

# Richie Hall inducted into Hall of Fame

## Reporter Sports Editor earns his spot in Hamilton County history

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Reporter Sports Editor Richie Hall was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Wednesday evening during the Noblesville boys basketball home opener against Lawrence North High School.

Hall began his sports reporting career in Boone County, working for the Zionsville and Lebanon newspapers. From 2007 until 2013, he worked at *The Noblesville Daily Times* as a sports reporter and assistant sports editor. In 2013, Hall joined the Reporter and daily covers nine high schools county-wide.

"Richie has a tireless work ethic and daily produces unprecedented amount of local high school sports coverage," said Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison. "In addition, Richie is excellent at balancing equal coverage for all county athletic programs, no matter their size or success. His work is not only recognized by his peers, but also appreciated by many Hamilton County high school sports fans."



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(From left) Reporter Publisher Jeff Jellison, Reporter Sports Editor and Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee Richie Hall, Noblesville Schools Athletic Director Leah Wooldridge, Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Director Dave Nicholson, and Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Member Ron Fleming.



Cocktails and Caregivers Founder Amanda Clark (holding sign) surrounded by friends and supporters, including Synergize founder Arron Stanton and Impact Sponsor Greg Looney.

# Synergize blesses Cocktails and Caregivers at latest 4:30 Meetup

By DENISE MOE  
For the Reporter

Synergize, the Carmel-based professional group building relationships to create an impact, honored family caregivers at its latest 4:30 Meetup. During a lively evening at Hotel Carmichael, the group raised a

total of \$3,400 for their non-profit beneficiary of the month, Cocktails and Caregivers. Formerly called Cocktails and Chemo, Cocktails and Caregivers began as a blog run by newlyweds Joe and Amanda Clark. Two months before the couple's wedding, Joe was diagnosed with colon cancer.

They were able to blog from two unique perspectives: Joe as the patient, Amanda as his caregiver. Amanda Clark herself spoke at the event to explain the heart behind her work. "I learned that that word 'caregiver' was a badge of honor," Clark said. "And the more that we owned our story, the more we started

to see a ripple effect. We started connecting with families like ours and young cancer patients across the country." Since Joe's passing in 2014, Amanda led Cocktails and Caregivers as it continued to evolve. Today, the organization

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# Noblesville musician releases new single

## River James to perform at Grindstone Public House Saturday

The REPORTER

River James admits he has had one too many shots of whiskey, too many times, in too many bars, surrounded by women, while wishing for the one who got away.

That's the inspiration behind "Ballad of a Drinkin' Man," the first single to be released from the Noblesville-based singer's upcoming album, due out in 2022.

"I won't remember their names, to me they're all the same," he sings. "I just keep lookin' around, but I always see her face..."

"I used to be pretty wild," he said. "Now I can look back and reflect on my old experi-

ences. I'm not that way anymore, but I think a lot of people can relate to it."

[Click here to listen to "Ballad of a Drinkin' Man."](#)

James will celebrate the release of his song with a performance this Saturday at Grindstone Public House in

River James will perform at Grindstone Public House, 101 N. 10th St., Noblesville, from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 27. No cover. For more information, visit [grindstonepublichouse.com](http://grindstonepublichouse.com) or call (317) 774-5740.



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# Go with the flow

We hear it all the time. "Live in the moment." "Focus on the present." We're told over and over again that this is the best way to live. If you're like me, however, your reaction to this advice may be "Yeah ... easier said than done." Does anyone else have a mind that constantly loves to revisit the past and worry about the future?



Yep, I can practically see almost all of my readers' hands raised in the air. As I'm writing this, I paused to look at a work email. I've told myself over and over to only check emails first thing in the morning, right before lunch, right after lunch, and at the end of the day. Haha. I think I've been working on this for two years now.

It's tough in our modern society to truly live in the moment when we're pulled in all directions by so many forces. But, folks, it's essential that we make this one of our top goals in life.

I recently found a book called *Live Long, Die Short* by Roger Landry, MD, MPH (thank you, Little Free Library!) I practically pounced on it. I'm always interested in improving my health – not just for myself but also for others. I want to be the best I can be to take care of the people I love. I started reading the book right away.

My jaw dropped when I saw that one of Dr. Landry's top suggestions for living a longer, vibrant life well into old age was being able to truly live in the moment. I had never thought about this before, but now it makes sense to me.

To sum it up as briefly as possible, when we live in the moment, we're not stressed. We're just focused on the now and our minds and bodies are at ease. Essentially, we're "going with the flow."

I've heard about and tried to practice the "flow state" for years now. When we're in the flow, we're fully immersed and involved in whatever task we're doing. A lot of times this brings us more enjoyment.

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# Happy Thanksgiving from The Reporter!

In order for the staff at The Reporter to enjoy the holiday with their families, we will not publish a Friday edition this week. The Reporter will resume its normal publishing schedule on Saturday.

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serves caregivers everywhere through care cards, social support groups, and grants. The foundation’s work is “rooted in Joe’s message to ‘Live Loud, Love Deep, Cry Hard, and Take More Pictures.’”

“To go through something that should have broken you and then turn that pain into a purpose that serves others is something truly amazing,” said Synergize Founder Arron Stanton, who spoke at the event. “At Synergize, we believe our stories have a bigger impact on other people than anything else, and Amanda’s story is living proof that it’s true.”

Synergize chose Cocktails and Caregivers as their beneficiary to honor November’s designation as National Family Caregivers Month. The group benefits a different nonprofit each month through the 4:30 Meetup. So far in 2021, they’ve raised \$88,719 for over a dozen charities through memberships and donations.

The group’s final 4:30 Meetup of 2021 will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at Hotel Carmichael. Funds raised at the event will provide Christmas gifts to kids through the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office Community Foundation’s Shop with a Cop program. First-time guest tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on Eventbrite at [this link](#).

**About Synergize**  
The mission of Synergize is to create a group giving selfless individuals the opportunity to meet in complete harmony, led by the desire to build transformational relationships that change the world. The only rule? *No jerks!* Visit [synergizeindy.com](http://synergizeindy.com) to learn more.

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## GO WITH THE FLOW

I’m often in this state when I’m reading a book, writing a grant proposal or novel, walking and enjoying nature, spending time with family and friends, or listening to music while hoop dancing. But I know I need to work on this even more – especially at night.

As we approach the end of the year, many of us will be focused on making New Year’s resolutions, which often fail. Dr. Landry suggests implementing baby steps instead.

I’m on vacation this week and I’ve told my team and clients that I will not be checking emails or chats. My goal is to give my brain a rest, and to live more in the present moment. I’ll reflect about how I did this coming Sunday and write down some baby steps to keep taking in 2022.

If you’re considering improving your health next year, I highly recommend reading this book and striving to “go with the flow” more often. This one small thing will help us be better members of the sandwich generation!

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## BALLAD

Noblesville. Joining him will be harmonica player Pat Long.

Born James Will Watson in rural Northeast Texas, the country singer/songwriter came to be called “River,” thanks to a woman he met in a bar.

“I was slurring my words,” he said. “When I introduced myself, this girl thought I said ‘River,’ and my buddies thought it cool, so it just kind of stuck.”

As a boy, James lived on a small ranch. At age 5, the music bug bit when he heard his grandpa playing an Elvis Presley record.

“I was hooked,” he said. “At Christmas, I would get up and sing a couple of his songs. I slicked my hair back and my mom made me a jumpsuit. Once, on Halloween, I went trick-or-treating, dressed as Elvis, riding my horse parading down the road.”

Other musical influences included Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis and other old-time rock and rollers, as well as country legends like Waylon Jennings and Patsy Cline. It wasn’t until age 18, however, that River learned to play the guitar from his “Uncle” Dave Horn.

“He was my aunt’s boyfriend, but I called him uncle and he called me Little William,” James said. “He was in a little, local band. One day he invited us to his house for a barbecue. He had all these guitars around his place. He heard me singing and he asked if I played guitar. I said no, and he said, ‘Come over here tomorrow and I’ll start teaching you.’ I went over there every day for six months and played five or six hours, till about 2:00 in the morning.”

At 22, James moved to Springfield, Mo., with a girlfriend. Unfortunately, the relationship ended, but that’s when his musical career began, with his first public performances in a local bar.

“The first bar I ever played at was a little hole in the wall,” he said. “It was an open-mic night. There were only five people there. I was so terrified that I chugged two pitchers of beer and ended up passing out in the bathroom. The owner woke me up when he knocked on the stall door and said, ‘You know you can’t sleep here.’ I kept going back there every Sunday till I got the hang of it.”

James eventually made his way to Noblesville, where a “friend of a friend” offered him a job. Through the years, he has made ends meet at various times as a ranch hand, painting houses and loading trees into trucks, all the while writing songs and performing at night.

“Ballad of a Drunken Man” is available on [Spotify and other digital platforms](#).

Information about River James is available on [Facebook](#).

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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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# From the desk of the Heights Supt. Derek Arrowood

Update #72 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

With Thanksgiving upon us, this is the perfect time to pause and reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives. For one, I am extremely grateful to be a part of the Hamilton Heights family. Every day I get to see how the attributes and qualities of caring adults throughout our campus create a unique blend of talent, competence, and innovation that is a blessing in the lives of our students. Thank you to our educators, staff, parents, and volunteers for being key ingredients to ensuring that Hamilton Heights continues to be an empowering and inspiring place for our students to learn and grow.

I am also deeply thankful to live and work in a community that is extremely supportive of our school corporation and the many collaborative partnerships that enhance the educational experience for our students and life overall in Northern Hamilton County. The investment in our public schools is an investment in our future workforce, our community, and in the long-term sustainability of the local, regional, and national economies.

Speaking of investment, Kevin Yancy, President of the TIL1 (Teach 1 to Lead 1) Central Indiana Chapter, will be joining us at our



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

next Superintendent Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 1. You have heard me mention Kevin and the TIL1 program before. I can't share enough praise for Kevin, this powerful program, and the community volunteers who come into our classrooms each week for one-on-one engagement with our students. This highly personalized program has been transformative for the students involved. [Click here](#) to learn more about this mentoring program and its impact.

You asked for it and you got it! Hamilton Heights has created a central location where individuals who are interested in donating to the school corporation can find all the opportunities to donate to a specialty program in one dedicated location on our website. You can check it out [here](#).

On the topic of donations, the Husky Readers Club is participating in the 12th annual Bedtime Story Pajama Drive hosted by Scholastic Book and the Pajama Program. What's really cool about this worthwhile literacy effort is the visual promo that the club created to generate awareness and interest in the drive. Watch it on YouTube [here](#).

If you are looking to get in the Christmas spirit look no further than Northern Hamilton County. Our local communities are hosting a full range of festivities for

the entire family on Dec. 4 and 5. The Town of Arcadia is hosting its sixth annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. along with its third annual Christmas Marketplace from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be music, fire pits, chili, and plenty of holiday cheer.

The Cicero Kiwanis Club and Our Town Cicero Mainstreet Association have teamed up for this year's Cicero Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4 which includes a Christmas parade beginning at 2 p.m. followed by games, DJ, cookie-decorating, food, prizes, movie, tree-lighting celebration, and more. Santa will be on hand to hear children's wish lists and share season's greetings. Mike Jenkins, former HHSC educator and HOPE Family Care Center president and CEO, is this year's parade Grand Marshal. To participate in the parade, which begins and ends at the Hamilton North Public Library, [click here](#) for an entry form.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the Town of Atlanta will host its third annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Dolles Park beginning at 6 p.m. Enjoy a fire, food, caroling, holiday goodie bags, and community fellowship with Santa as the guest of honor.

In this season of gratitude, let's take the time to be thankful, remember, and embrace those who enrich our lives. We look forward to seeing our students and staff back on campus on Monday, Nov. 29.

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Meeting Notices	
The Hamilton County Council will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting is to discuss ERP. The meeting may be accessed virtually by calling (219) 225-8177 and entering conference ID 46562959#.	The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act. The meeting may be accessed virtually by calling (219) 225-8177 and entering Conference ID 414398133#.

## 2021 GIVING TUESDAY

Our 2021 Giving Tuesday Campaign is underway and will extend through December 3rd. Thanks to a generous supporter, George Kristo, all donations will be matched up to \$12,500 so your donation can double in size!

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# Christmas season gets underway Saturday in downtown Noblesville

**The REPORTER**

The City of Noblesville, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street and Nickel Plate Arts have numerous events for the upcoming holiday activities in the downtown district, including Federal Hill Commons, the courthouse square and Seminary Park.

“The City of Noblesville is a wonderful place to be during the holidays and these groups annually create festive ways to expand the holiday experience for our residents and guests,” said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen.

**‘Gifted’ market opening**

The holiday season kicks off from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27 as Nickel Plate Arts will open Gifted, an exhibit-turned-gift-market featuring locally made art and crafts that make great holiday gifts. The exhibit will remain until Dec. 31 and is available Wednesday through Saturday at the Judge Stone House, 107 S. Eighth St. For information, visit [nickelplatearts.org](http://nickelplatearts.org).

**Small Business Saturday**

Small Business Saturday starts at 10 a.m. on Nov. 27 with holiday activities planned in addition to supporting local businesses. Activities include discounts and sales, roaming carolers, entertainment in the alleyways, popup shops in the Main Street Community Room and free gift wrapping.

Downtown business owners have been encouraged to participate in the Window Decorating contest. Windows will be decorated and ready for the public on Small Business Saturday. Judging will take place online and at First Friday on Dec. 3. A donor has submitted \$2,500 for prize money, which will be split two ways: One winner will be selected by a group of judges who

will view the windows in person and another winner will be selected number of likes on social media.

**Lighting of the Square**

The Noblesville residents and visitors are invited to witness the Lighting of the Square at 6 p.m. on Saturday. This family-friendly outdoor celebration will usher in the official start to the holiday season and cap off Small Business Saturday. In partnership with Hamilton County and the help of the City of Noblesville, the Lighting of the Square will be commenced with the flip of a switch by Santa and a special Hamilton County family, selected through a social media contest. Tens of thousands of twinkling lights will illuminate trees and buildings, ushering in the magic of Christmas. The program includes brief remarks from county government representatives, choral singers from Noblesville First United Methodist Church, a traditional sing-along, and more. Hot chocolate will be available to keep everyone cozy and warm. For information about the tree lighting ceremony, call the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce at (317) 773-0086.

**Parking**

As residents and guests visit Downtown Noblesville, the city now has an additional 199 parking spaces available to the public at The Levinson parking garage. The Levinson, located at the corner of 8th Street and Maple Avenue, provides free parking for the first four hours and then \$2 each hour afterward. However, Mayor Jensen has announced free parking for the remainder of the year.

**Deck the Downtown**

The downtown fun continues with the Deck the Downtown First Friday event on

Dec. 3. Patrons are encouraged to shop the downtown merchants and get their holiday shopping done early. Events include window decorating judging, midnight shopping madness, Santa on the Square, the Ice Plaza at Federal Hill Commons and the opening of Lights Over Seminary presented by Noblesville Preservation Alliance and Duke Energy. For more information, visit [noblesvillemainstreet.org](http://noblesvillemainstreet.org).

**Lights Over Seminary**

Lights Over Seminary is a walkable, holiday lights display in Seminary Park that focuses on history. Vintage decorations used by the city in the past are being restored for display along with a collection of pieces from local artists that convey or relate to our history. Lights Over Seminary will run 5 to 11 p.m. nightly through December.

**Holiday Market**

The Noblesville Parks Department will host a Holiday Market from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4 at Federal Hill Commons. Admission is free. Vendors of original art, quality crafts, holiday decorations, vintage collectibles, homemade food favorites and gift items galore will all be at one location. For more information, call Noblesville Parks Department’s Jeremiah Schroeder at (317) 776-6350.

**Celebration of Trees**

The newest event this holiday season will be Deck the Hall: A Celebration of Trees. Decorated trees, art exhibits, and more will be on display at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Trees will be available to view Dec. 3-23 and have been donated by vendors, city hall employees and Sheridan School Corporation Mentorship groups.

**Holidays at the Hill**

Holidays at the Hill has returned for a second year. The attraction at Federal Hill Commons includes the ice skating rink, walking light tour and carriage rides. A special mailbox has been added at the Christmas Cottage and Santa will be checking the mailbox to read the letters dropped off by the children with their holiday wishes. For more information, visit [cityofnoblesville.org/holidays](http://cityofnoblesville.org/holidays).

The Ice Plaza is open 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday from Nov. 20 through Dec. 22. During the winter break, hours are extended to 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$13 for ages 13 and up (\$11 for ages 12 and younger) and includes skate rental. Skating aids are available to rent for \$3. For more information on the Ice Plaza, visit [noblesvilleparks.org](http://noblesvilleparks.org).

**Home for the Holidays Tour**

The “Home for the Holidays Tour” will be headlined by Santa Claus and joined by several city departments including the police, fire, street, engineering, utilities and parks vehicles. The tour takes Santa to homes over the course of the first two weekends in December. To read more about the Home for the Holidays Tour routes, visit [cityofnoblesville.org/SantaTour](http://cityofnoblesville.org/SantaTour).

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Throughout the month, the partnership of the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Noblesville Main Street and Nickel Plate Arts will use the hashtag #HolidaysInNoblesville to provide more details and photos from the various downtown events. Residents are encouraged to follow the hashtag and share images.

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## Shop Fishers: Holiday Series kicks off Saturday

### The REPORTER

Fishers' annual small business celebration returns with the Shop Fishers: Holiday Series, kicking off on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 27 and running through Dec. 31.

This year, Shop Fishers is more local than ever. Support Fishers' homegrown restaurants and shops with special deals and promotions at nearly 70 participating businesses. With deals ranging from 20 percent off your purchase, to buy one get one free, to discounted gift cards, you can save big while you shop small, all

season long.

### Giving Tuesday

New this year, make a difference during Shop Fishers with Giving Tuesday specials. Select Shop Fishers businesses have partnered with local non-profits that serve the Fishers community to give back on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

For the full list of deals, visit [ThisIsFishers.com/ShopFishers](http://ThisIsFishers.com/ShopFishers). Follow the City of Fishers on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) and at #ShopFishers for event details and special giveaway.

## Rep. Victoria Spartz introduces IMPACT Act

### The REPORTER

Last week, U.S. Representatives Victoria Spartz (Ind.-05), Madeleine Dean (Pa.-04), Mary Gay Scanlon (Pa.-05) and Brian Fitzpatrick (Pa.-01) introduced the Improving Access to Care and Treatment (IMPACT) Act. The legislation would simply increase the amount of time a physician may hold long-acting injectable (LAI) buprenorphine if ordered through a specialty pharmacy from 14 days to 60 days.

Under current law, a healthcare provider who orders LAI buprenorphine – a form of medication for opioid use disorder – from a specialty pharmacy may only hold the drug in their facility for 14 days. However, due to the logistical hurdles associated with specialty pharmacy delivery, the 14-day time limit is a barrier to healthcare providers utilizing LAI buprenorphine. This legislation makes a commonsense change to the law that was envisioned in the SUPPORT Act by allowing health care providers to hold the drug in their facility for up to 60 days. Thus, the bill helps to facilitate

continuity of care and treatment of people with Opioid Use Disorder.

This bill ensures health care providers have a larger window to use the medications they are prescribing, and in turn it reduces an unnecessary barrier to this innovative treatment method. Given the magnitude of the opioid epidemic, increasing access to all treatments is paramount.

"The opioid epidemic has reached historic levels and is a national crisis affecting social and economic welfare of our country and our people," said Rep. Spartz. "The IMPACT Act is important commonsense legislation which will bring much-needed treatments to more Americans and save lives."

"Our substance use epidemic continues to grow and get worse – we need innovative treatment methods to better combat substance use disorder," said Rep. Dean. "The IMPACT Act will reduce barriers to treatment, ensuring healthcare providers have the full access to proven medications, in turn helping patients get access to a potentially life-saving treatment."



Spartz

## Support local small businesses during Shop Carmel on Saturday

### The REPORTER

Join the City of Carmel's great small businesses on Saturday, Nov. 27 as the city kicks off the holiday shopping season with Shop Carmel on Small Business Saturday. All of the participating businesses will have Shop Carmel swag bags to give away (while supplies last), along with a raffle to sign up to win one of two \$200 gift baskets, which will include items from the businesses.

All Things Carmel, 110 W. Main St., Suite 104, will feature a Welcome Center from 9 a.m. to noon that will include free cookies, coffee and Shop Carmel swag, thanks to event sponsor Allied Solutions.

Shop Carmel is also running a social media promotion where you can take a selfie while shopping small. Post and tag the businesses where you're shopping and use #ShopCarmel to be entered to win

a gift basket which includes items from the Shop Carmel businesses.

Follow the Carmel Arts & Design District's [Facebook page](#) to learn how to win one of two gift baskets valued at more than \$200.

This Saturday will also be the first weekend of the season where the Holiday Trolley, sponsored by Allied Solutions, will be operating.

The free Carmel Holiday Trolley runs from 2 to 9 p.m. this Saturday. Stops in-

clude the Ice at Carter Green and Christkindlmarkt, the Indiana Design Center (near Holder Mattress), Main Street near Agave Bar & Grill, Bub's Burgers and Ice Cream, Midtown Plaza and Carmel City Center. The free trolley runs from 5 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays until Saturday, Dec. 18.

For more information about special holiday activities in Carmel, visit [HolidaysInCarmel.com](http://HolidaysInCarmel.com).

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# Latest COVID-19 data from state health department

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New COVID-19 data has been released by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), which says 4,070 more Hoosiers have tested positive for COVID-19; those tests were recorded between Nov. 20 and Nov. 23.

A total of 1,084,488 Hoosiers have tested positive for COVID-19 since March 2020.

The ISDH coronavirus dashboard reported 17 additional deaths from COVID-19 in Indiana from Nov. 20 to Nov. 23. A total of 16,805 Hoosiers have died from COVID-19. Another 581 “probable” deaths have occurred but a positive test is not on record.

The seven-day positivity rate for unique individuals stands at 21.5 percent. The seven-day positivity rate for all tests is 11 percent. A total of 15,276,538 tests have been administered to 4,495,695 Hoosiers.

There are currently 1,842 Hoosiers hospitalized with COVID-19.

ISDH says 7,630,162 vaccination doses have been administered to Hoosiers, and 3,422,242 Hoosiers are fully vaccinated.

According to the **Regenstrief Institute**, 996,730 Hoosiers are estimated to have recovered from the virus.

According to the **Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University**, there have been more than 259,062,000 confirmed cases worldwide, with more than 5,170,000 deaths.

## Gov. Holcomb extends public health emergency

By ADAM STATEN & GREGG MONTGOMERY  
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Indiana’s public health emergency will be extended for another 30 days.

Governor Eric Holcomb announced the move, the 21st extension, on Wednesday in a statement, saying:

“Last week I made clear what would be necessary to responsibly allow the state public health emergency to expire. However, following the announcement that the General Assembly will not return on Monday, Nov. 29, I plan to extend the state public health emergency and the executive order next week for another 30 days to preserve the necessary provisions. I will continue to work closely with Speaker Huston and Senator Bray as we move into next legislative session.”

This comes after Holcomb held back support from a **Republican proposal that would force businesses** to grant COVID-19 vaccination requirement exemptions without questions.

The GOP proposal, which was announced Saturday, would have also blocked similar immunization rules by state universities and would have rejected an appeal by the state’s largest business organization to leave such decisions up to employers. Leaders of the legislature on have decided not to call themselves into session Monday to consider the Republican proposal; instead, lawmakers will consider the proposal when reconvening Jan. 4.

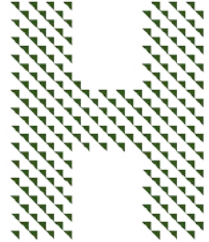
Indiana’s public health emergency has been in place since March 2020.

Prior to Holcomb’s announcement of the extension Wednesday, the health emergency was scheduled to expire on Dec. 1.



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More information, including interactive graphs, can be found [here](http://here).



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# Songbook Foundation names Garcia as development officer

## The REPORTER

The Great American Songbook Foundation in Carmel has hired a new development professional to build local and national philanthropic support for its historical preservation and music education initiatives.

Jo Garcia begins work on Monday, Nov. 29 as the Foundation's Individual Giving Officer, charged with forging new relationships locally and nationwide to build and expand the organization's individual donor base.

A Bradley University graduate, Garcia served most recently as community outreach manager for

the Indianapolis Indians, leading fundraising efforts for the new Indianapolis Indians Charities and also chairing the organization's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. She previously worked several years overseeing multi-million-dollar fundraising campaigns for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Indianapolis. She was named 2021 Community Ambassador of the Year at the United Way of Central Indiana's ELEVATE Awards, and



Garcia

she serves on the board of the Carmel-based Children's Ther-Aplay Foundation. "Jo's experience and initiative made her a standout candidate for this vital role," said Christopher Lewis, Executive Director of the Great American Songbook Foundation. "Philanthropic support is increasingly important as the Foundation continues to build its national reputation and pursue its ambitious plans for the future." The Songbook Founda-

tion is headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel but is laying the groundwork to establish a freestanding Songbook Hall of Fame & Museum to house its Songbook Library & Archives, which has grown to more than 4,000 linear feet of materials representing the creators and performers of America's timeless popular music. The vast collection includes recordings, sheet music, images, memorabilia and other items linked to such figures as songwriters Meredith Willson (*The Music Man*), Gus Kahn ("It Had to Be You") and Hy Zaret ("Unchained Melody").

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*  
Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)

## Be mindful of construction during Thanksgiving holiday

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is reminding drivers of some construction projects during the Thanksgiving weekend travel.

Around 50 million Americans are expected to hit the road this weekend for Thanksgiving travel, according to AAA.

INDOT is asking drivers to plan ahead and pay attention on the roads. Below is a list of current construction projects that will have impacts to holiday travel:

- North Split Project (Marion County): Interstate 65 through Downtown Indianapolis is closed to traffic. For thru traffic, use the posted detour on I-465.
- Market Street will reopen briefly for the Thanksgiving weekend.

- St. Clair Street is closed through Dec. 3.

- Ohio Street is closed through Dec. 3.

• I-69 Finish Line (Morgan, Johnson, Marion Counties): State Road 37 is still closed in Martinsville from State Road 39 to Morgan Street.

• I-65 and 109th Street (Lake County): Exit closed. Motorists can exit at U.S. 231 and U.S. 30 as a detour.

• State Road 28 (Clinton County): Eastbound lanes of SR 28 are closed in Frankfort between McKinley and Jackson streets. Westbound lanes will remain open. The official detour follows I-65 to S.R. 47 to S.R. 39 and back.

As a reminder, INDOT offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Free state parks admission on Black Friday

### The REPORTER

Looking for a great place to socially distance and avoid crowds on Black Friday? Give yourself some space and #OptOutside at a DNR property this year.

"Opt Outside" on Nov. 26 and get free admission to any DNR property that charges a gate fee on that day.

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[Click here](#) to learn more.

### Deer hunting continues into January

Multiple deer hunting seasons are ongoing or will be starting soon. Firearms season ends on Nov. 28, and archery season lasts until Jan. 2, 2022. Muzzleloader season for deer hunting is open Dec. 4-19 and

deer reduction zone season runs through Jan. 31, 2022. Remember to stay aware of your surroundings and wear hunter orange if you plan to enter areas where hunters may be present.

Questions about deer seasons and regulations can be directed to the Deer Hotline by email at [INDeerHotline@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:INDeerHotline@dnr.IN.gov) or by phone at (812) 334-3795, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

### Coyote activity increases in wintertime

Coyotes are on the move, but sightings are no cause for alarm. Indiana residents are more likely to see them during wintertime. Coyotes become more active during winter as the young leave their families to find a new home and begin breeding. Coyotes may look larger than they are due to their thick winter coats. The average coyote weighs only 20-30 pounds.

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Boys basketball

Millers fall to LN, but give Wildcats a battle

By RICHIE HALL  
NOBLESVILLE - The 2021-22 edition of the Noblesville boys basketball team proved something right away Wednesday night: The Millers can play with anyone.

Noblesville didn't get an easy assignment for its opener, as it hosted Lawrence North, last season's Class 4A state runner-up. Despite getting down in the second period, the Millers came back and took the lead in the second half before the Wildcats made a late run and beat Noblesville 56-50.

Lawrence North was missing one of its star players, Indiana University commit CJ Gunn, but the Wildcats still had a formidable amount of talent, including some on the young side as well. Lawrence North jumped out to a 6-0 lead, with a freshman, Azavier Robinson scoring four of those points.

Millers junior Preston Roberts got his team on the board with a layin, and after that, Noblesville worked its way back to within 15-12 by the end of the first quarter. Senior E.J. Smith and junior Cooper Bean both scored five points, with Bean hitting a 3-pointer and Smith making good on a traditional three-point play. Smith then opened the second quarter with a triple to tie the game at 15-15.

But the Wildcats dominated the remainder of the period, going on a 14-3 run to lead 29-18. Smith was the only Noblesville player to interrupt the run with another 3, and he did finish the half with a third 3-pointer, which kept the Millers within 29-21 at the break.

Scott McClelland, who made his debut as the Noblesville varsity head coach with this game, made the observation that

the Millers were "consistently inconsistent."

"The good thing is, it's November," said McClelland. "But we got to start chipping that away and getting that cleaned up so we're not constantly doing the dips and the roller coaster. You saw that there were some good things."

The Millers did quite a few good things in the third quarter. Smith opened the second half with his fourth 3 of the game, then drained a pair of free throws. It was a personal 8-0 run, and it got Noblesville within 29-26.

The Wildcats pushed their lead back up to 33-26 with back-to-back rebound baskets, but Noblesville answered with an 8-0 run. Bean made a layin, then scored off a Smith steal while being fouled, making the subsequent free throw.

A foul shot by sophomore Aaron Fine brought the Millers within 33-32. Then Smith made a steal that resulted in Fine getting fouled, and he hit both free throws. Noblesville had its first lead of the game at 34-33.

Two 3s from McCoyion Brown put LN up 39-36, but Bean threw in a triple to tie up the game at 39-39; which would be the third-quarter score. Bean put the Millers ahead twice during the early stages of the fourth quarter, with a 3 and a layin, the latter basket putting Noblesville up 44-43.

McClelland said Bean "played really, really well tonight." The coach said Bean "played inspired" and gave the Millers "a spark off the bench."

"I thought he played his role outstanding," said McClelland. "He accepted his role and played it."



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Noblesville senior E.J. Smith scored 21 points for the Millers in their season-opening game with Lawrence North Wednesday at The Mill.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green  
Hamilton Heights' Braden Kinder scored 10 points for the Huskies in their season-opening game with Lebanon Wednesday.

Huskies drop

opener to Lebanon

Hamilton Heights dropped its season-opener Wednesday night, falling to Lebanon 65-49 in a home game.

The Tigers outscored the Huskies in each quarter, although Heights kept it close during the first half. Lebanon led 11-8 after the first period and 21-15 at halftime, but pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring the Huskies 19-11.

"We're going to be a work in progress," said Heights coach Chad Ballenger. "We just don't have a ton of experience coming back. We're going to have a learning curve for a while."

The Huskies graduated several seniors from last year's team, including 2,000-point scorer Gus Etchison. Luke Carroll, a senior this year, is the only player back with significant varsity experience.

"We're going to run through Luke Carroll," said Ballenger. "He did a pretty solid job tonight. We just got to stay out of foul trouble."

Carroll led the Huskies with 16 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots. Another senior, Braden Kinder, added 10 points. Sophomore Tillman Etchison scored nine points.

Ballenger said there will be opportunities for the Huskies, "and the kids who rise up" will be the ones who get in rotations.

"Our work ethic's been really good," said Ballenger. The coach said the team's goal "is to keep plugging away and have a shot in March."

Heights is off until Friday, Dec. 3, when it hosts New Castle. The Huskies' game with Mount Vernon, originally scheduled for Saturday, has been moved to Jan. 21 due to the Marauders' playing in the Class 4A state football championship.

LEBANON 65, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 49		FG	FT	TP	PF
Heights					
Luke Carroll	4-13	8-8	16	5	
Isaac Tuma	2-4	2-2	6	5	
Braden Kinder	3-9	4-6	10	4	
Collin Gilmore	0-4	4-4	4	1	
Tillman Etchison	2-6	5-7	9	1	
Maddox Bohland	0-1	1-3	1	0	
Cooper Vondersaar	0-1	0-0	0	2	
Evan Williamson	1-2	0-0	3	0	
Totals	12-40	24-30	49	18	
Score by Quarters					
Lebanon	11	10	19	25	65
Heights	8	7	11	23	49
Heights 3-point shooting (1-13) Williamson 1-2, Carroll 0-4, Kinder 0-3, Vondersaar 0-1, Tuma 0-1, Bohland 0-1, Etchison 0-1. Heights rebounds (17) Carroll 5, Bohland 3, Vondersaar 2, Bohland 2, Kinder 2, Gilmore 2, Williamson 1.					

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# Golden Eagles drop road game to Panthers

Guerin Catholic dropped its season opener on Wednesday, falling to Park Tudor 73-62 in an away game.

The Panthers led 17-13 after the first quarter and 34-23 at halftime. The Golden Eagles tried to rally in the third period with Will Grissom leading the way, as the senior exploded for 11 points in that quarter. Guerin Catholic cut slightly into Park Tudor's lead, getting within 50-41 by the end of the period. But the Panthers poured in 23 points in the fourth to seal the win.

Grissom finished the game with 33 points, by far the leading scorer. Ten different players scored for the Golden Eagles.

Guerin Catholic plays Saturday at Cardinal Ritter.

PARK TUDOR 73, GUERIN CATHOLIC 62				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Matthew Etchison	2	0-0	5	3
Robert Sorensen	1	2-2	5	2
Will Grissom	12	5-6	33	4
Lucas Parker	1	0-0	3	4
Aden Cannon	1	0-1	2	2
Jack Cherry	1	0-0	2	3
Patrick Baird	1	0-0	2	2
Ryan Zimmerman	1	0-0	2	2
Kamea Chandler	3	0-0	6	2
Josh Holba	0	2-2	2	1
Totals	23	9-11	62	25
Score by Quarters				
Guerin Catholic	13	10	18	21 - 62
Park Tudor	17	17	16	23 - 73
Guerin Catholic 3-pointers (5) Grissom 2, Etchison 1, Sorensen 1, Parker 1.				

# Royals fall to Brebeuf Jesuit in overtime

Hamilton Southeastern played some extra basketball for its season-opener Wednesday at Brebeuf Jesuit.

After a double-overtime junior varsity game, the Royals took the Braves to overtime in the varsity contest. Brebeuf took control in the extra period and eventually won 62-57.

The Braves led 12-10 after the first quarter and 30-24 at halftime. Southeastern came back to lead 39-38 after three periods, with Brebeuf tying it up at 48-48 at the end of regulation. The Braves then went on a 12-2 run to start the extra period and held off a Royals comeback.

"It was a tough loss," said first-year HSE coach John Ashworth. "We had a couple chances there at the end, and obviously you want to use it as a learning experience. Our kids battled and played really tough."

Senior Sam Jacobs, a three-year varsity player, led the Royals with 22 points. Junior Rephaim Stevenson reached double-double status with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Jacobs collected five rebounds. Sophomore Michael Griffith blocked three shots and Stevenson made two blocks. Both are among several relative newcomers to the varsity Royals, although Stevenson did play a couple of varsity games last year as a sophomore.

Deion Miles, a sophomore this season, played some varsity minutes last year as well.

"They're a good group," said Ashworth. "They're hard-working. They're really coachable. But obviously just inexperienced when it comes to varsity basketball. That will come with time."

Southeastern plays its first home game on Saturday, hosting Pike.

BREBEUF JESUIT 62, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 57 (overtime)				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Rephaim Stevenson	7-11	1-3	15	1
Caleb Smock	1-5	2-3	5	4
Deion Miles	1-4	0-0	2	2
Sam Jacobs	9-17	3-4	22	5
Michael Griffith	1-2	0-0	2	1
Tyler Lacy	1-7	0-0	3	1
Donovan Hamilton	2-7	0-0	5	1
Joshua Jones	0-1	0-0	0	2
Alex Troutman	0-0	1-2	1	2
Eli Robinson	1-2	0-0	2	0
Kasey Ash-Simpson	0-0	0-0	0	2
Totals	23-56	7-12	57	21
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	10	14	15	9 - 57
Brebeuf Jesuit	12	18	8	10 14 - 62
Southeastern 3-point shooting (4-13) Hamilton 1-4, Lacy 1-4, Smock 1-3, Jacobs 1-2, Southeastern rebounds (31) Stevenson 10, Jacobs 5, Griffith 3, Hamilton 2, Smock 2, Lacy 2, Miles 1, Robinson 1, team 5.				



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Cooper Bean scored 18 points for the Millers during their game with Lawrence North on Wednesday.

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Brown drained his third 3-pointer of the game to push the Wildcats back up 46-44, but Fine tied the game with a put-back. That would be all, however. Lawrence North then went on a 6-0 run, and held the lead from there.

McClelland said the Wildcats "out-toughed us," especially on the offensive rebounds late. "They just worked us early, and they really worked us in the fourth quarter on boards," he said.

Nevertheless, McClelland said there were things to be positive about as the Millers begin their season.

"We just got to clean up some stuff," said McClelland. "Right now our rebounding really hurt us, and then we missed some shots around the basket."

Smith finished the game with 21 points, while Bean scored 18 points.

Noblesville plays Saturday at Columbus East.

LAWRENCE NORTH 56, NOBLESVILLE 50				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
E.J. Smith	5	7-7	21	4
Luke Almodovar	0	0-1	0	3
Aaron Fine	1	3-4	5	2
Preston Roberts	3	0-0	6	0
Cameron Karns	0	0-0	0	0
Cooper Bean	6	3-4	18	3
Evan Wright	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15	13-16	50	13
Score by Quarters				
LNHS	15	14	10	17 - 56
Noblesville	12	9	18	11 - 50
Noblesville 3-pointers (7) Smith 4, Bean 3.				

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# 'Rocks get re-match with Center Grove

The 2021 Class 6A football state championship game will have the same two participants as the 2020 game: Westfield and Center Grove.

The Shamrocks and the Trojans will meet at Lucas Oil Stadium Saturday evening for the second year in a row to decide who is this year's 6A state champion, with kickoff at 7 p.m. There are quite a few similarities between this year's game and last year's game, such as the records and the participants. Westfield enters the state game at 12-1, while Center Grove is 13-0 and will be going for a second consecutive unbeaten season.

"We have to remain steadfast regardless of the results of any one play," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "Center Grove is a great team so they will win some battles. It's a big stage. We have to keep our poise and refocus every play. We also have to play aggressively. We can't just act like we're happy to be there. If we don't play like we expect to win, we won't."

The Trojans have rampaged through this season, with only one close game. In the regular season, Center Grove took care of Warren Central 38-14, Decatur Central 56-7, Carmel 41-14, Ben Davis 45-21, North Central 53-7, Lawrence Central 48-0, Pike 49-6, Lawrence North 43-19 and Cathedral 21-6. The Trojans also repeated as unbeaten Metropolitan Conference champions.

In the post-season, Center Grove easily won Sectional 8 over Franklin Central 35-7 and Columbus North 41-7. The Trojans then got a tough battle from Lawrence North 29-19 for the Regional 4 crown, their closest game of the season. Center Grove then beat Ben Davis 45-6 to win the south semi-state title.

Senior quarterback Tayven Jackson, who has committed to the University of Tennessee and threw for two touchdowns in Center Grove's 2020 state championship win, is having another solid season. Jackson has completed 112 of 173 pass attempts for 1,685 yards and 20 touchdowns. Senior Harrison Stomps is the Trojans' top receiver with 27 catches, including two touchdowns. Three Center Grove receivers, seniors Daniel Weems, Brandon Wheat and Shane Bennett, all



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**Westfield senior quarterback Maximus Webster will join the Shamrocks in their second consecutive Class 6A football state championship game on Saturday. The Ball State recruit has thrown for 2,123 yards and 16 touchdowns this season.**

have caught three touchdown passes. Junior Drew Wheat leads the Trojans' rushing with 987 yards and 13 scores, followed by Weems with 666 yards and junior Micah Coyle with 557 yards; both have nine touchdowns. Senior Caden Curry has 60 tackles, but 24 of them have been for a loss. Senior James Schott has 11 tackles for a loss.

The Shamrocks dropped their opening

game to Cathedral 14-0, and have won every game since then. Westfield beat Harrison 33-11, then completed an unbeaten Hoosier Crossroads Conference season with victories over Zionsville 42-21, Noblesville 42-15, Hamilton Southeastern 34-21, Brownsburg 24-21, Avon 45-24, Fishers 34-14 and Franklin Central 42-28. The 'Rocks defended their Sectional 4 title by beating Noblesville 49-6 in the

semi-finals, then scored a comeback win over Southeastern 24-22 in the championship game. Westfield won the Regional 2 title at Fort Wayne Carroll 37-14, then hosted Merrillville to win the north semi-state 48-19.

Gilbert said that after last year's game, the Shamrocks "learned that we have to win the field position battle. We gave Center Grove the short field repeatedly last year and they took advantage. We have to play them even without giving them any charity."

Those lessons are important because Westfield will have many of the same personnel playing in this year's 6A game as it did last year's contest. That includes senior quarterback Maximus Webster, the Ball State recruit who passed for and ran for one touchdown each in last year's 6A championship game.

This season, Webster has gone 132-of-186 through the air, totaling 2,123 yards and 16 touchdowns. Freshman Gabe Aramboles is the top receiver with 38 catches, including four TDs. Seniors Ian Bruch (24 overall catches) and Jackson Wasserstrom (23 overall) also have four touchdown receptions.

Another senior, Micah Hauser, leads the rushing with 1,215 yards and 23 touchdowns, while senior Trevon Hatchett has 528 yards and 10 touchdowns. Webster has scored seven rushing TDs. On defense, junior Tyler Dikos leads the tackles with 128 stops, while the two-way Hauser has 116 tackles. Senior Popeye Williams has 18 tackles for a loss, with Dikos making 10 tackles for a loss.

This will be the fourth time in the past nine years that Westfield will play in a state championship game. The Shamrocks played in two Class 5A games, falling to Cathedral in 2013 and beating Columbus East in 2016, in addition to the two 6A games.

"To God be the glory," said Gilbert. "So many people have been a part of this. Administration. Coaches. Parents. Players. What an honor to build something special and lasting! I am really proud of our program on and off the field and am extremely grateful for all who have built it."

# Royals swimming sweeps Millers

In the season-opener for both schools, the Hamilton Southeastern swim teams swept Noblesville in a Tuesday dual meet.

The Royals girls team won 140-46, taking all 12 events. Ava Olson was first in the 200 freestyle and butterfly, while Anna Stolle paced the individual medley and 500 free. Other individual winners were Ash Saple in the 50 free, Hannah Justice in diving, Audrey Crawford in the 100 free, Grace Newton in the backstroke and Kennedy Fisher in the breaststroke. Southeastern also swept all three relays. The Millers' Sophie Resner was second in the 200 free and backstroke, as were Maya McDonald in the 100 free and breaststroke and Emily Knott in the butterfly.

Southeastern's boys team won 115-71, claiming seven events. Jack Warren got wins in the 200 and 500 freestyles. Other individual Royals winners were Chouchi Ding in the 50 free, Jihoon Jung in the butterfly and Ryan Harrison in the backstroke. HSE also won the medley and 400 free relays.

Noblesville's Aidan Biddle was first in the IM and breaststroke. Parker Mutter won diving, Wyatt Wade paced the 100 free and the Millers were first in the 200 free relay.

### GIRLS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Southeastern 140, Noblesville 46. 200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Grace Newton, Kennedy Fisher, Audrey Crawford, Ash Saple) 1:47.26, 2. Southeastern "B" (Makana Goss, Anna Stolle, Meghan Voelker, Kiley Zoeller) 1:52.49, 3. Noblesville "A" (Caroline Santerre, Maya McDonald,

Emily Knott, Sophie Resner) 1:52.58. 200 freestyle: 1. Ava Olson (HSE) 2:00.20, 2. Sophie Resner (N) 2:02.42, 3. Lauren Bergman (HSE) 2:02.49, 4. Izzy Warren (HSE) 2:03.36, 5. C. Santerre (N) 2:07.95. 200 individual medley: 1. Stolle (HSE) 2:13.44, 2. Katelyn Kertin (HSE) 2:16.53, 3. Eloise Harrison (HSE) 2:18.46, 4. Julia Kiley (HSE) 2:22.70, 5. Reagan Hart (N) 2:23.88. 50 freestyle: 1. Saple (HSE) 24.85, 2. Amelia Vicory (HSE) 25.25, 3. Zoeller (HSE) 25.59, 4. Amelia Field (N) 26.43, 5. Exley Tricker (N) 26.80. One-meter diving: 1. Hannah Justice (HSE) 225.75, 2. Ella Penny (HSE) 195.40, 3. Aidan Gates (N) 119.75, 4. Daniela Rios-Rojas (HSE) 111.55, 5. Ella Miller (N) 97.80. 100 butterfly: 1. Olson (HSE) 1:01.26, 2. Knott (N) 1:03.32, 3. Voelker (HSE) 1:03.52, 4. Katie Sutton (N) 1:06.74, 5. Vicory (HSE) 1:06.75. 100 freestyle: 1. Crawford (HSE) 53.61, 2. McDonald (N) 55.90, 3. Kaleigh Stivers (HSE) 56.00, 4. Harrison (HSE) 57.69, 5. Goss (HSE) 58.07. 500 freestyle: 1. Stolle (HSE) 5:29.18, 2. Bergman (HSE) 5:33.27, 3. Warren (HSE) 5:34.81, 4. Katelyn Kertin (HSE) 5:45.05, 5. Olivia Motz (N) 5:48.24. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Saple, Crawford, Fisher, Zoeller) 1:38.62, 2. Southeastern "B" (Olson, Bergman, Stivers, Harrison) 1:41.15, 3. Noblesville "A" (McDonald, Katie Kramer, Katie Sutton, Julia Santerre) 1:48.32. 100 backstroke: 1. Newton (HSE)

1:00.91, 2. Resner (N) 1:00.93, 3. Goss (HSE) 1:01.99, 4. C. Santerre (N) 1:04.84, 5. Kelsey Graham (HSE) 1:06.60. 100 breaststroke: 1. Fisher (HSE) 1:05.01, 2. McDonald (N) 1:08.05, 3. Zoeller (HSE) 1:10.70, 4. Kiley (HSE) 1:12.29, 5. Fiona Halvorsen (N) 1:12.46. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Saple, Olson, Bergman, Vicory) 3:41.90, 2. Southeastern "B" (Kertin, Stolle, Voelker, Goss) 3:45.71, 3. Noblesville "A" (Resner, Field, Hart, C. Santerre) 3:53.54.

### BOYS MEET

Team score: Hamilton Southeastern 115, Noblesville 71. 200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Ryan Harrison, Matt Truxall, Jihoon Jung, Chouchi Ding) 1:40.05, 2. Noblesville "A" (Caleb Mathis, Aidan Biddle, Cavan Cameron, Wyatt Wade) 1:41.76, 3. Southeastern "B" (Drew Hershman, Eli Pache, Jason Hua, Charlie Rogers) 1:43.41. 200 freestyle: 1. Jack Warren (HSE) 1:52.05, 2. Noah Haines (HSE) 1:53.71, 3. Clayton Juffer (HSE) 1:57.10, 4. Jonah Setmeyer (N) 1:58.47, 5. Zak Armstrong (N) 1:58.85. 200 individual medley: 1. Biddle (N) 2:02.20, 2. Truxall (HSE) 2:05.80, 3. Hershman (HSE) 2:07.23, 4. Mason Snyder (N) 2:09.68, 5. Hua (HSE) 2:12.45. 50 freestyle: 1. Ding (HSE) 23.01, 2. Cameron (N) 23.16, 3. Pache (HSE) 23.82, 4. Derek Robison (HSE) 23.88, 5. Mathis (N) 24.02.

One-meter diving: 1. Parker Mutter (N) 175.85, 2. Aiden Kless (N) 153.80, 3. Kaegan Johnson (HSE) 150.20, 4. Troy Borrero (HSE) 147.65, 5. Colton Suhan (N) 104.80. 100 butterfly: 1. Jung (HSE) 54.69, 2. Harrison (HSE) 55.91, 3. Robison (HS) 57.30, 4. Graham Kulp (N) 58.23, 5. Cameron (N) 58.48. 100 freestyle: 1. Wade (N) 50.46, 2. Ding (HSE) 51.12, 3. Haines (HSE) 51.29, 4. Snyder (N) 51.45, 5. Ian Ross (HSE) 55.01. 500 freestyle: 1. Warren (HSE) 5:07.30, 2. Sean Halvorsen (N) 5:16.61, 3. Juffer (HSE) 5:22.64, 4. Mark Berger (N) 5:25.59, 5. Daniel Harter (HSE) 5:32.33. 200 freestyle relay: 1. Noblesville "A" (Biddle, Wade, Snyder, Cameron) 1:31.61, 2. Southeastern "A" (Jung, Pache, Robison, Haines) 1:32.23, 3. Southeastern "B" (Ross, Warren, Juffer, Truxall) 1:36.90. 100 backstroke: 1. Harrison (HSE) 56.87, 2. Wade (N) 58.23, 3. Jacob Frey (HSE) 58.78, 4. Jeremiah Ledwith (N) 59.12, 5. Hershman (HSE) 59.94. 100 breaststroke: 1. Biddle (N) 1:00.15, 2. Truxall (HSE) 1:00.63, 3. Pache (HSE) 1:02.75, 4. Collin Huston (HSE) 1:05.52, 5. Mathis (N) 1:06.78. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Haines, Ding, Harrison, Jung) 3:26.62, 2. Southeastern "B" (Rogers, Warren, Hershman, Juffer) 3:35.01, 3. Noblesville "A" (Setmeyer, Armstrong, Shepard Huff, Halvorsen) 3:40.25.

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L.A. Lakers 124, Indiana 116, OT		New Orleans 127, Washington 102
Charlotte 106, Orlando 99		Utah 110, Oklahoma City 104
Brooklyn 123, Boston 104		Atlanta 124, San Antonio 106
Houston 118, Chicago 113		Golden State 116, Philadelphia 96
Toronto 126, Memphis 113		Sacramento 125, Portland 121

## Eastern Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Atlantic</b>				
Brooklyn	14	5	.737	-
New York	10	8	.556	3.5
Philadelphia	10	9	.526	4.0
Boston	10	9	.526	4.0
Toronto	9	10	.474	5.0
<b>Central</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>
Chicago	12	7	.632	-
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	1.0
Cleveland	9	10	.474	3.0
Indiana	8	12	.400	4.5
Detroit	4	14	.222	7.5
<b>Southeast</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>
Miami	12	7	.632	-
Washington	11	7	.611	0.5
Charlotte	12	8	.600	0.5
Atlanta	10	9	.526	2.0
Orlando	4	15	.211	8.0

## Western Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Northwest</b>				
Utah	12	6	.667	-
Portland	10	9	.526	2.5
Minnesota	9	9	.500	3.0
Denver	9	9	.500	3.0
Oklahoma City	6	12	.333	6.0
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>
Golden State	16	2	.889	-
Phoenix	15	3	.833	1.0
L.A. Clippers	10	8	.556	6.0
L.A. Lakers	10	10	.500	7.0
Sacramento	7	12	.368	9.5
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT.</b>	<b>GB</b>
Dallas	10	7	.588	-
Memphis	9	9	.500	1.5
San Antonio	4	13	.235	6.0
New Orleans	4	16	.200	7.5
Houston	2	16	.111	8.5

# LeBron lifts Lakers past Pacers in OT

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers went blow for blow with the Lakers on Wednesday night in a thrilling game at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. But as he has so many times over the years, LeBron James dashed the Pacers' hopes with his shotmaking in crunch time, lifting Los Angeles (10-10) to a 124-116 win over Indiana (8-12).

The loss prevented the Pacers from putting together their first three-game win streak of the season and spoiled some serious heroics from rookie Chris Duarte.

Duarte's miraculous three sent the game into overtime, but the extra session belonged to James. The Lakers took a 117-114 lead on James' 3-pointer with 2:51 remaining in the extra session, then he hit another 30-footer to double the lead with 1:52 to play.

That proved to be enough to seal the win, as Indiana went just 2-for-11 in overtime.

James finished with a game-high 39 points, going 13-for-29 from the field, 5-for-12 from 3-point range, and 8-for-9 from the free throw line, while also tallying five rebounds, six assists, and two blocks. It was his first game back after serving the first suspension of his 19-year career on Tuesday in New York.

"He's one of the greatest players of all time," Pacers guard Malcolm Brogdon said. "He's been in that situation a thousand times. So he's not going to shy from the moment. I think that's what we experienced tonight. He hit some tough shots."

Brogdon had a team-high 28 points and seven rebounds for Indiana, going 5-for-10 from beyond the arc, while Duarte added 17 off the bench.

The Pacers led most of the night, but the Lakers took their first lead on Malik Monk's 3-pointer with 4:35 remaining in the fourth quarter. On the other end, however, Russell Westbrook clotheslined Domantas Sabonis and was assessed a flagrant-1 foul. Sabonis hit both free throws to put the Pacers back in front at 102-101.

Two Monk free throws at the 3:00 mark allowed the Lakers to retake the lead. Just under a minute later, Brogdon missed a potential go-ahead layup. While fighting for the rebound, Sabonis inadvertently hit James across the face. A

subsequent review declared that, too, to be a flagrant-1 and James made both free throws to extend the Lakers lead.

Then after a Duarte turnover, the Lakers got out on the break, with James' layup pushing their lead to 107-102 with 1:42 to play.

After a timeout, T.J. McConnell hit two free throws with 1:37 left to make it a one-possession game. James ran down the shot clock, then drained a deep three over Myles Turner to push the lead back to six.

Brogdon hit two free throws with 1:09 remaining and this time James missed on the other end. Justin Holiday then hit a fallaway three with 26.3 seconds left to make it a one-point game.

The Pacers elected to foul Westbrook with 22.6 seconds remaining, and he hit both foul shots. After a timeout, Brogdon drove baseline, then kicked to Duarte in the corner. Avery Bradley was right in his face, but somehow the rookie was able to get off and swished the game-tying three while falling down.

The play was originally designed to set up a shot for Holiday, but the Lakers switched on a screen and denied him the ball. Brogdon then audibled, eventually finding Duarte.

"Justin wasn't open so I then had to go one-on-one and try to create," Brogdon said. "I got caught in the air and Chris was open in the corner just for a second and then he made a tough shot."

Duarte and some of his teammates, including Holiday, said they thought he drew a foul on Bradley, but the refs swallowed their whistles.

"I thought I was going to get fouled," Duarte said of his mindset when he let the shot fly. "...Once I felt that contact on top of me, I threw it up. I thought I was going to get a foul, but they don't call fouls on rookies, I guess."

James then missed a deep three on the other end to send the game to overtime, but he dominated the extra session.

Seven Pacers scored in double figures in the loss. Holiday had 16 points, six rebounds, and three assists, while Sabonis stuffed the stat sheet with 14 points, 12 rebounds, and six assists. Turner added 12 points, six boards, and two blocks, McConnell had 10 points and eight assists, and Caris LeVert also scored 10.

Turner scored five early points to help

Indiana jump out to an early 9-4 lead. The Lakers rallied to tie the game at 11, but Caris LeVert and Duarte combined for six straight points from there to give the Blue & Gold a lead they would maintain for the remainder of the opening quarter.

The hosts continued to extend their lead, with Duarte leading the way. The rookie hit two more jumpers — a long two and a three — as part of a 16-7 Pacers run to open up a nine-point lead. Indiana led 31-26 at the quarter break.

The Pacers pushed the lead to double digits for the first time in the the opening minute of the second quarter. McConnell converted a high-arcng layup off the glass on the first possession of the quarter, Brogdon dished to Sabonis for another bucket the next time down, and then Sabonis intercepted a Westbrook pass and then scored again to cap a 6-0 spurt over the first 65 seconds of the frame.

James did his best to keep the Lakers within striking distance, scoring seven points during a 16-9 run that trimmed the deficit to 48-44 with 5:20 remaining in the second quarter. That was the closest Los Angeles got until the final minutes of the half.

James' layup with 1:58 remaining made it a 57-54 Pacers lead. Carmelo Anthony then drew a foul and hit both foul shots to make it a one-point game with 1:16 to play. Brogdon answered with a deep three over Westbrook on the left wing, but James raced right back down the court, hitting a tough shot while being fouled, then made the ensuing free throw to complete the three-point play.

Once again, Brogdon pulled up from the wing, this time draining a trey over Anthony on the right wing. Anthony drew a foul and hit one of two free throws before the Pacers got a wide-open look for Justin Holiday in the right corner to close the half and push the lead back to 66-60 entering the break.

Indiana opened up its lead once more at the start of the third quarter, as Holiday and Brogdon both made threes during an early 8-0 run that pushed the margin back to 12 and forced a quick timeout from Lakers coach Frank Vogel.

The Blue & Gold maintained a somewhat comfortable lead for much of the frame, but the visitors eventually mounted a rally. Indiana led 83-73 when Monk hit a jumper with 2:19 remaining in the

quarter. Westbrook added a layup at 1:30, then Monk drilled a step-back three at 1:00, and suddenly it was a one-possession game.

Out of a timeout, McConnell missed a layup and Westbrook was fouled during the ensuing fastbreak. The former MVP hit both free throws, trimming the Pacers' lead to one. Torrey Craig was fouled and hit one of two free throws with 2.2 seconds left in the quarter to give the hosts a 84-82 advantage entering the fourth.

The Pacers created some breathing room once again with another strong start to a quarter. Craig scored on a layup, Brogdon hit his fifth 3-pointer of the night, and then LeVert added a bucket as Indiana opened the final frame with seven unanswered.

The Lakers quickly answered, however. Monk and Ellington hit back-to-back threes to force an Indiana timeout, then Ellington's trey from the left corner tied the game at 93 with 7:54 remaining.

Brogdon then took the ball into the defense, drawing a foul on James and hitting both free throws and Holiday added a corner three a minute later to give the hosts a five-point lead with 6:26 to play. The Lakers took the lead less than two minutes later, however, on Monk's trey with 4:35 remaining. On the other end, Westbrook committed a hard foul on Sabonis, the start of a wild end to regulation.

The back-and-forth game made for an entertaining finish, and with a number of Lakers fans in attendance, there were loud cheers after every bucket regardless of who scored. James relished the moment, playing to the crowd after each shot he hit down the stretch.

"Superstar players put you up against it in so many different ways," Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle said of James' performance. "But as a team and the way we're structured, we've just got to be completely on point with every single thing we're doing on both ends of the floor to beat a guy like that, and we didn't do it."

Westbrook finished with 20 points, seven rebounds, and five assists for the Lakers. Monk added 17 points and eight rebounds, while Anthony and Ellington each scored 14.

The Pacers continue a three-game homestand against the last three NBA champions when they host Toronto on Friday and Milwaukee on Sunday.

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