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# State Board of Education approves indicators meant to improve school performance transparency

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) on Wednesday unanimously approved a set of indicators to measure how schools are preparing students, starting in early grades and continuing through high school, to achieve lifelong success. The indicators, developed in collaboration with a broad set of stakeholders across the state, will be incorporated into the **Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (Indiana GPS)** dashboard.


“Students are so much more than a single test score,” said Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner. “To provide a more holistic view of school performance, the creation of the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) dashboard will offer a robust, transparent and nimble system that showcases outcomes that matter most to student success throughout their educational journey. Our team looks forward to continuing to actively engage with people across Indiana to capture the best indicators that create a pathway for growth and prosperity for our students.”

**Click here to view the presentation.**

Each indicator provides a means for measuring

*“Students are so much more than a single test score, which is why we are working to provide parents a more comprehensive look at a school’s overall performance. This increased transparency allows schools to recognize any issues and make necessary adjustments. Schools across the state can now choose to post benchmark assessments in numerous subjects to better communicate with parents and make it easier to identify the areas the school may be excelling in and areas needing improvement.”*

**– State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero)**



school performance, and is aligned with the previously-announced **Indiana GPS characteristics**. These indicators signal students’ performance across all grade levels, and include metrics such as kindergarten readiness, the number of students who are progressing toward proficiency in literacy by the end of grade three, English/language arts and math proficiency, graduation pathway completion and career exploration.


Some of the most innovative indicators will need to be developed through a multi-year research and development process, which will include continued engagement with educators, students, families, industry leaders and community partners.

The Indiana GPS dashboard is part of Indiana’s broader initiative to re-evaluate how the state defines

and measures success for students and schools. Today’s actions by the SBOE follow **House Enrolled Act 1514**, which directs the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and SBOE to develop a school performance dashboard that promotes transparency and multiple student measures, including longitudinal measures.

Leading up to the SBOE meeting, IDOE worked alongside educators, families and community leaders to define the characteristics of a successful Hoosier graduate and to draft indicators aligned to each of those characteristics for public feedback. IDOE will now continue to refine the indicators and begin to build the public dashboard, keeping stakeholder engagement at the heart of the process.

More information on Indiana GPS is available [here](#).



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# TEST DRIVE TODAY

Letter to the Editor

Sens. Young, Braun call for action on port congestion harming Hoosier businesses

This week, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mike Braun (R-Ind.) sent a letter to the Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force regarding the port congestion and shipping delays that are jeopardizing Midwest businesses struggling to receive timely access to inputs and inventory. Read the letter in full below.

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Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Members of the Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force:

We write to you expressing deep urgency regarding the port congestion and shipping delays that are wreaking havoc on our constituents and jeopardizing businesses all across the Midwest. We have heard countless stories and fielded requests from small and medium sized businesses that have led us to inquire about your actions to minimize harm resulting from this crisis and your plans to address it with urgency.

The businesses located in Indiana are particularly impacted by these supply chain barriers, most urgently at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Some have products stuck in container ships on the water, some have containers stacked in inaccessible environments, and some cannot find proper storage space or available methods for transport. The combination of these factors has led to an incredibly strenuous environment for our constituents, one that they cannot withstand much longer. We must identify measures to increase productivity, unkink the chain, and finds ways to be efficient before even more businesses go under.

We appreciate the efforts undertaken to address supply chain challenges such as the Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force (Task Force). Unfortunately, the Task Force has failed to deliver meaningful and immediate relief. While the installation of the Port Envoy could achieve beneficial changes, the initiative is too narrow and fails to address the entirety of port congestion, not just the concentration evident at Los Angeles and Long Beach. Further,



Young



Braun

warehouse space and chassis availability continue to represent a significant hurdle in alleviating congestion. The recent announcement to open the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports for 24/7 operation addresses working hours, but not the fundamental issue of available chassis and escalating costs passed down to consumers and incurred by importers struggling to manage inventory and secure inputs.

Our constituents are simply asking for action that leads to results, which so far has not occurred in a meaningful way. In that vein, we are requesting written responses to a series of questions below regarding tangible action and improvements to port congestion and supply chain disruptions.

1. What does the Task Force identify as the root cause or causes for this current crisis at our nation's ports?
2. What actions has the Task Force taken to mitigate or eliminate supply chain issues that prevent transfer of products off container ships and on to trucks or rail cars?
3. What are the Task Force and the Administration doing to encourage greater automation and efficiency at our nation's major ports, which are noted to be some of the most inefficient in the world?
4. Are there other parts of our supply chain that could be operating more efficiently, and what are the relevant agencies in the Task Force doing to promote such efficiency?
5. Does the Task Force and their related agencies require additional authorities from Congress to address port congestion and shipping delays? If so, please detail these authorities.

6. Are there any solutions or mitigating relief measures pertaining to the supply chain crisis that the agency members of the Task Force would like to implement but cannot because they are outside of their scope and authority?

7. Has the Task Force or the Administration consulted with military logistics experts to identify creative solutions to solving port congestion and supply chain issues?

8. Has the Task Force or the Administration consulted with private entities focused on business solutions to identify ways to solve port congestion and supply chain issues?

9. Why does the American public not have access to timely updates on what the federal government is doing to improve the pressing port congestion issues?

10. Would the American people benefit from increased transparency through systematic reporting on supply chain disruptions?

11. What analysis has been conducted to determine the geographical implications to the Midwest caused by decisions made on coasts where the majority of the port-related disruption has taken place?

12. Is the Task Force currently equipped to develop and implement a comprehensive set of solutions that will execute immediate results? If not, please identify what barriers exist in the Task Force's mission.

13. Is there a single point of authority and accountability within the federal government for dealing with the current supply chain crisis and, if so, who is it?

14. Has the Task Force or the Administration considered the impact that the federal vaccine mandate policies and requirements on cross-border truck drivers may have on port congestion and shipping delays?

We look forward to your thorough answers to these questions, which we will share with our constituents in need.

Sincerely,  
**Todd Young**  
*United States Senator*  
**Mike Braun**  
*United States Senator*

State Senator Qaddoura says legislature should reopen state budget in light of revenue surplus

**Submitted**  
*The State Budget Committee heard testimony Thursday that the state's revenue is an unprecedented \$3.3 billion above forecasts for the current budget cycle. The state will have reserves of \$5.1 billion for this fiscal year and \$4.1 billion in the next fiscal year.*

Senator **Fady Qaddoura** (D-Indianapolis), a member of the State Budget Committee, released the following response:

"Thanks to the American Rescue Plan and strong economic growth in our state, Indiana will have additional tax revenue available over the next two years. This is an unprecedented situation and the legislature should respond accordingly by re-opening the budget to address the needs of all Hoosiers.

"We should consider strategic investments that will address chronic issues that have confronted Indiana for decades. The surplus gives Indiana a unique opportunity to fully fund public schools and Pre-K, attract and retain teachers, enact targeted tax cuts to make the tax system fairer for all Hoosier families, eliminate childcare deserts, send more financial resources to cities to enhance public safety and reduce violent crimes, and increase funding for mental health services.

"As a fiscally responsible leader and a finance expert, I firmly support state-balanced budgets, healthy reserves, and a responsible spending plan. Given Indiana's unprecedented fiscal position, this is the time to invest these funds strategically to address critical needs for all Hoosiers."

*State Sen. Qaddoura represents Indiana Senate District 30, which encompasses parts of Hamilton and Marion counties. For more information on Sen. Qaddoura, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [IN.gov/s30](https://www.in.gov/s30).*



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# State lawmakers consider restrictions on vaccine mandates

**By GARRETT BERGQUIST**  
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Indiana's Chamber of Commerce president on Wednesday said proposed regulations on employer vaccine requirements could prove costly.

State House members took testimony Thursday morning on a proposal to prohibit employers from requiring employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine unless they provide for religious and medical exemptions. Employers also would have to cover the costs of any required COVID-19 tests for employees who refuse the vaccine and could not require tests more than once a week. The hearing comes nearly three weeks before lawmakers are scheduled to return to the Statehouse for the short session.

Indiana Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Kevin Brinegar said his organization's members don't want any government mandates for or against vaccines. He said although most Indiana employers do not require their employees to get vaccinated against the virus, the legislation could prove particularly disruptive for those that do, such as in the healthcare industry. Brinegar said one manufacturer with about 700 employees told him half of their employees had refused the vaccine. If the company was required to cover the costs of testing each of those workers weekly, he said the owner estimated it would cost them \$1.2 million in six months.

"Employees and individuals have had months and months and months to get themselves vaccinated for free and if they choose not to, and have to go through a testing regime instead, our belief is the cost should not fall on the shoulders of the employer," Brinegar said.

House Majority Floor Leader Matt Lehman (R-Fort Wayne) is sponsoring the bill. Lehman's office was not able to make him available before deadline.

# Tickets on sale today for Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band at Carmel's Palladium

**The REPORTER**

The Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band will bring its blues-rock sound to the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel on Saturday, April 16.

Tickets starting at \$40 will go on sale at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Palladium Box Office, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) and by phone at (317) 843-3800. The 8 p.m. event is part of the Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series and the 2021-22 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Shepherd first emerged as a young guitar prodigy in the 1990s, signing his first recording contract at 16 and quickly becoming one of the most successful blues artists of his generation, as well as a prominent champion of blues tradition. The Louisiana native's releases have routinely topped *Billboard's* Blues Albums chart, and he has collaborated or toured with such names as B.B. King, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Robert Randolph, Stephen Stills, Ringo Starr, the Rolling Stones and Van Halen. Along the way, he has earned five Grammy nominations, two *Billboard* Music Awards and the Blues Foundation's Keeping the Blues Alive Award, among others.



Photo provided  
**Tickets go on sale this morning for a concert featuring the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band, coming to the Palladium in Carmel on April 16.**

The band's current tour celebrates the upcoming 25th anniversary of Shepherd's sophomore album, *Trouble Is ...*, which sent three singles to the Top 10 of the Mainstream Rock chart: "Blue on Black," "Everything Is Broken" and "Somehow, Somewhere, Someway."

The Center for the Performing Arts currently requires patrons 12 and older to show proof of COVID vaccination, or a negative test taken within 72 hours of the performance, before entering its venues. Patrons age 3 and older must wear masks or other face coverings at all times, except when actively eating or drinking.

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# Carmel will celebrate Indiana's Classic Cars with four new roundabout sculptures on 96<sup>th</sup> Street corridor

## The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has commissioned four new roundabout sculptures for the 96th Street corridor that will celebrate "Indiana's Classic Cars." The new pieces will be designed by the artist Arlon Bayliss and are scheduled to be placed in 2022 and 2023. The four automobile-themed sculptures will beautify the new roundabouts on 96th Street at Priority Way, Delegates Row, Gray Road and Hazel Dell Parkway.

The four sculptures will feature artistic interpretations of the classic cars Marmon, Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg, Stutz and Studebaker – each of which were designed and built in Indiana during the first half of the 20th century when America first began to fall in love with automobiles.

"Great public art is an important part of our mission in Carmel to create a city that stands apart for its beauty and quality of life," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "As this corridor is home to so many automobile dealerships, we felt it would be appropriate to celebrate the beauty and genius of Indiana's classic cars and the remarkable contributions they made to the industry. The 96th Street corridor is our boundary with Indianapolis and it is important for our tax base that this area continues to thrive. Coming shortly after our investments in creating better traffic flow along this thoroughfare, this project will solidify the 96th Street corridor as the premiere place to shop for and buy cars in the Midwest."

The cost of the sculptures will be \$2.5 million and will be paid out of TIF bonds approved by the Carmel City Council.

In the early 1900s, there were more than 100 automobile manufacturers in Indiana. Many of them are recognized as iconic expressions of invention and ingenuity in the history of the American automobile.

"From the late 1800s through the first half of the 20th century, an explosion in Hoosier creativity resulted in beautiful and innovative cars. Many car makers pioneered features we take for granted today like front wheel drive, rear view mirrors, and independent suspension," Bayliss said. "While these sculptures will honor some of the most well-known Indiana Classic Cars. They will not be mere reproductions. Instead, they will be four unique artworks inspired by the beauty and creative genius of these cars."

Each of the artworks refers to a common theme; however, to echo the variety and creativity seen in Indiana's Classic Cars, Bayliss has approached each sculpture differently in form and content. One is inspired by an elegant hood ornament, one by the flowing outline drawings of a prolific car designer, one by the world's most famous race car and another by a celebrated logo design.

Below is a look at each of the sculpture designs.

### MARMON at 96th Street & Priority Way

Arguably, the world's most famous race car, the Model 32-based, six-cylinder "Marmon Wasp" won the first Indy 500 in 1911. The car's engineer and driver, Ray Harroun of Anderson, Ind., pioneered an aerodynamic tail and the first known use of a rearview mirror, an invention that eliminated the need for a mechanic to ride along and warn the driver of approaching cars. The original car survives and is a priceless gem in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum collection. A photograph taken at the time of the race famously distorted the car so that its form slants forward, emphasizing speed. Affectionately known by the museum staff as the "wonky wheel wasp photo," it most likely inspired artwork for the latter of two U.S. postage stamps that celebrate this unique, historic vehicle.



Renderings provided by City of Carmel  
Four roundabout sculptures will be constructed along the 96th Street corridor. They will pay homage to the splendid design of early 20th century Hoosier-made automobiles: Marmon, Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg, Stutz, and Studebaker.

The abstracted sculpture of the vehicle slants dynamically forward. To further emphasize speed, the open-framed artwork is lifted, sitting only on its rear wheels, so that the front wheels rise off the sculpture pedestal. The rectangular base is finished in Indiana limestone and brick, a nod to the famous Brickyard racetrack. Limestone inset panels on each long side frame custom signage. The base's sloping sides raise the sculpture more than five feet above grade, protecting the artwork and enabling it to be viewed clearly. The sculpture and base together will measure around 25 feet long and more than 12 feet high. Like the Marmon Wasp, the sculpture will be painted yellow and black, its powder-coated framework will be illuminated at night.

### AUBURN, CORD, DUESENBERG at 96th Street & Delegates Way

The contributions these three car companies made to car design is impossible to overstate. Managed together in their most fruitful years under the creative leadership of E. L. Cord, Auburn and Duesenberg produced their best cars. Cord encouraged the two makers to improve further on their strengths and in 1929 started a third, highly innovative car company, "Cord."

**AUBURN** – The art deco influenced 851 Boattail Speedster was the first stock American car guaranteed to exceed 100 miles per hour in stock form. Its performance was astonishing, but the car is remembered today for its styling; clearly, one of the most beautiful and unforgettable designs of the 1930s.

**CORD** – Basking in American prosperity of the late 1920s, entrepreneur E. L. Cord launched an exciting and innovative high-performance luxury car bearing his name. The Cord 810 caused a sensation at the New York Auto Show in November 1935. Among other advances, Cord pioneered front-wheel drive, concealed headlights and the steering mounted horn.

**DUESENBERG** – Quite possibly the most valuable American production cars in history, these powerful prestigious cars were owned by the rich and famous, like Hollywood stars Gary Cooper and Clark Gable. The Duesenberg SSJ was the fastest pre-World War II production road car by a considerable margin and would outrun an Aston Martin DB5 or Mercedes Gullwing produced two decades later. One previ-

ously owned by Cooper recently sold for \$22 million at public auction.

For the sculpture, Bayliss discovered that one designer, Gordon Beuhrig, was responsible for developing the most well-known cars for all three companies. Such were his ground-breaking ideas, innovations and beautiful designs that he later became known as "the dean of classic automobile design." His Duesenberg Model J, Cord 810 and Auburn Boattail Speedster revolutionized automotive design; the Cord was selected by The Museum of Modern Art as one of the most influential car designs of all time.

Inspired by Beuhrig's drawings, the sculpture features silhouettes of famous Auburn, Cord and Duesenbergs. Arranged on three curved stems and tapering like feathers they ascend towards a star-shaped "star-of achievement." From the "boat tail" inspired star, mounted on slim stems, burst gears, pistons and wheels, symbols of the companies' engineering innovations. At night, the 32-foot-high sculpture is illuminated by LED spotlights. Its crown and symbols feature multi-colored sparkling dichroic lighting, similar to the artist's first commission for Carmel, "Beacon Bloom."

### STUTZ at 96th Street & Gray Road

One of the great Jazz Age American sports cars, the Stutz Bearcat, was a prized champion of early automobile racing. Stutz invented the transaxle and developed an "underslung chassis," an invention still in use today that greatly enhances the safety and stability of motor vehicles. To emphasize its safety focus and resonate with an interest in Egyptology that swept the country in the ear-

ly 1920s, Stutz chose the Egyptian sun god, Ra, for its radiator mascot or hood ornament. Ra, who symbolized strength and security, was created by Aurelius Marcus Bennetti and Dee Carlton Brown. They designed a highly stylized Egyptian god; a beautiful example of Art Deco. Ra graced the radiators of Stutz models from 1925 to 1935.

Inspired by the Stutz "Ra" Art Deco hood ornament, this sculpture enlarges the head to around 16 feet high. It will be elevated on a five-foot-high Indiana limestone base. Using dozens of sheets of steel, the head is sculpted in vertical slices with spaces between them, creating an ethereal light-permeable abstract form. At night the artwork is illuminated from within using the artists signature-colored dichroic-filtered light sources.

### STUDEBAKER at 96th Street & Hazel Dell Parkway

Studebaker produced vehicles for more than 100 years, from horse drawn carts to electric vehicles, military vehicles to gas vehicles. The car maker contracted with world famous designer Raymond Loewy whose team produced many ground-breaking designs including the Hawk and Avanti. One of their Studebaker logo designs became a mid-century design classic known as the lazy "S."

In a dynamic composition that takes cues from Studebaker's famous "Lazy S" car badge and logo, three tapering forms rise to the sky. The sinuous large, medium and small forms vary in height from 18 to 36 feet high. As drivers navigate the roundabout, the elegant, diamond-sectioned trio seem to undulate, dancing with one another, as light kisses their metallic painted sides.

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*Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)*

## Lester James Cochran

February 4, 1956 – December 15, 2021

Lester James Cochran, 65, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at his home. He was born on February 4, 1956, to Lester and Geneva (Wethington) Cochran in Liberty, Ky.

Lester owned a company that built mini barns and storage sheds before retiring. He collected pocketknives and guns. Lester enjoyed working on mini bikes with his grandson and target shooting. He and Carol frequently visited Friendship, Ind., and other places with festivals.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carol Cochran; aunt, Betty Rodger; daughter, Crystal Miller; and grandson, Leo Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The Cochran Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Lester's care.

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## Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To receive information about prospective employees, the Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, in the Conference Room off of the Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

## — Westfield —

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WESTFIELD COMMON COUNCIL ON DESIGNATION OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR ORTHOINDY

The Westfield Common Council (the "Council") will conduct a public hearing on December 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (Local Time) in the public assembly room located in the Westfield Government Center, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, to consider confirmation of Resolution No. 21-139 (the "Declaratory Resolution") adopted by the Council on December 13, 2021, which designated an Economic Revitalization Area ("ERA") and preliminarily approved a real property tax abatement for Orthoindy and/or its affiliates. At the public hearing on December 27, 2021, the Council will receive and hear all remonstrance and objections from interested persons and take final action on the Declaratory Resolution under the provisions of Indiana Code Sections 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq. by consideration of Confirmatory Resolution No. 21-133 setting forth final action in determining that the qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met, approving real property tax abatement, and confirming Resolution No. 21-139.

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

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

Dated: December 15, 2021  
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## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to watch for scams while finishing their holiday shopping this year.

"Christmas should be about celebrating faith and family and friends," Rokita said. "Amid each year's festivities, though, it seems we must always contend with shameless con artists determined to defraud generous Hoosiers and separate them from their hard-earned money."

Scammers are known to look for rushed, unsuspecting victims.

"This time of year, individuals most absorbed in the season's traditions could become easy prey to fraudsters," Rokita said. "That includes shoppers hurrying to finish buying all the gifts on their lists. I encourage everyone to exercise vigilance to protect themselves."

Rokita offered the following tips for avoiding falling victim to scams:

- When shopping online, stick to secure websites that have "https" in the address (or a lock icon) rather than just an unse-

cured "http" site.

- Pay by credit card when online shopping. Always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize. You can reverse charges or dispute a charge with your credit card company if necessary. It is more difficult to dispute charges on your debit card or obtain cash back.

- If you are purchasing gift cards, make sure you know the expiration date, as well as the terms that apply to the card. Keep receipts associated with gift cards in case they do not get properly activated to the amount you paid.

- Also on the subject of gift cards: Remember that any solicitor who contacts you by phone or email and asks you to pay with a gift card is no doubt a scammer. Do not cooperate with anyone making such a pitch.

- When shopping at physical store locations, conceal your purchases in the trunk of your vehicle or under the seat rather



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than leaving them in plain sight through windows. Also keep a close watch on purses and wallets when walking through shopping areas.

- Stave off "porch pirates" by making sure home exteriors stay well-lit. Follow a plan for the arrival of home deliveries, such as arranging for trusted neighbors to receive deliveries when you're gone. Homeowners also may consider such options as purchasing lockable drop-off boxes or security systems with cameras.

• If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Take your time to investigate and be skeptical of such deals. Ask questions. Be sure to read the fine print to make sure you are purchasing exactly what you want on the terms you expect.

- Closely read emails advertising holiday deals to make sure they come from the companies they claim to represent rather than imposters and fraudsters. Consider navigating to a company's official website

through a trusted search engine rather than clicking on a link in an email.

- To protect your personal information, refrain from making online purchases while using public Wi-Fi.

- Never make hurried decisions. Scam artists want to pressure you into making a quick commitment to buy from them. Slow down and check out details for yourself.

- Research charities before donating – and follow the same online payment and security rules you would follow with online shopping. You can look up charities' reports and ratings on these websites: [Give.org](http://Give.org), [GuideStar.org](http://GuideStar.org), [CharityWatch.org](http://CharityWatch.org), and [CharityNavigator.org](http://CharityNavigator.org).

As always, if you believe you have been subjected to a scam, file a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. The office relies on Hoosiers filing complaints to know which companies or individuals to investigate. A consumer complaint can be filed at [indianaconsumer.com](http://indianaconsumer.com) – or you can contact the Office of the Attorney General at 1-800-382-5516.

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## Wrestling

# Sheridan, Westfield get dual wins

The Sheridan wrestling team won its Senior Night dual meet Thursday, beating Hoosier Heartland Conference opponent Delphi 42-27 at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks won seven matches, including three by fall: Austin Bond got a pin in the 126-pound bout, Noah Ehrie picked up a first-period fall at 145 and Jacob Jones also pinned his opponent in the first round of the 182-pound match. Tresdon Hamilton, Peyton Cross, Preston Weir and Zach Bales all won matches by forfeit.

"A win is a win," said Sheridan coach Steve Leonard. "We filled in a lot of weight classes tonight with kids that aren't normally there just so we could get some experience. We've got several kids out on quarantine and several that have just come back that need practices in. Hopefully the next time we see them, we'll be full force."

The Blackhawks are 12-2, which Leonard said is "pretty good for a small school." The coach pointed to a close dual with Kokomo, where the score finished in a tie. The Wildkats won the dual on criteria.

"Bigger schools are starting to respect us," said Leonard.

Next up for Sheridan is the Eastern Holiday Classic, which takes place Dec. 28 and 29.



Photo by Si DeVaney III

**Sheridan senior Austin Bond won the 126-pound match by fall during the Blackhawks' dual meet with Delphi Thursday at Larry Hobbs Hall.**

160: Zach Bales won by forfeit  
170: Parker Williams lost to Rucker by fall, 5:10  
182: Jacob Jones def. Lane by fall, 1:00  
195: Timmy Vyner lost to Kinser by fall, 2:54

Westfield won an all-county dual meet with Noblesville Thursday night at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium.

The meet score was 49-18, but it was a hard-fought dual between Westfield and the Millers. Noblesville led 18-12 after six matches, but the 'Rocks blasted through the second half of the meet, winning the last eight bouts.

"I thought we wrestled very well," said Westfield coach Phil Smith. "Noblesville's pretty tough in the upper weights."

Smith said some of his wrestlers were competing "out of weights" at the meet. "We wrestle again this weekend, so we don't want have those guys have to make weight twice in a row," he said. "So we had a little bit different lineup in today and I was pretty pleased with how are our guys wrestled today."

The meet began with the 152-pound match, and the Millers won that one; Carter Richardson was victorious in an 11-6 decision. The Shamrocks then got back-to-back pins, first from Jason Rooney at 160, then Jackson Anderson won at 170, coming back from a big deficit to get a third-period fall.

The Millers then picked up three straight wins: Seth Stone received a forfeit at 182, Austin Hastings made a first-period pin at 195 and Jacob Long won at 220 by decision. Those victories put Noblesville ahead 18-12.

But Westfield took over from there. Mike Platonov, ranked No. 2 in the state at 285 pounds, won a 5-2 decision at that weight class. That brought up the lighter weights, and the Shamrocks won the next four matches with first-period falls. In order, it was Chase Camire at 106, Porter Temples at 113, Jake Saez at 120 and Braxton Vest at 126.

"They're the strength of our lineup, for sure," said Smith. "We've got some younger guys in the upper weights, and they're doing a great job, kind of learning and we're excited about the end of the season for those guys."

Jonathan Maynard won a tough match at 132 by a 2-0 decision, then Thadeus O'Neill took the 138 bout with a major

decision. The closest match was the last one of the evening, with Ike O'Neill edging out Gage Guley at 145 in an overtime decision.

"We wrestled tough," said Noblesville coach Michael Weimer. The Millers were coming off a tough Tuesday dual against Hamilton Southeastern, and Weimer thought his team responded after that match.

"Saw a lot of good improvements from Tuesday to Thursday and a lot of belief and understanding," said Weimer.

"I always tell the guys 'We haven't arrived.' We have not arrived, but we're not flying under the radar," said Weimer. The coach said that everyone is going to give his wrestlers their best, "so you got to believe that we're going to give our best too, and our kids are starting to believe that a little bit."

**WESTFIELD 49, NOBLESVILLE 18**  
Meet started at 152 pounds

152: Carter Richardson (N) def. Carson Brandt (W) by decision, 11-6  
160: Jason Rooney (W) def. Nolan Fitzgerald (N) by fall, 3:49  
170: Jackson Anderson (W) def. Caleb Dean (N) by fall, 5:10  
182: Seth Stone (N) won by forfeit  
195: Austin Hastings (N) def. Mikeah Webster (W) by fall, 1:01  
220: Jacob Long (N) def. Charlie Woodward (W) by decision, 7-4  
285: Mike Platonov (W) def. Jacob Etchison (N) by decision, 5-2  
106: Chase Camire (W) def. AJ Kramer (N) by fall, 1:06

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## Noblesville boys basketball games postponed

The Noblesville boys basketball team's weekend games with Westfield on Friday and Hamilton Heights on Saturday have both been postponed.

Make-up dates for both games have not been determined and will be announced at a later date.



**Friday Dec 17th Upcoming Broadcasts on HCTV**



**6:00 pm | Boys/Girls Basketball Duple Header**  
**Eastern vs Sheridan**  
- Bragg Sports

**6:00 | Boys Basketball Varsity**  
**Covenant Christian vs Chatard**  
- Indiana SRN

**7:20 | Boys Basketball Varsity**  
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Girls basketball

'Blazers get seventh straight victory

The University girls faced a stern test Thursday night and they passed with flying colors, winning their seventh straight game by pulling away in the fourth quarter to post a 65-55 win over Marion County Tournament semi-finalist Lawrence Central.

Kelsey DuBois scored 15 of her game high 21 points in the second half to pace University. The 6-0 junior also had eight rebounds. Senior Patty Chikamba had 14 points and team highs with nine rebounds and seven assists. Junior Payton Seay had 15 points and six rebounds.

University jumped to a quick 9-2 lead early in the game before Lawrence Central rallied to tie the game at 11 with 2:10 left in the first period. Neither team had more than a four-point lead until five minutes left in the game as the teams exchanged small runs. University led 16-14

after the first quarter and Lawrence Central had a 26-25 lead at halftime.

University took a 39-35 lead in the third period, the only time in the middle quarters the lead was larger than one possession, before Lawrence Central ran off the next six points. Payton Seay tied the game with a pair of foul shots with 1:02 left in the third before freshman Taylor Seay scored with 25 seconds on the clock to give the Blazers a 41-39 lead after three.

The Bears tied the game early in the fourth quarter before Taylor Seay put University on top for good at 43-41. DuBois scored the next two baskets for University and the Trailblazers led 47-44. Buckets by Chikamba, Patterson and DuBois put University up 53-45 with 3:50 left in the game. After a pair of Lawrence Central free throws, Chikamba fed Jor-

dan Patterson for a layin with 3:10 left and a 55-46 lead.

DuBois stretched the lead to 11 at the 2:32 mark making both ends of a one-and-one opportunity. Baskets by Chikamba and Payton Seay and free throws by Chikamba and Kamryn Washington closed out the scoring for University.

Patterson finished with nine points. Taylor Seay had four points. Washington finished with just two points but handled the ball against the Lawrence Central pressure defense and committed only one turnover while pulling down five rebounds.

The win improved University's record to 9-2. Lawrence Central falls to 7-6.

University is next in action on Saturday, hosting the undefeated Indianapolis HomeSchool Wildcats at noon at The U Center. The Wildcats are 14-0 with wins

over five IHSA schools. The Wildcats defeated 9-3 Northwestern 52-48 earlier this week.

UNIVERSITY 65, LAWRENCE CENTRAL 55				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	8-15	5-8	21	4
Patty Chikamba	5-13	4-7	14	2
Kamryn Washington	0-2	2-2	2	4
Payton Seay	5-11	4-6	15	1
Jordan Patterson	4-8	1-2	9	3
Abby Hannon	0-0	0-0	0	0
Taylor Seay	2-4	0-0	4	3
Totals	24-53	16-25	65	17
Score by Quarters				
LCHS	14	12	13	16 - 55
University	16	9	16	24 - 65
University 3-point shooting (1-7) P. Seay 1-3, Chikamba 0-3, Patterson 0-1.				
University rebounds (32) Chikamba 9, DuBois 8, P. Seay 6, Washington 5, Patterson 3, T. Seay 1.				

Fifth consecutive win . . .

Defense powers Huskies past Delta

A superb defensive effort led the Hamilton Heights girls basketball team to its fifth straight win on Thursday.

The Class 3A No. 7 Huskies beat Delta 57-19 in a home game. Heights' defense was ready to go from the start, as it allowed the Eagles no points in the first quarter. The Huskies led 12-0 after that period; Ella Hickok, Mia Shields and Camryn Runner each hit a 3-pointer, while MyKayla Moran made a basket and a free throw.

"Great effort tonight from everyone," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "We have much respect for Delta and Coach Andy Lewman. We were really solid that first quarter defensively. Anytime you hold a team scoreless for a quarter, it can be really deflating."

Heights poured in 22 points in the second quarter to lead 34-7 at halftime. Moran stepped up with seven more points, while Shields nailed two more 3s.

The Huskies held a 44-13 lead after three periods, then scored 13 more in the fourth, with Runner adding seven points. Runner finished with 15 points, while Moran scored 12.

"For consecutive games we did a nice job getting the ball inside early to MyKayla," said Cherry. "She is beginning to show some confidence and play-

ing with more poise."

The coach credited Runner and Shields with making the 3s that "stretched the lead fairly quick. On the other side, playing with a big lead can be hard mentally. I thought our girls stayed engaged and played to a standard. We were able to play everyone tonight. And that's always nice."

Heights is 9-3 and will play at the Summit Conference Classic in Fort Wayne on Tuesday. The Huskies are scheduled to play Bishop Dwenger at 10 a.m. and Concordia Lutheran at 4 p.m.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 57, DELTA 19					
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF	
Ella Hickok	3	1-2	8	0	
Mia Shields	3	0-0	9	2	
Camryn Runner	4	4-4	15	1	
Hadleigh Cherry	2	1-1	5	3	
MyKayla Moran	4	4-6	12	0	
Kaylee Rhoton	0	2-2	2	1	
Kassidy Schakel	0	0-1	0	1	
Kennedy Cherry	1	0-0	2	0	
Morgan Ottinger	1	0-0	2	1	
Katie Brown	1	0-0	2	1	
Totals	19	12-16	57	10	
Score by Quarters					
Delta	0	7	6	6	- 19
Heights	12	22	10	13	- 57
Heights 3-pointers (7) Shields 3, Runner 3, Hickok 1.					

WRESTLING

113: Porter Temples (W) def. Nick Claussen (N) by fall, 1:56  
120: Jake Saez (W) def. Julian Wenger (N) by fall, 1:18  
126: Braxton Vest (W) def. Aidan Howell (N) by fall, 0:35  
132: Jonathan Maynard (W) def. Keaton Sepiol (N) by decision, 2-0  
138: Thadeus O'Neill (W) def. Caleb Leeman (N) by major decision, 16-7  
145: Ike O'Neill (W) def. Gage Gulley (N) by decision, 6-4, overtime

132: Riley Frederickksen (HSE) by major decision  
138: Nick Egorov (HSE) by major decision  
145: Zach Lang (HSE) by decision  
152: Nick Jakubs (HSE) by decision  
160: De Shawn Ternoir (HSE) by fall  
170: Zach Wagner (HSE) by technical fall  
182: Seth Stone (N) by injury default  
195: Austin Hastings (N) by fall  
220: Charlie Irish (HSE) by fall  
285: Dom Burgett (HSE) by fall

NEXT MEETS

Westfield will travel to Penn on Saturday to compete in the Henry Wilk Classic. Hamilton Southeastern also will be wrestling Saturday, at the Kyle Osborn Memorial Invitational at McCutcheon. Noblesville's next meet is at the North Montgomery Holiday Duals on Dec. 28 and 29.

Here are results from the Hamilton Southeastern-Noblesville dual meet on Tuesday. Match winners are as follows:

**HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 58, NOBLESVILLE 12**  
106: Aidan Smalley (HSE) by decision  
113: Nick Anderson (HSE) by fall  
120: Ethan Berens (HSE) by forfeit  
126: Blake Alvarado (HSE) by fall

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Phoenix 118, Washington 98  
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Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	21	8	.724	-
Philadelphia	15	15	.500	6.5
Boston	14	14	.500	6.5
Toronto	13	15	.464	7.5
New York	13	16	.448	8.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	19	11	.633	-
Chicago	17	10	.630	0.5
Cleveland	18	12	.600	1.0
Indiana	13	18	.419	6.5
Detroit	4	23	.148	13.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	17	12	.586	-
Charlotte	16	14	.533	1.5
Washington	15	15	.500	2.5
Atlanta	14	14	.500	2.5
Orlando	5	24	.172	12.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	20	7	.741	-
Denver	14	14	.500	6.5
Minnesota	13	15	.464	7.5
Portland	11	18	.379	10.0
Oklahoma City	8	19	.296	12.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	23	5	.821	-
Phoenix	23	5	.821	-
L.A. Clippers	16	13	.552	7.5
L.A. Lakers	16	13	.552	7.5
Sacramento	12	17	.414	11.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	18	11	.621	-
Dallas	14	14	.500	3.5
San Antonio	10	17	.370	7.0
Houston	9	20	.310	9.0
New Orleans	9	21	.300	9.5

# Pacers take care of Detroit, 122-113

By BRENDAN ROURKE  
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Coming off consecutive losses, the Pacers (13-18) got back into the win column Thursday night with a 122-113 win over the Detroit Pistons (4-23). The Blue & Gold have now won four straight home games against their division rivals.

After a brief early scare, Indiana's offense regained control and sustained a lead for the majority of the game. In total, six Pacers finished in double figures for the eighth time this season. But, nobody was more impressive than Caris LeVert.

With Malcolm Brogdon sidelined due to a sore right Achilles, LeVert finished with a season-high 31 points on 12-of-18 shooting. He dished out five assists and snagged two steals. Justin Holiday added 17 points, while Myles Turner finished with 16, seven boards, and four blocks.

"I always try to go into games being aggressive," LeVert said. "I think tonight there was more opportunity. I had the ball in my hands a little more."

Indiana struggled out of the gate, falling behind 10-2 over the first 2:22. The Blue & Gold appeared to have issues with the defensive press and slowing down the speed of Hamidou Diallo. The fourth-year player notched six early points, including an alley-oop behind Pacers defenders that forced an early timeout from Lloyd Pierce.

The Pistons' lead stretched to 10 before the Blue & Gold began climbing back. Turner broke their 3:32 scoring drought with a driving layup. As the frame approached the midway mark, Justin Holiday knocked in consecutive threes to cut the visitors' lead to 14-12 and force a Pistons timeout.

"Sometimes, you need a jump start like that," Pierce said of the early issues. "Our goal was to get them to call the first timeout. Obviously, that didn't happen. But, it at least woke us up."

Trailing 20-16, the Pacers responded with seven unanswered – five from the free-throw line – to regain a 23-20 lead with 3:06 left. However, the Pistons kept them from pulling away.

With Indiana ahead 25-22, Bey mounted a personal 7-3 run to earn a 29-28 lead for Detroit with 46.2 seconds left. But, the Blue & Gold tallied the final four points of the frame to take a three-point edge into the second.

The Pacers held onto a slim lead over the first four minutes of the second, finding offensive success through Jeremy Lamb. The veteran tallied seven early points, including an alley-oop layup at the 7:54 mark that gave Indiana a 43-39 edge.

However, the Pistons kept hanging around. After Turner's and-one finish gave Indiana a 46-41 lead, the visitors

rattled off a 10-2 run over a 2:26 span to earn a 51-48 lead with 4:53 remaining. Although, the lead was short-lived as the Pacers responded with five straight in less than a minute to spring ahead by two.

Later, the Blue & Gold muscled their way to a trio of six-point leads as the squads entered the final two minutes. First, Turner and LeVert were the beneficiaries, powering through Detroit's front-court to finish physical three-point plays.

Then, with time winding down, LeVert tallied four more, including a driving finger-roll with 12.5 seconds remaining, to give the Pacers a 70-64 halftime lead. LeVert finished with 16 points in the frame.

Indiana stretched its lead to nine twice over the early stages of the third. First, it was Holiday, who notched five early points to force a Detroit timeout. Then, at the 9:11 mark, Turner finished a finger-roll off a Brad Wanamaker dish.

Later, Turner wowed the crowd once again. Leading 81-77, the big man capped a 6-0 Pacers spree with a thunderous, right-handed slam off a crafty bounce pass from LeVert with 5:47 to play. The flush gave the Pacers their first double-digit lead of the game.

The Pacers used that momentum to carry a multi-possession lead over the next few minutes. At the 3:12 mark, Brissett got in on the high-flying action, finishing

with a running dunk. After Trey Lyles responded with a jumper, Duarte hit a triple directly in front of Detroit's bench to extend the lead to 97-86.

Indiana eclipsed the century mark after Lamb sank a pair of free throws with 1:13 left. The defense then limited Detroit to just one point to close out the quarter. The squad led 103-91 as they headed to the fourth.

Battling foul trouble all night, Domantas Sabonis helped the Pacers keep a healthy lead over the initial moments of the fourth. The two-time All-Star tallied six points and a nifty assist over the first 4:24 to extend Indiana's lead to 114-99 with 7:36 to play.

Less than a minute later, he offered his delivery services again. Standing at the right elbow and facing Detroit's basket, Sabonis bounced a backward pass to a Holiday for a massive one-handed slam. After, the duo roared in excitement along with the crowd.

After Cunningham's layup with 5:07 left cut the Pacers' lead to 118-106, the defense held the Pistons to one field goal over the next 3:24. The dry spell effectively wiped away any potential Pistons comeback.

The Pacers have a rare five-day break in their schedule before they play the Miami Heat on the road on Tuesday night.

# Noblesville college signings



Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Morgan Peters has committed to play soccer at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay.  
Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Travis Peters (Father), Morgan Peters, Nancy Peters (Mother), Kyle Peters (Brother).  
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