passion for his job and caring for others. Sean was a member of Hamilton Masonic Lodge #533 and enjoyed target shooting, following the Indianapolis Colts, and a good cigar. He had even made a few of his own pipes.

Sean is survived by his parents, Arthur "Steve" and Danna Hutto; uncle, Ronald (Donna) Howe; his cousins, Tim (Rose) Howe, Chris Howe, and Ashley Howe (fiancé Kris Carter); as well as family members, friends and colleagues near and far.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Arthur C. and Margorie Hutto, and Daniel and Mary Howe; and his brother, Jason Gahr Hutto, in 1983.

Visitation will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Masonic Services beginning at 4 p.m. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the funeral home with Pastor Terry Bishir officiating. Burial will follow at Lincoln Memory Gardens in Whitestown.

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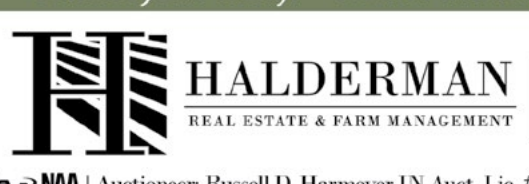
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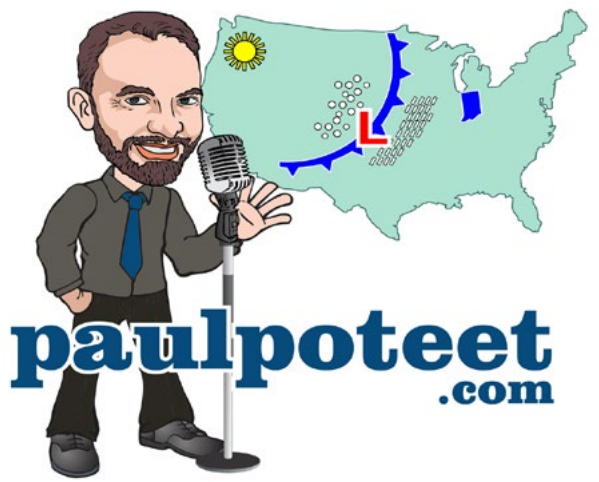
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*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

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Michael Edward McAloon  
September 17, 1952 – November 8, 2021



Michael Edward McAloon, 69, Carmel, passed away on November 8, 2021. He was born on September 17, 1952 in Columbus, Ohio, son of Charles and Margery McAloon.

Mike was a 1971 graduate of North Central High School. He received his bachelor’s degree in Business from Indiana State University. He served as president of Power Tech Industries for 36 years. Mike and Sandy met at Ann Arbor Ski Club in Michigan. They were married in St. Francis Assisi Catholic Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Faith, family, and friends were foundational in Mike’s life. He was an avid golfer and a lifelong Colts fan.

The greatest joy in life for Mike was spending quality time with his family, attending his grandchildren’s activities, family trips and telling his classic stories.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra McAloon; daughters, Laura (Sean) Litke and Michelle (Matt) Pfeffer; grandchildren, Amelia Litke, Nicolas Litke, Miles Litke, Charlotte Pfeffer and Samuel Pfeffer; brothers, Jim (Debbie) McAloon, Greg (Molly) McAloon; and sister, Kathy (Bob) Thorn.

Family and friends will gather from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. A Committal Service will follow in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mike may be given to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, or at [pancan.org](http://pancan.org).

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Donald Steven Gatza  
December 26, 1934 – November 8, 2021



Donald Steven Gatza, 86, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, November 8, 2021 at his home. He was born on December 26, 1934 to Casper Joseph and Grace Joan (McCusker) Gatza in Chicago, Ill.

Donald attended parochial grade schools, Lane Tech High School and Triton College. Early in his life he worked for his father at Gatza Brothers Heating & Engineering. Donald proudly served his country in the United States Army stationed in Germany during the Cold War. He was briefly married to Francine Blumer before being drafted. After time in the Army, he worked various jobs: Bally Pinball Company, Schwinn Bicycle Company and Kodak Camera Co. Donald then settled in at Mobil Oil Corp. at the Cicero Lube Plant in Illinois where he worked for 36 years, retiring in 1997.

In his younger years, he loved working on cars, bowling, swimming, and motorcycles. Later in life, Donald enjoyed collecting beer steins, working newspaper word find puzzles, eating out, and attending local auctions and the Strawtown Market. Most of all, he loved family holiday gatherings and keeping in touch with his friends and Army buddies. Donald was a Christmas and Easter church attendee and made a commitment to faith in Christ as an adult. He supported the Hamilton County Passion Play.

Donald is survived by his daughters, Diane L. Gatza and Roxann (Robert) Bankert; step-grandchildren, Justin, Jestina, Jenna, Jecinda, Jared and Elizabeth; and several cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Louise Ruth Gatza; and his half-brother, John Casper Gatza.

Services will be held at 6 p.m., with visitation beginning at 4 p.m., on Monday, November 15, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Don Jennings II officiating. Burial with military honors will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038, or at [hamiltonhumane.com](http://hamiltonhumane.com); or to Behold the Lamb Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 234, Noblesville, IN 46061, or at [beholdthelamb.com](http://beholdthelamb.com).

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL ON DESIGNATION OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROLIANT COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES LLC**

The Sheridan Town Council (the “Council”) will conduct a public hearing on November 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) in the meeting room located in the Sheridan Community Center, 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, to consider confirmation of Resolution No. 2021-15 (the “Declaratory Resolution”) adopted by the Council on November 8, 2021, which designated an Economic Revitalization Area (“ERA”) and preliminarily approved a real property tax abatement for Proliant Commercial Properties LLC and/or its affiliates. At the public hearing on November 22, 2021, the Council will receive and hear all remonstrance and objections from interested persons and take final action on the Declaratory Resolution under the provisions of Indiana Code Sections 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq. by consideration of a Confirmatory Resolution setting forth final action in determining that the qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met, approving real property tax abatement, and confirming Resolution No. 2021-15.

A description of the affected property is available and can be inspected at the offices of the Hamilton County Assessor, located at Hamilton County Courthouse, 33 North 9th Street #214, Noblesville, Indiana, during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, the Council will receive and hear comments, remonstrance, and objections from interested persons concerning the Declaratory Resolution and the matters contained therein.

Dated: November 9, 2021

RL512611/12/21

Westfield

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the City of Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana (the “City”), that the Common Council of the City (the “Council”) will meet at the Westfield City Hall located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, on November 22, 2021, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. (Local Time), to consider the following additional appropriation which the City considers necessary to meet the extraordinary emergency existing at this time:

An appropriation in the amount of One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000) on account of the sale of real estate currently owned by the City to the City of Westfield Building Corporation (the “Building Corporation”) in connection with the constructing and equipping of a new fire station and fire department administration building for use by the City (the “Project”), including the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the sale of real estate to the Building Corporation.

The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and an extraordinary emergency for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present facilities to provide necessary fire protection services for the City.

Taxpayers of said City appearing at said meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to said additional appropriation.

Dated this November 9, 2021.

CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA11/12/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposal/Qualifications. The Westfield Washington Public Library is requesting Statements of Proposal/Qualifications from interested professionals for design, operating, financing and Construction Services for the New Westfield Washington Public Library Project. In accordance with IC 5-23-5, the Board of Trustees of the Westfield Washington Public Library in Westfield, Indiana (WWPL), invites any and all qualified parties to submit Statements of Proposal/Qualifications, under a public-private partnership, to obtain financing, construct, and furnish the project, in Westfield, Indiana. An electronic PDF of the Statement of Proposal/Qualifications should be emailed to Sheryl Sollars, Library Director at ssollars@wwpl.lib.in.us by 4:00 pm EST on December 2, 2021 in order to be considered. Additional information and a packet outlining submittal requirements will be available at the Westfield Washington Public Library and may be requested.

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BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Springs of Cambridge/Bee Camp Creek Drain,  
Sears/McCord Pointe Arm, McCord Pointe Section 5**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the **Springs of Cambridge/Bee Camp Creek Drain, Sears/McCord Pointe Arm, McCord Pointe Section 5 on November 22, 2021 at 9:20 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5104

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Morrow-Follett Drain, J. W. Morrow Arm  
Station 35+10 to 38+19 Vacation**

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition to vacate has been received by the Hamilton County Surveyor for the Morrow-Follett Drain, J. W. Morrow Arm, Station 35+10 to 38+19 Vacation across Parcels 16-09-25-08-01-010.000 at existing Station 35+10 and 16-09-25-08-05-001.000 at existing Station 38+19 and that a hearing is scheduled for November 22, 2021 at 9:20 A.M. on that request.

Objections to the VACATION of the drain must be filed in writing not less than five (5) days before the date of the hearing.

The Board will consider whether the drain performs the function for which it was designed and constructed; whether the expense of maintenance outweighs the benefits to be derived therefrom, and whether the abandonment thereof will not be detrimental to the public welfare.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5105

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, Webster Pit Road Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, Webster Pit Road Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5106

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, Gwinn Road Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, Gwinn Road Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5107

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, DeVaney Road Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, DeVaney Road Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5108

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, Cal Carson Road Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, Cal Carson Road Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5109

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, Albright Road Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, Albright Road Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5110

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, 276th Street Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, 276th Street Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5111

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, 266th Street Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, 266th Street Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL5112

Hamilton County Drainage Board11/12/21

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**Little Cicero Creek Drain, 256th Street Extension**

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Little Cicero Creek Drain, 256th Street Extension on November 22, 2021 at 9:15 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
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BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
**George Symonds Drain  
Two Stage Ditch Reconstruction**

To Whom It May Concern and: Barron, Helen K.  
Bolen, Collin P.  
Tate, M. Scott & Kathryn J.

Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **George Symonds Drain, Two Stage Ditch Reconstruction on November 22, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

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Girls basketball

# Blackhawks drop season opener to Carroll, but show potential



Reporter photo by Kirk Green  
Sheridan freshman Kenzie Garner scored 18 points for the Blackhawks during their season-opening game with Carroll on Thursday.

By RICHIE HALL

**SHERIDAN** - If Thursday's Sheridan girls basketball season opener is any indication, there could be some exciting times ahead for the Blackhawks.

Sheridan began its 2021-22 campaign by hosting Hoosier Heartland Conference opponent Carroll at Larry Hobbs Hall. The 'Hawks held their own against a solid Cougars team, one that eventually beat Sheridan 58-51.

The Blackhawks were down 10-3 in the first quarter before making an 8-0 run to take an 11-10 lead. Freshman Kenzie Garner scored the first four points of that run, then junior Jacquelynne Bates made a layin and freshman Cecilia Timme got a basket off a steal.

Carroll went back in front 12-11 before back-to-back scores from Timme and junior Chaney Smith pushed Sheridan ahead 15-12. The 'Hawks would hold a three-point lead on two other occasions, including a 19-16 advantage early in the second quarter.

But the Cougars took control after that, going on a 14-1 run to lead 30-20. Carroll would not trail again.

"And that just put us in the hole, a hole that we couldn't get ourselves out of," said Sheridan coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. "We can figure that out, I think it's a much different game for us."

The 'Hawks were still within 32-24 at halftime and never let the Cougars get too far ahead. Carroll held a 12-point lead three different times in the third quarter, and were still ahead 46-34 at the beginning of the fourth period.

Sheridan then made a 7-0 run to get the lead down to 46-41. Timme made a jumper, Garner drained a 3-pointer and Taylor Bates was good on a layin. The Cougars answered with their own 7-0 run to take a 53-41 lead, but the 'Hawks blasted back with another 7-0 run.

Smith and Garner made layins and Timme hit a 3, keeping Sheridan within 53-48 with less than a minute to go. Free

throws got the Cougars back up 56-48, but Garner's triple cut the lead to 56-51. That would be all for the Blackhawks, thought, while more Carroll free throws got the score to the final margin.

The freshmen wound up as the leading scorers, with Garner pouring in 18 points and Timme adding 11. Another freshman, Ashley Webel, played some in the second quarter.

"I think they did good," said Bradshaw. "I'm hoping that they got their first-game jitters out and that going forward, they know a little bit more of what to expect and they'll be more prepared for it in the future."

Timme also had seven rebounds and six steals, while Garner pulled five rebounds. The experienced players also made their presences known, with Smith adding nine points and Taylor Bates making five steals.

"The seniors and juniors and the sophomores, they do such a good job of bringing those freshmen along and taking them under their wing," said Bradshaw. "I think it'll come along."

Sheridan will go on the road for its second game, traveling to Brebeuf Jesuit next Tuesday.

## CARROLL 58, SHERIDAN 51

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lilly Chesney	1-6	0-0	2	2
Cecilia Timme	5-10	0-0	11	4
Kenzie Garner	7-17	2-3	18	4
Chaney Smith	4-16	1-4	9	3
Taylor Bates	2-6	0-1	4	2
Berkley Williams	1-11	1-3	3	1
Jacquelynne Bates	2-9	0-0	4	5
Ashley Webel	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	22-76	4-11	51	21

## Score by Quarters

Carroll	14	18	12	14	58
Sheridan	15	9	10	17	51
Sheridan 3-point shooting (3-27)	Garner 2-7	Timme 1-1	Smith 0-8	Williams 0-4	J. Bates 0-4
Chesney 0-1	Webel 0-1	T. Bates 0-1	Sheridan rebounds (23)	Timme 7	Garner 5
Smith 3	T. Bates 3	Chesney 2	Williams 2	J. Bates 1	

# HCC announces All-Conference teams

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced the majority of its Fall 2021 All-Conference teams on Thursday.

The All-HCC football team will be released at a later date. Meanwhile, here is a list of Hamilton County all-conference athletes in each of the other sports.

## GIRLS GOLF

Samantha Brown, Westfield  
Brette Hanavan, Westfield  
Allie Hildebrand, Westfield  
Addi Kooi, Westfield  
Sophie McGinnis, Westfield  
Lilly McVay, Fishers  
Yanah Rolston, Hamilton Southeastern  
Marissa Spreitzer, Hamilton Southeastern  
Lauren Stewart, Hamilton Southeastern

Caroline Whallon, Noblesville  
Cora Zink, Hamilton Southeastern

## BOYS TENNIS

Drew Barker, Fishers  
Noah Bushong, Noblesville  
Aiden De Witt, Hamilton Southeastern  
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Logan Kay, Fishers  
Matthew Kurdish, Fishers  
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**Saturday Nov 13, 2021**  
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# Hamilton Heights senior Kelsey Smith signs to play volleyball with UAB

Kelsey Smith, Hamilton Heights senior, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for the University of Alabama in Birmingham this fall. UAB is a member of Conference USA and a NCAA Division I athletic institution. She is the daughter of Kelly and Wes Smith.

Smith, a force on Hamilton Heights' volleyball and track teams, has earned a respected reputation on the court, track, and in the classroom. She is the record holder for high jump and the 4x400 relay. In other recognitions as a member of Hamilton Heights Track & Field team, Smith was named MVP her freshman and junior years and named to the All-Conference team as a freshman. Smith, a setter for the Lady Huskies Volleyball team, was named MVP her sophomore and junior years; named to the All-Conference teams her sophomore and junior years; All-County teams her freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and Academic All-State her senior year. She is sure to earn several more accolades through her athletic endeavors before she graduates in May.

She chose UAB because she enjoyed their playing style and how the players practiced and were coached. "As an athlete, I liked what I saw and felt UAB's women's volleyball program would be a good fit for me," said Smith after her campus visit. "In addition, the campus is beautiful, and their medical program is amazing." As a student, Smith plans to study healthcare management with the goal of becoming a physical therapist. "There are hospitals all over campus and I think this is the perfect setting for me to excel as I work to pursue my career objectives and play volleyball at the collegiate level," she noted.

"Kelsey has been a true joy to watch on the volleyball court the past four years," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "She is a tremendous athlete, and her athleticism has paid dividends in the Track & Field program as well. She will leave a void in both programs when she graduates, and her shoes will be hard to fill. But, we are very excited that Kelsey gets to play volleyball at the next level, and we wish her well at UAB."

"I have been passionate about volleyball for seven years," Smith noted. "I have focused and worked countless hours to become the best player I can for all the teams that I have been a member. Smith, a member of the National Honor Society, credits her parents for pushing her to be her best inside and outside of the classroom. They kept her motivated to excel in academics and athletics helping to pave the way to this incredible post-secondary opportunity.



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights senior Kelsey Smith has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for the University of Alabama Blazers in Birmingham. Wearing jersey No. 13 proved to be a lucky number for this hard-working and talented athlete.

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New York	7	5	.583	1.0	Portland	5	7	.417	3.0
Toronto	7	6	.538	1.5	Oklahoma City	4	6	.400	3.0
Boston	5	6	.455	2.5	Minnesota	3	7	.300	4.0
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Chicago	8	3	.727	-	Golden State	10	1	.909	-
Cleveland	7	5	.583	1.5	Phoenix	7	3	.700	2.5
Milwaukee	6	6	.500	2.5	L.A. Clippers	7	4	.636	3.0
Indiana	5	8	.385	4.0	L.A. Lakers	7	5	.583	3.5
Detroit	2	8	.200	5.5	Sacramento	5	7	.417	5.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB	Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	8	3	.727	-	Dallas	7	4	.636	-
Miami	7	5	.583	1.5	Memphis	6	5	.545	1.0
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# Pacers finish road trip with win at Utah

By BRENDAN ROURKE  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Facing a hostile environment in Utah just 24 hours after playing in Denver, the Pacers (5-8) knocked off the Utah Jazz (8-4), 111-100 to cap off their Western Conference road trip in a positive fashion.

It was an all-around impressive performance for the squad. Indiana led after every quarter and out-rebounded the Jazz, 53-37. They scratched and clawed through a fourth quarter that featured four ejections, including heavyweights Rudy Gobert and Myles Turner, after Turner blocked his layup attempt. After all was said and done, Utah (8-4) was left with its first home loss of the season at the hands of the Blue & Gold.

"(This win) showed us the character we have in this locker room," T.J. McConnell said. "(It showed) the fight we have in this locker room and how well-coached we are. I think the list goes on."

In his second game back from a nasty non-COVID illness, Malcolm Brogdon dropped 30 points and hauled in nine boards to lead the squad. McConnell polished off his incredible road trip with 21 points on 10-of-14 shooting, eight rebounds, and five assists. To add, former Butler star Kelan Martin recorded a season-high 14 off the bench, including nine clutch points in the fourth.

"It gives me a lot of confidence in my game," Martin said of his increased minutes. "Coach (Carlisle) is just trusting me out there, especially late-game with the ball in my hands."

For the seventh time this season, the Pacers hit the 30-point mark in the first

quarter. After each side started with two treys apiece, Indiana used transition buckets and a balanced effort to connect on six of its first 11 shots. However, the difference early on was the long-range efforts of Donovan Mitchell. Coming into tonight, the guard was averaging just 32 percent shooting from beyond the arc. He started this game 3-of-3 from deep, including a 31-foot pull-up triple at the 7:05 mark to give Utah an 18-14 lead.

The teams traded shots over the next few minutes before Indiana responded from long range. Trailing 22-18, McConnell and Martin drilled consecutive threes to grab a two-point Pacers lead with 3:15 to play in the frame.

The reserves' buckets started a run of 10 unanswered Pacers points. The lead climbed to 28-22 before Joe Ingles knocked in a three with 1:45 to go. Nonetheless, the Blue & Gold managed to hold on to a 32-30 advantage as time expired.

Indiana held on to a slim lead over the first four minutes of the second quarter behind a pair of buckets from Chris Duarte. It was a good sign for the rookie, who struggled against the Denver Nuggets in his last outing.

However, with the Pacers ahead 38-35, the hosts mounted a 7-0 run to snag a 42-38 lead with 6:48 to play. Former Pacer Bojan Bogdanovic showed off his driving skills, flying by his defender for an easy layup.

But Indiana kept on charging. The Blue & Gold responded with an 11-2 run, featuring six from Brogdon, over a 2:28 span to take a 49-44 edge with 4:20 remaining.

From there, the Blue & Gold continued to play solid basketball to close the half. Leading 54-51, Indiana tallied the final six points of the frame to take a nine-point edge into halftime. Duarte had a massive block in transition, while McConnell provided the offense in the final 34.8 seconds. After making a jumper, he collected an offensive rebound with 1.4 seconds remaining and notched another layup just before time expired.

The Pacers stretched their lead to double digits early in the third with the help of Myles Turner on two separate occasions. With 10:04 to play, Turner rose and swatted away Gobert's layup attempt. Frustrated afterward, Gobert was assessed a technical foul. Brogdon hit the free throw to give Indiana the 10-point edge. At the 7:35 mark, Turner extended Indiana's lead to 69-57 after drilling a triple from the right wing.

With Turner resting and Indiana leading 72-62, the Jazz mounted a 7-0 run to cut the Pacers' advantage to five with 3:55 to play. Despite a timeout, Utah continued the surge, finding Gobert for a cutting flush to trim the gap to three with 2:46 to play.

However, after checking back in, Turner nailed a trey from the right side again to extend Indiana's lead back to 77-71 with 2:25 remaining. 58 seconds later, he did it again to push the lead to 83-74.

From there, the Blue & Gold closed out the quarter strong. With 25.5 seconds to play, Brogdon added another bucket, a tough 18-foot jumper off a dish from McConnell. They led 85-77 entering the final frame. Turner tallied nine points in

the frame. Brogdon added 13.

Then, the Pacers got big minutes from Martin early in the fourth. He began with five quick points, including a tough baseline triple while falling, to help Indiana maintain a 92-83 lead with 9:39 to play. When two quick dunks by Eric Paschall threatened the lead, he added two more jumpers to extend Indiana's lead back to 96-87 with 7:30 remaining.

With Indiana leading 102-92 at the 4:07 mark, Gobert went up for a layup attempt, but was blocked by Turner and fell to the ground. Frustrated, Gobert tugged at Turner's shorts to bring him down as well. A scrum ensued and NBA officials went to check the replay. After a lengthy review, Turner and Gobert were ejected, along with Mitchell and Joe Ingles for trying to escalate the situation further. Brogdon hit 1-of-2 technical free throws and play resumed.

Muscling through a heightened hostile crowd, the Pacers continued to fight on. Leading 106-96, Duarte hit a clutch 3-pointer from the top of the key to stretch Indiana's lead to 13 with 2:25 left. 0:17 later, Martin added two free throws, extending the Pacers' lead to 111-96.

"(That was) the biggest shot of the game to me," Carlisle said of Duarte's three. "That was a huge play."

From there, the group on the floor closed out the game without any major interference. It was a spirited win for the Blue & Gold, who fought through a back-to-back at high altitude to split the set of games.

Indiana finally returns home to host the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday night.

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