

Gearing up for Hamilton County winter weather

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Councilors Steve Schwartz, Sue Maki and Ken Alexander visited the Hamilton County Highway Department on Tuesday as part of their monthly Highway Department Committee meeting. The purpose of their visit was to ensure the department has everything they need as winter approaches and we are moving closer to snow season.

“When we get to this time of year, we always make sure the highway department has everything they need,” Schwartz told The Reporter. “They provide us with a checklist. Of course, they are the experts, not us. We are the funding body, but we always like to ensure they have everything they need going into snowplow season.”

According to Schwartz, if there is a snow emergency the Highway Department will typically contact the commissioners if they need assistance. “Of course, if they need additional funding the commissioners would get ahold of the council and we would provide special funding if there are special needs,” Schwartz said. Schwartz also noted that due to the level of preparation done each year, he has never needed to approve special funding during his tenure.

The Hamilton County Highway Department maintains 14



Photo provided
County Councilors Sue Maki, Ken Alexander, and Steve Schwartz make it a point to visit the Hamilton County Highway Department before the onset of winter to ensure highway workers have everything they need to keep roads safe during winter weather.

large snow trucks, two large brine application trucks, along with nine pickup trucks to cover approximately 1,200 lane miles of roads in the county.

The department has a more than adequate amount of

pre-treated salt on hand going into the winter. Salt is pretreated with magnesium chloride to increase its effectiveness. Hamilton County has 6,500 tons of pretreated salt under contract for refilling the high-

way department’s inventory as salt is used.

According to Cargill, who supplies salt for Hamilton County, there should be no supply chain issues for winter delivery.

Upcoming holiday performance in Noblesville perfect for whole family

The REPORTER

There’s nothing quite like a live holiday performance to spark the spirit of the season, and *An En Pointe Christmas* is back and live in the theater Dec. 17 and 18. With tickets starting at \$15, it’s a fun, family-friendly and affordable way to introduce even the smallest member of the family to the magic of the performing arts during the holiday season.

The dazzling performance featuring over 25 dance numbers has become a holiday tradition for many Central Indiana families. With its mix of classical and contemporary ballet,

jazz, tap, hip hop, modern and a nine-minute finale with a playful rendition of “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” the performance will have audience members dancing in the aisles and full of cheer.

“Act I is full of elegance and the greatest classics from Bach, Handel and Tchaikovsky,” said Co-Artistic Director Robert Moore. “Then, Act II charms with traditional Christmas favorites set to Louis Armstrong, Elvis Presley, Bing Crosby and more. It will make you fall in love with Christmas all over again!”

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Photo provided
An En Pointe Christmas will be live on stage once again in Noblesville this Christmas season.

Atlanta welcomes Christmas on Sunday

The REPORTER

The Town of Atlanta will hold its third annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Dolles Park Plaza beside the Gazebo.

Be sure to come hungry – the town will provide hot dogs and chips.

This fun evening in the park will feature the lighting of the beautiful Town Christmas Tree, and attendees will also enjoy a fire, Christmas carols, sweet treats from the Atlanta Christian Church, refreshments from Mr. Muffin’s Trains, and goody bags from the Atlanta Wesleyan Church.

Families certainly won’t want to miss special guest Santa, who will be arriving in style. You’ll have to see it to believe it!

Disney artist will draw you with Santa Sunday at Thistle & Thyme

Submitted by Rhonda King
Thistle & Thyme

Santa Claus is coming to Thistle & Thyme Home Store, 29 S. Ninth St., Noblesville. Meet with Santa from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5.

Santa is very excited to see you and he can't wait to read your letters to him. Please bring them along so he can save each one.

If you are unable to attend, you can drop off your Letter to Santa at the store and we will forward it to the North Pole.

Santa asked his friend Timothy J. Ingersoll, an animator at DreamWorks / Disney, to join him, and he agreed. Ingersoll is the only caricaturist and magician in America. At your visit, you will receive a piece of art of yourself to hang on your wall as a memory of your visit.

Thistle & Thyme’s store hours have changed for this special event. Normal shopping will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Then the party starts. Santa will see his friends from 1 to 3 p.m. and Ingersoll will join him. Our friends at the Hamilton County



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Fishers to launch autonomous shuttle service

The REPORTER

Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and the City of Fishers have joined with **May Mobility**, a leader in autonomous vehicle (AV) technology and shuttle operations, to inaugurate a free, **public autonomous shuttle service** on Dec. 20 to serve the area surrounding the Nickel Plate Cultural District in Fishers.

The AV shuttle service is part of the Together in Motion Indiana initiative announced earlier this year by TMF and ESN that previously provided a similar

autonomous shuttle service in **downtown Indianapolis** for six months.

May Mobility will manage a fleet of autonomous, shared vehicles that will operate along a three-mile fixed-route loop with nine designated stops to service the live, work, and play districts of downtown Fishers. The hop-on, hop-off service connects the residential area at Pullman Pointe and South Pointe Village apartments to the commer-



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cial district along Commercial Drive and Fishers Corner Boulevard, Municipal Drive and 116th Street, including a stop along the new Nickel Plate Trail.

Each route stop is identifiable by a sign with route information and a QR code with more information about May Mobility’s technology.

“With the launch in Fishers, we’ll be adding a new public transportation service in a community that primari-

ly relies on personal vehicle ownership,” said May Mobility CEO Edwin Olson. “This is an amazing opportunity to partner with Fishers to challenge the status quo of transit and engage a wider audience in the future of transportation.”

“With our commitment to innovation, technology, and entrepreneurship, it was a natural fit for Fishers to serve as the first suburban site for May Mobility’s autonomous vehicle fleet,” said Fishers Mayor

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Our own Arcadia earns some screen time on HGTV



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On Nov. 27, HGTV aired a one-hour special with Ben & Erin Napier returning to Wetumpka, Ala., to find out how much the *Home Town Takeover* show impacted that town’s residents and those in their surrounding areas. The special, named *Home Town Takeover – Where Are They Now?*, also included pictures of improvements from other towns that didn’t make the cut but were inspired by the show. Northern Hamilton County’s very own Arcadia was one of the towns who had its pictures featured in the small segment of the show.

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En Pointe has 88 dancers performing in the show, as well as local guest soloist Cora Kendall. Dancers began rehearsing in September with 10 to 15 hours per week in rehearsals in addition to regular classes. The performance features dancers at all levels, from 3 to 22 years old, as well as pre-professional students who train six days a week. Additionally, En Pointe has brought in several elite guest instructors, choreographers, and world-famous artists during the 2021-2022 session to help students refine their technique.

“One of the most loved parts of the performance is our nine-minute finale,” Moore said. “It includes every single person in the cast and is spectacular to see. Definitely a grand finale to an amazing evening. However, I do believe audience members are in for quite a few surprises this year, as we have added new choreography and several fresh elements. It’s sure to be a magical evening for all.”

An En Pointe Christmas



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premieres at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17 at the Noblesville High School Auditorium, with a second matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18. Tickets are available at enpointe.yapsody.com.

About En Pointe Indiana Ballet

En Pointe Indiana Ballet, which celebrated its five-year anniversary in August 2021, is a classical ballet school offering

high-quality training to students ages 3 to 22. As a Central Indiana dance studio, En Pointe serves Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Westfield, Geist, Zionsville and the surrounding area dance students. Additionally, En Pointe is proud to have pre-professional dancers from across the globe study with the studio and prominent guest instructors visit annually. Learn more at enpointeindiana.com.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Parks Board will meet in a special session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, in the Forest Park Lodge, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville.

THISTLE & THYME

Reporter will publish Letters to Santa in the Wednesday, Dec. 8 edition.

Tim Ingersoll helped animate *The Little Mermaid*,

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How to Train Your Dragon, *Kung Fu Panda* and over 20 famous animated movies. His website is magicandcaricatures.com.

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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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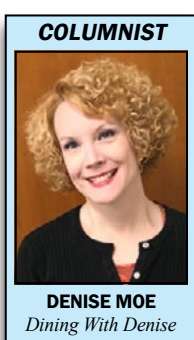
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Over the last several years, I have really become an avid home cook and foodie. We are lucky that Hamilton County is now home to many different restaurant concepts and types of cuisines. I would be delighted if you would join me at local establishments for "Dining with Denise." Cheers!



Reporter photos by Denise Moe

According to Denise, the Spicy Tonkotsu Ramen Bowl featuring pork bone broth, chao-shu, two boiled eggs, red ginger, wood ear mushroom, corn, bamboo shoots, scallions, spicy paste and two slices of pork is a work of art. You, too, can enjoy this dish at Zen Ramen and Sushi in Noblesville, owned by local resident Hendry, shown at right.

You must try this new, local, family-owned restaurant located at the crossroads of Carmel and Noblesville. Zen Ramen and Sushi has been open for about eight months, and they feature Asian, Japanese, Ramen and Sushi cuisine. You enjoy only the freshest and highest-quality ingredients, and everything is chef-prepared and "cooked" at order, on the spot. Located at 14741 Hazel Dell Crossing, Suite 500, Noblesville, on the northeast corner of Hazel Dell and 146th, Zen Ramen and Sushi offers dine-in, carry out and online ordering. Visit or call (317) 669-2269 to order or go to zenramenandsushi.com.

Zen is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. They have a full list of appetizers, with egg rolls, edamame, chicken, and several salads. They also feature quite a few vegetarian and vegan selections and even have nuggets, fried rice, and fries on their "kitchen" menu for the children or unadventurous.

My date and I split the Spicy Tonkotsu Ramen Bowl. Pork bone broth, chao-shu, two boiled eggs, red ginger, wood ear mushroom, corn, bamboo shoots, scallions, spicy paste and two slices of pork. As you can see by the picture, it is a work of art. So fresh, flavorful and the broth so full of depth and taste, I was literally blown away. Even though it was billed as "spicy" I did not find it overwhelming, and it was definitely just perfect for my date's palate.

Next, we partook in the Zen Special Roll made with Shrimp Tempura, spicy tuna, cream cheese and topped with avocado and fried onion and sweet mayo. Yum, yum, yum is all I can say. The fried onion

gave a great little crunch to the delicious and savory roll, and everything had perfect flavor, texture, and visual appeal.

Then we REALLY got cooking and heated things up! A foil package came to our table and the owner lit it ON fire in front of us. It cooked, smoked, and burned out right in front of us. The smoke smelled delicious and lent the dish a terrific, never-before-tasted-by-me smoky flavor. The Flaming (literally) Hot Roll: Cream cheese, asparagus, shrimp tempura, topped with avocado, cooked shrimp, Japanese mayo, smoked over fire. This one is a must-have and I believe very unique to this restaurant. This will wow the table, your date, and your taste buds!

Last on our list (and where my date taught me how to properly use chopsticks) was the Zen Sashimi Lover Platter with 15 Pieces Sashimi (salmon, yellowtail, white tuna, tuna, and shrimp) and some Dragon Rolls. Just look at those colors and freshness! And my favorite part ... the lemon made into a snail! How cute! Everything is served with fresh ginger, wasabi, and

soy sauce.

Zen Sushi and Ramen is owned by Hamilton County resident Hendry and his family, which includes his wife and newborn baby girl. Heng has 12 years of experience as a sushi chef and 16 years of experience in the restaurant industry. He started as a busboy and worked his way up to restaurant manager and chef! He says Hamilton County is the BEST place he has lived so far, and he is happy to be raising his family here. He says that he is super thankful for all the people here supporting local businesses, especially with him opening his new restaurant in a pandemic year. He is also thankful for his wife, who is his

biggest supporter and keeps pushing him past his limits and always believes in him. Quality is the most important thing at Zen; they believe that quality does not lie.

They also serve soft drinks and sake, wine, and beer. The perfect place for a family meal, mom and dad can get ramen or sushi and the kids can order off the "kitchen" menu or pull out two pairs of chopsticks and have yourselves a fun, tasty adventure of a date night with carry out at home or a casual but chic atmosphere out.

I highly recommend sharing and trying as many different things as you can! Visit Zen Ramen and Sushi on Facebook at facebook.com/Zenramensushi.

Want to be a school bus driver?

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools will hold a "test drive a school bus" event from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Noblesville Schools Transportation Center, 19790 Hague Road, Noblesville.

Attendees will be able

to get behind the wheel of a school bus in the safety of a parking lot and learn what it's really like to be a school bus driver, including paid training opportunities and benefit packages.

Participants must have a valid driver's license and be at least 21 years of age.

The event is designed to help Noblesville Schools recruit drivers. Bus routes have been impacted by staffing shortages and the district is currently looking to hire seven drivers.

Email transportation@nobl.k12.in.us or call (317) 773-7203 with questions.

FISHERS SHUTTLE

Scott Fadness. "Our Nickel Plate Cultural District is the perfect test site for this technology as our partners identify the nuances of a suburban environment for autonomous technology."

In support of a low carbon future, the free service will feature five hybrid Lexus RX 450h vehicles and one wheelchair-accessible Polaris GEM fully electric vehicle and is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with shuttles arriving every 10 to 15 minutes on a rotating loop. Riders can see live updates of the shuttle's locations on the [Together in Motion Indiana website](https://togetherinmotionindiana.com).

"The Nickel Plate Cultural District in Fishers represents an ideal location to deploy an autonomous shuttle service through May Mobility," said Ryan Klem, Director of Programs for the Toyota Mobility Foundation. "We are excited to learn how the community utilizes the service as this experience will go far in providing valuable insights that will inform the future of mobility in cities all across the U.S. and further propel Toyota's mission of Mobility for All."

Aiming to foster innovation through industry partnerships and propel research and development in advanced mobility technologies in Indiana, Together in Motion Indiana supports the deployments of various mobility solutions that are developed with local community input. With this human-centered approach, the initiative aims to better serve the transportation needs of the local communities, to understand the changing

ecosystems surrounding these needs, to potentially expand such initiatives into other communities, and to establish networks for the sharing and leveraging of key learnings.

"Indiana continues to be a place for advancing autonomous transportation solutions and partnering with the City of Fishers as our next city to deploy the May Mobility autonomous shuttle service is a perfect fit," said Paul Mitchell, President and CEO of Energy Systems Network. "Public-private partnerships like this one only strengthen the goal of providing mobility options for all residents."

May Mobility established its regional office in Fishers in early 2021. Fishers will be its ninth shuttle deployment since the company began operations. May Mobility recently completed shuttle operations in Indianapolis, providing Hoosiers with more than 3,400 rides to school and work from June to November 2021. May Mobility conducts shuttle services in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Arlington, Texas; Hiroshima, Japan; and Ann Arbor, Mich., as well.

"Indiana is excited to continue the deep partnership with May Mobility and the Toyota Mobility Foundation to bring the future of mobility to another community in Indiana," said David Roberts, EVP of Entrepreneurship and Innovation for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "This service is an important component to the vibrant ecosystem of innovation, when combined with the autonomous on-highway work being supported

by INDOT and the milestone event of the Indy Autonomous Challenge."

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Plumbing Heating Paramedics opens home office in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Indianapolis-based franchise **Plumbing Heating Paramedics**, the family-owned and operated plumbing and heating company specializing in heating and cooling systems and repairs, celebrated the opening of its home office in Noblesville on Nov. 10. The business is located at 9750 E. 150th St., Suite 500.

A recent addition to the Threshold Brands family – the multi-brand franchisor behind national home service franchises including MaidPro, PestMaster, Men In Kilts, Sir Grout, FlyFoe and USA Insulation – Plumbing Heating Paramedics is expanding its presence with Plumbing Paramedics and Heating + Air Paramedics with franchise opportunities both in and outside of Indiana,

including, but not limited to, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. For the first time, this small town business has plans to launch in new markets across the country, a longtime dream of founder **Ryan Carpenter**.

The nationwide launch includes two different options for potential franchisees. Carpenter said there will be a plumbing franchise opportunity operating under the brand **Plumbing Paramedics**, and a separate heating and air franchise operating under the brand **Heating + Air Paramedics**.

“We are thrilled to welcome Plumbing Heating Paramedics to the Threshold Brands family and are excited to see their continued growth through franchise opportunities in mar-



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kets around the country,” said **Scott Sutton**, Threshold Brand’s Chief Growth Officer. “A ribbon cutting ceremony in Noblesville is the perfect welcoming gift to kick-off this new journey and to further establish Plumbing Heating Paramedics as a force within the heating and plumbing industries.”

Founded in 2011 by Carpenter, Plumbing Heating Paramedics prides itself on understanding the local areas in which it is

located, and believes that knowledge can help it provide customers with the best heating, cooling and plumbing solutions to suit any home’s specific needs. Specializing in emergency service, Plumbing Heating Paramedics is available with technicians standing by 24/7, offering fast help with no overtime charges on work performed.

A trusted local business, Plumbing Heating Paramedics charges by the job and not the hour and has built a reputation for excellence based on years of professional, trustworthy service. Carpenter’s passion for opening a plumbing and heating company that serves its customers came from his upbringing in a small Michigan town, where his parents also owned a plumbing and heating business.

“When I came to Indianapolis, I saw a disconnect between the customer and the company,” Carpenter said. “The values that I grew up with were lost in the city. I wanted to change that, focusing less on profitability and more on taking care of customers and doing the right thing for each person we served. As a family-owned business, we honor our customers as our family and we stand behind our work, every day. The opening of our Noblesville office is just another step forward for us in our goal to become a nationally recognized and trusted brand.”

For more information about Plumbing Heating Paramedics, visit phparamedics.com.

Jeter co-authors bill to end state of emergency, protect Hoosier workers

The REPORTER

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) has co-authored legislation to end the state of emergency and protect Hoosier workers from what he says are arbitrary and crippling vaccine mandates.

House Bill 1001 would terminate Gov. Eric Holcomb's state public health emergency while ensuring Indiana could continue receiving the same federal reimbursements for SNAP and Medicaid and maintain the state's ability to hold voluntary community vaccination clinics. Jeter said he has continued to fight to end the state of emergency for over a year.

Jeter said Indiana needs to end the state of emergency, restore the balance of power, and allow businesses and schools to operate freely.

“To remain in a state of emergency for nearly two years has harmed our workers, businesses and students,” Jeter said. “It’s also done immeasurable damage to our separation of powers and has eroded the power of the legislative

branch.”

The legislation, filed Monday at the Statehouse, would also require businesses to accept medical and religious exemptions if they require the COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of employment.

Jeter said he was dissatisfied that the bill would not be passed into law this month, as previously planned.

“I’m disappointed that the General Assembly is not moving more quickly to protect workers from termination simply for wanting to make their own healthcare decisions,” Jeter said. “We’re seeing a curtail of individual liberties like we’ve not seen in this country in a long time.”

Local workers and business owners can continue reaching out to Jeter at h88@iga.in.gov with questions and comments, or by calling his office at (317) 234-3827.

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Marion, Hamilton, and Hancock counties.



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(From left) Amelia Wiggins, Carter Metzger, School Board President Joe Forgey, Superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer, Mayor Chris Jensen, Associate Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy, Noblesville Schools Marketing and Communications Marnie Cooke, and Kelsie Hayward.

Noblesville is proud of roundabout sculpture

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools cut the ribbon on the new Field Drive/Cumberland Road roundabout art sculpture on Wednesday, joined by design honorees and representatives from the City of Noblesville and Nickel Plate Arts.

The sculpture is intended to honor Noblesville Schools students, staff, families, and alumni and celebrates the district’s distinctive N in school colors black and gold with the words “Noblesville” and “Millers” highlighted. It features two 17-foot aluminum Ns facing in opposite

directions and angled for maximized viewing.

The district launched a community art contest in 2019 to seek design inspiration for the project and received five submissions that featured a prominent N. Those winning submissions came from:

- Carter Metzger, Noblesville West Middle School sixth grader
- Amelia Wiggins, Noblesville High School 10th grader
- Kelsie Hayward, 2021 Noblesville High School graduate
- Jakob O’Dell, 2019

Noblesville High School graduate

- Donna Hess, Noblesville Schools receptionist

The district chose this specific roundabout to feature the art thanks to its location at the center of several schools, school facilities and athletic venues, including the new Noblesville High School multipurpose stadium coming in 2022.

The sculpture is being funded through the same construction bond used to build the stadium, with no impact to the tax rate and no use of classroom or referendum dollars.

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Jon McLaughlin to join CSO for ‘Holiday Pops!’ concerts at Westfield High School

The REPORTER

Popular Hoosier singer/songwriter Jon McLaughlin will join Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO), under Artistic Director Janna Hymes, for two CSO “Holiday Pops!” performances on Saturday, Dec. 18 at Westfield High School Auditorium.

The concerts, sponsored

by IU Health North Hospital, take place at 3 and 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 18250 N. Union St., Westfield.

All tickets are General Admission: \$35 for adults, \$15 for students through grade 12. Visit CarmelSymphony.org and follow the link to Eventbrite to purchase tickets for the per-

formances.

A nominal fee is charged by Eventbrite for each ticket purchased. **Masks are required for both performances.**

“We are more than excited to have this huge audience favorite join CSO for “Holiday Pops!,” Hymes exclaimed. “Jon’s a local guy from right here in In-

diana, he went to Anderson University, and he’s just an extraordinary musician who writes music that touches your soul.”

“We’ll be playing a lot of Jon’s own holiday arrangements, and his brother Jeff will be joining Jon and the CSO for a couple of numbers,” Hymes added. “Jeff is a percussion teacher at Westfield, and the school’s Westfield Steel Band will be on stage to perform a song with Jon and a solo selection, so we’re looking forward to that, too! ‘Holiday Pops!’ is one of the very best ways to celebrate your holidays, with some of your most cherished and familiar seasonal sounds, so get your tickets now and join us on Dec. 18 at Westfield High School. This is the year to make ‘Holiday Pops!’ one of your very own holiday traditions!”

CSO has partnered with Hamilton County’s Merciful H.E.L.P. Center and will be collecting items at both “Holiday Pops!” performances to benefit people in need throughout the area. Concertgoers are encouraged to add one or more requested items to holiday shopping lists, and bring them to Westfield High School on Dec. 18 to donate:

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Hoosier native Jon McLaughlin will perform with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra – and the Westfield High School Steel Band – on Saturday, Dec. 18 in the auditorium at Westfield High School.

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“We hope all of our CSO supporters will extend the spirit of the holiday season to those in need, and bring along one or more items to the concerts to con-

tribute to Merciful H.E.L.P. Center,” Hymes said. “Merciful H.E.L.P. will ensure that every donation benefits a person in our area who needs that helping hand right now.”

Find out more about Carmel Symphony Orchestra at CarmelSymphony.org. While there, check out the entire season of exceptional and diverse programs, an extraordinary assortment of classical and pops.

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State Trooper returns from National Guard duty on southern border

The REPORTER

Nine-year Indiana State Police (ISP) Veteran Phil Cooley has returned home from a 12-month military deployment. Cooley serves as a Staff Sergeant in the Indiana National Guard and recently returned from active duty. He was deployed within the United States to the southwest border on a United States Border Patrol Assistance Mission. He has served with the Indiana National Guard for 12 years.

This was his third deployment during that time. Trooper Cooley will now return to patrol and his position with the ISP Commercial Enforcement Division, where his primary focus is school bus safety.



Cooley

tainly proud of Phil's service to the Indiana National Guard and are thankful to have him home. His commitment public service and school bus safety is commendable and we are fortunate to have him among our ranks." Trooper Cooley currently resides in Hamilton County with his wife and two teenage sons.

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Ephesians 6:10-13 (NIV)



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— Jackson Township —

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	Appropriation	Reduction
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Dated this 1st, day of December, 2021
Robyn Cook-Trustee
Jackson Township
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RL5242 12/2/21

— Cicero —

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On December 7, 2021, the Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:15 PM at the Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W. Jackson Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, “litigation” includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
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Lee Robert Bucksten
March 8, 1943 – November 29, 2021

Lee Robert Bucksten, 78, Carmel, passed away on November 29, 2021. He was born on March 8, 1943, in Chicago, Ill., son of the late Coleman A. and Ruth (Newlander) Bucksten.



As a proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, Lee was a lifelong Badgers sports fan. He was always ready to cheer them on.
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Lee was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He served active duty from 1968 to 1971, then continued in Reserve duty from 1971 to 1973. Lee worked in the insurance industry for more than 40 years.

For the past five years, Lee volunteered at IU North Hospital where he enjoyed greeting people, helping folks with directions, delivering flowers and any other tasks at hand. Lee was an avid golfer, and enjoyed playing cards, such as Sheephead, Bridge, Euchre and Poker, with close friends. He also loved to read and was a huge fan of all sports that included the Wisconsin Badgers.

Edesto, S.C., and Sedona, Ariz., were the two favorite places Lee looked forward to visiting.

In 1968 in the town of Elmira, Ill., Lee married the love of his life, Nan Jackson, and they shared 53 years of living and sharing life together.

Left to cherish his memory is wife, Nan Bucksten; daughter, Susan (Christopher) Andrea; son, David (Sara) Bucksten; grandchildren, George Andrea, Madelyn Bucksten, Naomi Bucksten, Joseph Bucksten and Maisie Bucksten; and brothers, Bill Bucksten and Denys Bucksten.

Family and friends will gather from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, of which Lee was a member, and where the Funeral Service will begin at 5 p.m., officiated by Pastor Lori Bievenour. Masks are required.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lee be directed to St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, 3106 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel, IN 46033.

Busnell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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Rep. Tony Cook
named ISCA
House Legislator
of the Year

The REPORTER

State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) recently received the House Legislator of the Year award from the Indiana School Counselor Association for his legislative advocacy on behalf of Hoosier students and schools.

Cook, a former school teacher and administrator who now serves as a member of the House Education Committee, championed several new laws protecting student athletes, increasing transparency for student test results, and improving student access to mental and behavioral health services.

"I remain passionate and attentive to the needs of our schools," Cook said. "Whether it's connecting students with professional mental health services, removing

regulations put on educators or promoting civics education, we're always working toward strengthening our education system for all."

Cook joined the Indiana General Assembly in 2012 and represents House District 32. In addition to serving on the House Education Committee, Cook chairs the Statutory Committee on Ethics, and is a member of the House Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, and the House Judiciary Committee.

To learn more about the ISCA, visit indianaschool-counselor.org.

State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) represents House District 32, which includes all of Tipton County and portions of Hamilton, Madison, Delaware, Howard, and Grant counties.



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Mendez makes the game winner . . .

Millers escape HSE, stay unbeaten

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - The Noblesville girls basketball team was going crazy Wednesday night as the Millers' game at Hamilton Southeastern was right at the end.

The only Noblesville player who was staying calm was Dani Mendez. The irony is that Mendez was the reason everyone was going crazy, although it was a good reason: Mendez had just made the game-winning layin for Noblesville, allowing the Class 4A No. 1 Millers to escape the Royals' gym with a 66-64 victory, keeping them unbeaten for the year at 8-0 overall, 3-0 in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference.

Yet even in all the excitement, Mendez still in game mode. She thought there was still time on the clock.

"Everything was going on, I didn't know what to do," said Mendez. "Just thought there were seconds left and getting back on defense."

The many fans who were at the game would understand. The Millers-Royals game was a dramatic one, with Southeastern taking big leads in the first and fourth quarters, and Noblesville coming back both times. There was also a ton of energy at the gym, as the Royals were honoring retired coach Chris Huppenthal, who had been the Southeastern coach for the past 16 years, compiling a 282-86 record for the Royals, and winning the 2019 Class 4A state championship.

With all that going on, Millers coach Donna Buckley knew HSE would be fired up.

"I thought they'd come out hot," said Buckley. But Noblesville was able to handle it, coming back from 60-49 down with five minutes left in the fourth quarter.

"We showed so much toughness tonight," said Buckley. "Just incredible toughness to get that win."

Southeastern had built its 11-point lead after freshman Maya Makalusky hit back-to-back 3-pointers. The Millers responded with a quick 10-0 run to get within 60-59. Freshman Meredith Tippner started the comeback with a triple and a free throw, then Ashlynn Shade hit a jumper. Mendez made a layin, then Tippner drained two more foul shots.

A basket by Riley Makalusky got the Royals back up 62-59, but Noblesville's Brooklyn Ely tied it up with a 3. Shade then gave the Millers a lead with a layin, but Riley Makalusky matched that with a jumper.

So, the score was now 64-64. After a succession of timeouts, Noblesville had the ball with 3.8 seconds left. Tippner inbounded the ball to Shade, who rushed up the court and sent it to Mendez under the basket. Mendez made the easy layin, and the Millers had the win.

"We wanted to hit Ashlynn on the move, knowing that they would have to draw some defenders over," said Buckley. "We had Dani at the 3-point line, just told her to dive. I had Beely (Brooklyn Ely) in the corner in case they helped off, because I felt like either one of those kids were going to have a chance to make a play if they helped off Dani. Credit Ash. That's hard to do when you're the best player in the gym to make that pass and to trust, and she did that. And then Dani to just make that play. She made a couple huge plays for us down the stretch, so really proud of her and proud of everybody



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

ABOVE: The Noblesville girls basketball team congratulates Dani Mendez (32) after she made the game-winning basket for the Millers, giving them a 66-64 victory over Hamilton Southeastern Wednesday at the Royals' gym. The win keeps Noblesville unbeaten for the season at 8-0.

BELOW: Hamilton Southeastern freshman Maya Makalusky scored 21 points on seven 3-pointers.

executing on that last play."

Mendez said that she was just thinking about the play that was drawn up, then "just to take the shot and make it." Mendez remembered the last time she hit a game-winner: It was in middle school, during a game with Fishers.

Noblesville's comeback was a big one, especially since the Millers were down by double digits twice in the game. Southeastern got off to a spectacular start, leading 12-2 midway through the first quarter. Riley Makalusky had eight points by that time. Olivia Brown scored the game's first basket off a steal, and she would be brilliant on defense all game long, getting seven steals on the night.

Noblesville got back to within 17-10 before a quick 6-0 run by HSE gave the Royals their largest lead of the game at 23-10. Maya Makalusky hit a 3, then Brown scored off a steal again, this time while getting fouled. She made the ensuing free throw for the traditional three-point play.

"I loved the energy the girls played with, especially the way we came out," said Royals coach Brian Satterfield. "Got a great start."

The Millers began to close the gap, and were within 23-15 by the end of the first quarter. Noblesville then tied things up at 28-28 with a 3 from Kaitlyn Shoemaker and a putback from Shade. But Maya Makalusky was there with another triple, and the Royals led 31-28.

The Millers used a 6-0 run to get their first lead of the game at 37-36 with seconds left in the first half. Shade put Noblesville in front by making a steal, then rebounding her own miss and getting the putback. Southeastern would have the halftime lead, though, as Lauren Stewart nailed a 3 to give her team a 39-37 lead.

In the third quarter, the Millers got



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Guerin Catholic to honor 2012 boys basketball state team

Guerin Catholic will be celebrating the 10-year anniversary of its 2012 Class 3A State Basketball Championship Saturday when the Golden Eagles host Hamilton Heights in boys basketball action.

The 2011-12 squad finished with a 24-5 record and won the school's first state title in any sport. The Guerin Catholic players and coaches from that season will be recognized at halftime of the varsity game against the Huskies.

Read it here.
Read it first.

Fishers won a tough all-county game with Hamilton Heights 50-45 Wednesday at the Tiger Den.

The Huskies jumped out to a 16-11 lead after the first quarter. Mia Shields threw in three 3-pointers for nine points, while Camryn Runner scored the other seven points. Class 4A No. 7 Fishers came back in the second period, holding Heights to five points while scoring 13 to take a 24-21 halftime lead. Joirdyn Smith and Olivia Smith both had five points during the quarter.

The Tigers led 33-30 after three periods, with Joirdyn Smith draining two 3-pointers. Fishers then held on during the fourth period, with Olivia Smith adding six points.

"The Lady Tigers were led by Joirdyn Smith with 19 points and six rebounds, Olivia Smith with 13 points and six rebounds and Ava Carter with 10 points," said Fishers coach Lauren Votaw. "Talia Harris led the team with four assists."

Runner scored 20 points to lead the Huskies, while Shields had 13 points. MyKayla Moran scored 12 points.

"Really proud of our girls tonight," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "Fishers is a really good basketball team. And we had opportunities to win. Margin for error is small. We left some points out there that over the course of the game add up. But overall, our girls showed tremendous fight."

Cherry credited Shields with making "some 3s early that sparked us" and said Ella Hickok "was great handling the ball."

"We were able to force Fishers into some defensive rotations that allowed MyKayla to have success inside," said Cherry. The coach also said Runner "deserves to be in the conversation when people tlak about the best players in Hamilton County."

The Tigers are 7-1 and play at Bishop Chatard on Saturday. The Huskies are 4-3 and host 3A No. 8 Twin Lakes Saturday afternoon.

FISHERS 50, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 45				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	0	0-0	0	2
Camryn Runner	7	4-5	20	1
Kaylee Rhoton	0	0-1	0	1
Hadleigh Cherry	0	0-0	0	3
MyKayla Moran	3	6-9	12	4
Mia Shields	4	2-2	13	2
Kennedy Cherry	0	0-0	0	1
Totals	14	12-17	45	14
Heights 3-pointers (4) Shields 3, Runner 1.				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Karina Scott	1	0-0	3	2
Joirdyn Smith	6	4-4	19	2
Talia Harris	0	2-3	2	2
Kate Thomas	1	0-2	3	4
Olivia Smith	5	3-6	13	1
Ava Carter	4	1-1	10	2
Morgan Roberts	0	0-0	0	0
Alycia Triplet	0	0-4	0	2
Allison Scheu	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	10-20	50	15
Fishers 3-pointers (6) J. Smith 3, Scott 1, Carter 1, Thomas 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Heights	16	5	9	15 - 45
Fishers	11	13	9	17 - 50



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
ABOVE: Fishers' Joirdyn Smith scored 19 points for the Tigers in their 50-45 win over Hamilton Heights on Wednesday.

BELOW: Hamilton Heights' MyKayla Moran (right) had 12 points for the Huskies. At left for Fishers is Ava Carter, who scored 10 points.



MILLERS

in front 47-46 after a Shade 3-pointer. Then it became the Makalusky show, as the two sisters put together a 14-2 run for the Royals. Riley Makalusky scored the first five points, then Maya Makalusky threw in three 3-pointers, putting HSE back up double digits for the second time in the game before the Millers made their comeback.

"They're one of the best, if not the best team in the state," said Satterfield. "We knew that they were going to make a run at us. The best part about it is, they made a run there early to get back into it, and we responded. Start of the second half, we get out there and we pulled away, even into the fourth quarter. But when they made that run, we had a few key mistakes that really hurt us. But you

got to give them credit." Shade finished the game with 23 points, eight rebounds, seven steals and five assists. Tippner had 13 points and five rebounds, while Ely's three 3-pointers gave her nine points. Reagan Wilson dished out four assists. Maya Makalusky totaled 21 points, going 7 of 8 from the 3-point line. Riley Makalusky added 20 points, while Stewart hit three 3s for nine points. Brown finished with nine points, seven steals and six assists. Maya Makalusky dished out four assists and Zoe Bolding had three blocked shots. Noblesville finishes its five-game road trip Saturday up at Class 3A No. 2 Mishawaka Marian. Southeastern is 2-1 in conference action and 5-4 overall, and

plays Tuesday at Pendleton Heights.

NOBLESVILLE 66, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 64				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	3-5	0-0	8	4
Ashlynn Shade	9-17	3-3	23	1
Reagan Wilson	3-7	1-2	7	2
Meredith Tippner	3-6	6-8	13	2
Brooklyn Smitherman	0-2	0-0	0	3
Brooklyn Ely	3-3	0-0	9	0
Ava Shoemaker	0-3	0-0	0	0
Dani Mendez	3-6	0-0	6	1
Totals	24-49	10-13	66	13
Noblesville 3-point shooting (8-16) Ely 3-3, K. Shoemaker 2-3, Shade 2-3, Tippner 1-3, Wilson 0-3, A. Shoemaker 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (25) Shade 8, Tippner 5, A. Shoemaker 4, Mendez 3, Ely 1, Wilson 1, team 3.				

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Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	7-11	0-0	21	1
Mikayla Hinshaw	0-1	1-2	1	2
Riley Makalusky	8-15	4-4	20	1
Olivia Brown	4-5	1-2	9	2
Zoe Bolding	2-4	0-0	4	1
Lauren Stewart	3-5	0-0	9	3
Caleigh Scott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Gabi Layman	0-1	0-0	0	0
Maine Hooks	0-0	0-0	0	2
Totals	24-42	6-8	64	12
Southeastern 3-point shooting (10-17) M. Makalusky 7-8, Stewart 3-4, R. Makalusky 0-3, Brown 0-1, Layman 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (12) Bolding 5, R. Makalusky 3, M. Makalusky 1, Brown 1, Stewart 1, Hinshaw 1.				
Score by Quarters				
Noblesville	15	22	10	19 - 66
Southeastern	23	16	15	10 - 64

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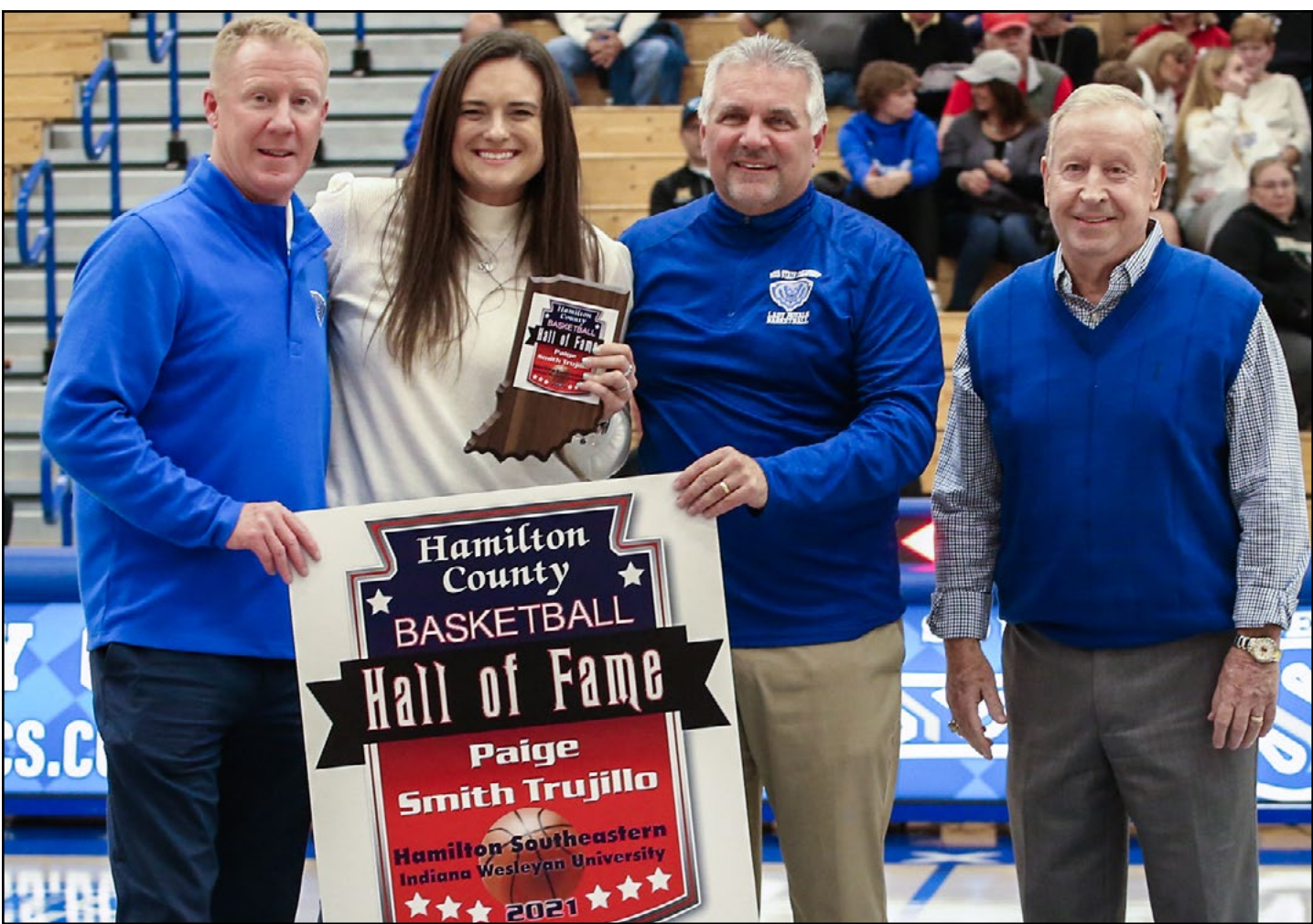
Paige Smith Trujillo, a 2009 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern, was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Wednesday during the Royals' basketball game with Noblesville.

Smith was a four-year starter for the Southeastern girls basketball team, and during those four years the Royals compiled a record of 86-11. During Smith's career, HSE won two sectional titles and one regional championship, in addition to three Hoosier Crossroads Conference championships. Smith was also named to the All-HCC team all three years, was named to the 2009 Academic All-State Team, and was an all-Hamilton County player all four years.

Smith was a true multi-sport athlete, also competing in volleyball and track and field. She earned 12 varsity letters. Smith was the 2009 state champion in the discus and finished in fifth place in shot put. Smith was selected as the 2009 Indianapolis Star Suburban Female Athlete of the Year.

"It's just really humbling," said Smith. "I feel really blessed to be with such a great group of people who have come before me and to be able to honor the work of all those people that have come before me. I feel really grateful to my coaches and my teammates and my parents just for making it possible, because it wouldn't have happened without them."

After graduating from HSE, Smith played four years at Indiana Wesleyan University. She led the Wildcats to the 2013 NAIA National Championship and was named the National Tournament MVP. She also made the 2013 NAIA All-America First Team and was an All-Conference player. Smith also was



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Paige Smith Trujillo, a 2009 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern, was inducted into the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame Wednesday night during halftime of the Royals' basketball game with Noblesville. Smith was a standout for Southeastern in basketball, volleyball and track and field. Pictured with Smith are HSE athletic director Jim Self, retired coach Chris Huppenthal and Hall of Fame director Dave Nicholson.

named as an NAIA All-American in discus. Smith is now an assistant principal at Prosper High School in Prosper, Texas. She lives in Aubrey, Texas with her husband Ricky and daughter Sloane.

HSE honors retired Coach Huppenthal



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Hamilton Southeastern honored retired girls basketball coach Chris Huppenthal prior to the Royals' game with Noblesville on Wednesday night. Huppenthal retired in February after 16 seasons as the Southeastern coach. Huppenthal joined Southeastern in 2005, and would guide the Royals to two sectional titles, a regional championship and the 2019 Class 4A state championship. Huppenthal finished his HSE career with a 282-86 record and and overall record of 457-124 during a 25-year career. He also coached at Kokomo and Highland, winning regional titles at both schools. Huppenthal coached four Indiana All-Stars: Courtney Osborn, Taya Reimer, Amaya Hamilton and 2020 Miss Basketball Sydney Parrish.

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New York	11	10	.524	4.0
Philadelphia	11	11	.500	4.5
Toronto	9	13	.409	6.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	14	8	.636	-
Chicago	14	8	.636	-
Cleveland	12	10	.545	2.0
Indiana	9	15	.375	6.0
Detroit	4	17	.190	9.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	14	8	.636	-
Miami	13	9	.591	1.0
Atlanta	12	10	.545	2.0
Charlotte	13	11	.542	2.0
Orlando	5	18	.217	9.5

Western Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Northwest				
Utah	14	7	.667	-
Portland	11	11	.500	3.5
Minnesota	11	11	.500	3.5
Denver	10	11	.476	4.0
Oklahoma City	6	15	.286	8.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	18	3	.857	-
Golden State	18	3	.857	-
L.A. Lakers	12	11	.522	7.0
L.A. Clippers	11	11	.500	7.5
Sacramento	9	14	.391	10.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Dallas	11	9	.550	-
Memphis	11	10	.524	0.5
San Antonio	6	13	.316	4.5
Houston	5	16	.238	6.5
New Orleans	6	18	.250	7.0

Wednesday's games	Cleveland 111, Miami 85
Atlanta 114, Indiana 111	Milwaukee 127, Charlotte 125
Orlando 108, Denver 103	Dallas 139, New Orleans 107
Washington 115, Minnesota 107	Houston 114, Oklahoma City 110
Boston 88, Philadelphia 87	Sacramento 124, L.A. Clippers 115

Setting new records . . .

Heights swimming has busy early week

The Hamilton Heights swim teams have been busy this week, with two dual meets on back-to-back days.

On Tuesday, the Huskies swept Eastern. The girls won 103-76, with eight event victories. Teegan Madara was first in the individual medley and butterfly, while Sophia Hulen won the 50 and 100 freestyles. Mady Hutcherson placed first in the 200 free, Mary Ella Bichey won the 500 free and Campbell Lively-Mason was a close second in diving. Heights won two relays: Kennedy Weaver, Bichey, Madara and Anna Jozsa were first in the medley relay and Jane Pache, Hutcherson, Weaver and Madara took the 400 free relay in 4:17.88.

The Huskies boys team won 117-61, claiming 10 of the 12 events. Eli VanHaaren was first in the IM and 500 free, while Grant Forrer won the 200 free. The duo then joined Owen VanHaaren and Alex Knepper to win the medley relay and Owen VanHaaren and Rudy Bowman to take the 400 free relay.

Owen VanHaaren also won the 50 free, while Knepper paced the breaststroke. Gabe Roosa was first in the backstroke. Nathan Cox won a close diving event, with Ethan Swart third.

On Wednesday, the Heights girls lost to a tough Tipton team by four points, with the Blue Devils winning on the final

relay.

"Every single girl on this team swam great and really stepped up to this challenge," said Huskies coach Jennifer Clarke. "We may not have won on paper, but everyone should be so proud of their performance."

Heights began the meet with Pace, Madara, Weaver and Hutcherson out-touching Tipton to win the medley relay. Madara would win two more events, taking the IM and the breaststroke, the latter event in a new school record of 1:08.36. Other winners were Lively-Mason in diving, Weaver in the 500 free and Pache in the backstroke.

The Huskies boys team beat Tipton, claiming their first win over the Blue Devils in a few years.

"The boys looked strong in their second meet of the season with lots of great swims tonight," said Clarke.

Cox won the diving in a new school record of 295.10 points. Owen VanHaaren was first in three events, pacing the IM and breaststroke after joining Eli VanHaaren, Forrer ad Noah Shlater to win the medley relay.

Eli VanHaaren won the butterfly, Forrer was first in the backstroke, and the 200 free relay team of Shlater, Blake Blackhurst, Cole Martin and Knepper won that event.

Brownsburg No. 17 in the country . . .

'Rocks wrestling falls to nationally-ranked Bulldogs

The Westfield wrestling team, ranked No. 16 in the state, dropped a dual meet to Brownsburg, ranked No. 17 in the nation, 52-15 on Wednesday.

The Shamrocks had four match victories. Braxton Vest, rated No. 5 at 120-pounds, picked up a 6-0 decision. Jason Rooney, wrestling up a weight class, took the 170-pound bout in a 7-5 sudden-victory decision.

Austin McClure was up next at 182, and he won his match by fall. Charlie Woodward then took the 220-pound match with a big comeback victory; trailing by three points with 30 seconds left,

he found a reversal, then scored three near-fall points to win 7-5.

In the 285-pound match, No. 3 Mike Platanov went up against the Bulldogs' No. 1-ranked Leighton Jones. The match went to overtime, and Jones made a takedown with 20 seconds left to secure the 3-1 win.

Four freshmen wrestled their first varsity matches: Porter Temples at 113, Jake Saez at 126, Jonny Maynard at 132 and Eli Turner at 138.

Westfield will host the Shamrock Duals on Saturday. Wrestling begins at 9 a.m.

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers gave a red-hot Atlanta Hawks team all they could handle at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. However, when the final whistle sounded, Indiana found itself in an all-too-familiar position.

The Blue & Gold (9-15) dropped another heartbreaker, 114-111, to the Hawks (12-10) in the first game of their six-game homestand.

With 30.5 seconds remaining and the Pacers trailing 112-108, Jeremy Lamb drilled a tough fadeaway three on a second-chance opportunity to close the gap to one. On the Hawks' ensuing possession, Young mishandled the ball, and Chris Duarte scooped it up.

Duarte sprinted down the court for a layup, appearing to draw contact from Kevin Huerter while rising. Unfortunately, the ball kicked off the front of the rim and back into the hands of Young. The star guard then sank two free throws with just 1.2 seconds left, and Malcolm Brogdon's halfcourt heave narrowly bounced off the rim. With the loss, Indiana falls to 1-7 in games decided by three points or fewer.

Five Pacers finished in double figures on the night. Brogdon led the way with 27 on 10-of-20 shooting, six rebounds, and nine assists. Domantas Sabonis tallied a double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while Myles Turner added 17, nine rebounds, and two blocks. Young led everyone with 33. Indiana trailed 65-57 at halftime before battling back in the third to bring a lead into the fourth.

"The first half set the table for the second half," Rick Carlisle said. "When you go down eight — when you lose the last two-and-a-half minutes of the half by eight points, that's tough."

The Pacers made six of their first 10 shots, but the Hawks started just a tick better, going 7-of-10 from the field and 3-of-4 from long range. After Sabonis' layup gave Indiana its first lead, Young responded with a deep four-point play for Atlanta. The bucket snagged an 18-15 Hawks lead at the 6:55 mark.

A few minutes later, Chris Duarte and Huerter matched each other shot-for-shot on four straight possessions to provide more fireworks. Although, with 4:38 to play, the rookie had the last laugh of the run. The guard scrapped for a steal on Huerter and drilled a trey on the other end to give Indiana a 25-23 lead.

The Blue & Gold then stretched their lead to four before Atlanta mounted a 10-0 spree to take a 33-27 lead and force a timeout. At the buzzer, Lou Williams added another Atlanta three — the team's seventh of the frame — to take a 38-29 lead into the second. The 38 points were a season-high for a Pacers opponent in the first quarter.

The Pacers' bench helped close the deficit to 43-42 over the early minutes of

the second. Brad Wanamaker started the frame with a three-point play, and Jeremy Lamb tallied six over the first 4:07 to counter the Hawks' attack. At the 5:45 mark, Oshae Brissett's triple on a second-chance opportunity finally tied the score at 47 apiece.

Later, with the score tied at 53, the Hawks used the three ball once again to create some separation for the break. Huerter and John Collins knocked in treys as part of a 10-2 spree that grabbed a 63-55 Hawks lead with 1:04 to play. After Brogdon hit a pair at the stripe, Collins finished the frame with an alley-oop slam to stretch Atlanta's lead to eight before the break.

Trailing 67-57, the Pacers knocked in five straight to trim the deficit to five with 9:44 to play. However, the run stopped there after the squad committed back-to-back turnovers. Young and Huerter took advantage of the miscues, stretching the lead back to 10 with 8:41 left.

But Indiana continued to fight. After Young's jumper gave Atlanta a 74-62 lead, Turner capped a 6-0 Pacers spree with an emphatic two-handed slam to force a Hawks timeout with 6:02 left. Despite the stoppage, the Pacers continued to climb. After a jumper by Young, the Blue & Gold rattled off another eight unanswered.

At the 3:27 mark, Turner provided the endcap, flushing the ball home with force off a swift dish from Brogdon. The Pacers pulled ahead 81-78. In all, it was a 19-4 run.

The surge sparked the Pacers through the end of the third quarter. A trey from Brissett — his second — with 52.5 seconds remaining provided the final Pacers points, and they took a slim 88-87 lead into the fourth.

Collins notched five of a 10-4 Hawks run that gave the visitors a 97-92 lead with 9:00 to play. When Indiana trimmed the gap to three, Young tallied five straight to push the lead to eight. The buckets pushed him over 30 points for the fifth consecutive contest.

But the Blue & Gold did not give up. Trailing 105-99, Brogdon and Sabonis tallied consecutive buckets in 27 seconds to cut the gap to two with 3:50 to play.

However, Atlanta quickly stretched its lead to 109-103 behind buckets from Capela and Huerter.

Trailing 111-106 with 57.6 seconds left, Brogdon quickly brought Indiana to within three with a driving layup. On the other end, Collins earned a trip to the charity stripe, sinking one of two with 39.8 ties left to extend Atlanta's lead to 112-108.

Despite the late-game heroics, Indiana could not pull off the comeback. However, the players appear to remain in good spirits, as the fortunes could flip in these close battles at any moment.

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