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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Scattered morning showers. Maybe some flakes mixed in. Some afternoon sunshine. Breezy, with temps steady in the mid to low 30s.
Tonight: Mostly clear and much colder. Chills near zero.
HIGH: Steady in 30s **LOW:** 13



Indiana lawmakers debate how to teach race in schools

By Aleksandra Appleton
Chalkbeat Indiana

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Proponents and opponents squared off on Jan. 5 over a sweeping bill to regulate how Indiana schools teach about race and racism.

The hearing, the first of likely many about [Senate Bill 167](#), covered the basics of the bill and included several hours of testimony. It would ban educators from [teaching eight specific ideas](#), would give parents a say in regulating curriculum, and would require schools to post lessons and materials online.

It also would require schools to obtain parental permission to survey students about social and emotional needs and to offer them mental health services.

The bill echoes the measures other conservative-led states have taken to excise from classrooms [discussion about race](#). Some critics have seized on a university-level concept called critical race theory to stop schools from discussing racial history and events.

Indiana K-12 curriculum does not include that theory, nor does the Senate bill mention it explicitly.

The legislature likely won't vote for weeks on the bill.

Its proponents argue that it would codify parental say over what their children learn in school and would prevent the teaching of divisive ideas and political ideologies.

Criticism of the bill ranged from its detailed requirements – like the burden on teachers to post lesson plans and materials online – to the chilling effect it could have on teaching and learning the history of racism.

Several students in particular spoke of the effects that such a law would have on their classes and peers, warning of the harm of taking mental health services away from students or preventing their teachers from teaching freely.

“Saying this bill is not intended to prevent the teaching of history is like slashing funding for road maintenance and saying you don't intend to create potholes,” said Tilly Robinson, a senior at Bloomington High School South in Bloomington, Ind.

Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville), the author of the bill, asked many speakers to specify which of the eight points identified as divisive in the bill they objected to.

Among those points is that any individual is superior or inferior to another based on sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation, or should be discriminated against based on those factors.

The bill also seeks to protect any student from feeling uncomfortable because of personal characteristics or feel responsible for actions of those who share their traits – phrasing meant to prevent white students from feeling blamed for slavery and persecution of people of color.

In response to questions from Sen. J. D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) about how often the eight points identified in the bill are taught in Indiana, Baldwin said he had received stacks of emails and calls complaining about lessons that his bill seeks to outlaw.

Ford also asked Baldwin why the bill did not include gender identity and sexual orientation in its list of protected characteristics. Baldwin replied that the Republican caucus would not support such language.

Ford objected. “I think leaving out those particular folks sends a very loud and clear message to students that their existence is not worth bothering to put in the bill,” he said.

Baldwin said he had not consulted the Department of Education in creating the proposal.

He denied drafting the bill in the midst of the national furor over teaching race in the classroom, saying he had written an early version at the start of last year's legislative session after hearing from concerned constituents.

Speaking in support of the bill, Center Grove parent Cara Cecil said the existing recourse for parents to pull their children out of lessons has failed her family.

When she tried to prevent her daughter from undergoing a social and emotional evaluation, she said the sixth grader was surveyed anyway and would have had to voice opposition to her teacher to avoid taking the survey.

Cecil said she removes her elementary-aged son from school every other week during social and emotional lessons she disagrees with, but as a result she has received a warning about his attendance. Those lessons can help students deal with emotions and interpersonal relationships, but opponents fear that teachers also use sessions to address inequity.

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Statement from State Sen. J. D. Ford

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Minority Caucus Chair Senator J. D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) released the following statement:

“Senate Bill 167 seems to be a solution looking for a problem. As Governor Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Education have said, critical race theory is not part of Indiana's academic standards. I believe that transparency and parent involvement is paramount for our students to be successful. However, this legislation is part of an overall extreme political effort to control teachers, insert politics directly into classrooms by making school board races partisan and implement government-mandated censorship of our colleges and universities. As a result, we heard concerns that this would handcuff teachers and have a chilling effect on educators at a time when Indiana is struggling with teacher retention



Ford

and recruitment.

“Instead of spending our time on this egregious government overreach into our children's lives, we should instead focus on actually helping our students. Recently, the US Surgeon General shared that our nation's youth are in a mental health crisis due to the stresses of the previous few years. That's why I filed Senate Bill 174 to help address student mental health and implement programs aimed at suicide prevention. If we want to help schools, students and families, let's instead focus on addressing student mental health, bullying and long-term ways to address learning loss.”

Sen. Ford represents Indiana Senate District 29 which encompasses Boone County's Eagle Township, Hamilton County's Clay Township, and Marion County. Marion County communities include Pike and Wayne Township.

Fishers teacher objects to neutrality on Nazism

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During a more than seven-hour hearing this week about SB 167, Fishers High School Social Studies teacher Matt Bockenfeld said he is concerned about what could be required of teachers under this legislation.

“For example, it's the second semester of U.S. history, so we're learning about the rise of fascism and the rise of Nazism right now,” Bockenfeld said at the hearing. “And I'm just not neutral on the political ideology of fascism. We condemn it, and we condemn it in full, and I tell my students the purpose, in a democracy, of understanding the traits of fascism is so that we can recognize it and we can combat it.”

Bockenfeld also said he is unwilling to teach every topic in a neutral manner, as at least one interpretation of SB 167 could require.

“Of course, we're neutral on political issues of the day,” Bockenfeld said. “But we're not neutral on Nazism. We take a stand in the classroom against it, and it matters that we do.”



Bockenfeld

Baldwin said he doesn't think teachers should take a stand on “any of those isms out there.”

“I have no problem with the education system providing instruction on the existence of those isms,” Baldwin said. “I believe that we've gone too far when we take a position on those isms ... We need to be impartial ... I'm not sure it's right for us to determine how that child should think and that's where I'm trying to provide the guardrails.”

Baldwin has since backpedaled on his position, going on record to say SB167 was intended was to ensure teachers are being impartial when discussing “legitimate political groups.”

Bockenfeld has also spoken publicly after the hearing, saying on social media, “I want to be really clear that this language can be fixed. If the senator misspoke, then let's fix the language and move on. No need to pile on. But it needs to be clear in the bill that teachers can take a stand against hateful ideologies in our classrooms.”

Westfield's own Paul Estridge earns Lifetime Achievement award from OneZone Chamber

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OneZone Chamber of Commerce recently released its Business Excellence Awards winners. Westfield resident Paul Estridge won the Lifetime Achievement award and will be recognized with the other award winners during a luncheon at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 502 East Event Centre in Carmel.

“Paul has made such an incredible impact in Hamilton County, and we are excited to award him with our Lifetime Achievement Award,” said One-

Zone President Jack Russell. “I have gotten to know Paul over the years and have always enjoyed his ability to connect and give back to the community. It is amazing how many people he has impacted across this county and region.”

Estridge owns Estridge Homes – the area's “Hometown Builder” of more than 50 years – and is the owner of Monterey Coastal Cuisine in Carmel and TAB Indy North.



Estridge

40 years has contributed to the ultimate objective of ‘Building Community.’”

As far as what's next for him, Estridge and his team at Monterey Coastal Cuisine recently an-

“Shock and disbelief is my response to this recognition. It's really difficult for me, as I'm sure it is for others, to see their lives in a way as to be deserving of such recognition,” Estridge said. “I hope all our work over the last

nounced plans to open a sister restaurant called Tiburon Coastal Cuisine in Fishers this year. Also, Estridge Homes will bring two new neighborhoods to Hamilton County in 2022, including One46Monon, a townhome neighborhood in Carmel on 146th Street at the Monon Trail, and Midland, a single-family and townhome community in Westfield on Ditch Road south of State Road 32.

For more on the winners or to register for the Business Excellence Awards luncheon, visit onezonechamber.com.

Word of the week: “It's complicated”

Life is not complicated unless it is made complicated by circumstances you cannot control ... Hello, Customer Service.

We are experiencing a large volume of calls; your wait time may be longer than normal. (Define “normal.”)

Please listen carefully as our menu choices have recently changed. (Same choices I have had for the past several years.)

Your issues may be due to service that was recently done in your area to enhance your viewing pleasure. (Define “enhance.”)

Your call is important to us, please hold for the next available advocate to assist you. (Define “important.”)

Forty-five minutes on **Hold** when I was in Tampa and Chuck was in Noblesville struggling with our cable TV issues. (I might add this was during the Purdue football game.) Two hours later ... mission accomplished. I was able to talk with our cable provider/representative all the while texting Chuck what was needed to do to restore our cable. The issue? It's complicated.

As I write this week's column, I am on **Hold** with my Medicare benefits/catalog people. It seems that to register with the new catalog, I need a 17-digit number that I don't have because they changed catalogs and my number has been deactivated. Kinda like being up a creek without a paddle. I'm glad I'm not having a medical emergency.

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Carmel, Fishers to commemorate MLK, Jr. Day

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Join the City of Carmel for a free commemoration program at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17 in the Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts.

A livestream will also be available on several platforms:

- Spectrum Cable Channel 340
- AT&T Cable Channel 99
- Digital antenna Channel 64.45
- Carmel.IN.gov – Click on the Carmel TV icon at the bottom of the homepage
- Carmel's [YouTube channel](#)
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Join Fishers in celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy

The City of Fishers invites residents to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through community celebrations, volunteer opportunities, and supporting local nonprofit organizations during the nationwide holiday on Monday, Jan. 17. For a full list of ways to get involved, visit ThisIsFishers.com/MLK and follow #FishersMLK on social media.

Community Celebrations

Residents can learn more about the life of Dr. King and celebrate his legacy through special programming hosted by community partners including Conner Prairie, Hamilton East Public Library, and Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Virtual and in-person opportunities are available. For program information, visit ThisIsFishers.com/MLK.

Volunteer Opportunities

In honor of the National Day of Service, residents are invited to give back to their community through [volunteer opportunities](#) throughout the city. On Saturday, Jan. 15, help Fishers Department of Public Works (DPW) spread mulch created from recycled Christmas trees at Billericay Park (12690 Promise Road) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. On Monday, Jan. 17, sand and paint picnic tables at the Fishers AgriPark (11171 Florida Road) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Also on Monday, join Fishers Parks for a crushed limestone spread at the Cyntheanne Park Community Gardens (12383 Cyntheanne Road) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Residents can also take the digital [#VolunteerFishers pledge](#) and share how they plan on giving back in the community in 2022.

Nonprofit Support

Get a jump start on your spring cleaning while supporting local food pantries and nonprofits who need assistance refilling their shelves after a busy holiday season. From canned goods to personal hygiene items, an assortment of supplies is needed to help those in the community. Check out the full list at VolunteerFishers.com.



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“I don’t want him to be told he’s guilty of the sins of other people,” Cecil said.

Attorney General Todd Rokita supports the bill. However, it doesn’t go far enough for Purple for Parents, a parent group that has voiced opposition to topics like critical race theory at school board meetings last summer.

At Wednesday’s hearing, teachers raised issues with the proposal to post their lesson plans online. The plans are often guidelines for veteran teachers, said Robert Taylor of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, and can change even over the course of one day.

In testimony, Brownburg teacher Christianne Beebe said that for just one week of lessons, she’d be required to post 75 books, presentations, labs, activities, and video clips, and questioned whether she’d need to get approval from the curriculum review committee for every one.

Opponents also criticized provisions seeking to protect students’ feelings as too vague and open to unwarranted complaints.

Baldwin said the bill is not intended to stop the teaching of history neutrally. Several educators disputed that historical events

like Nazism could be taught neutrally.

Justin Ohlemiller of Stand for Children Indiana said a lesson could devolve into a he-said, she-said dispute and involve threats of legal action that might deter teachers and schools from attempting to cover certain topics.

“We need to consider that this bill could have a freezing effect on teaching race and racism unless we make sure there’s a clear lane for them to do that without fear of retribution,” Ohlemiller said.

Chalkbeat (chalkbeat.org) is a nonprofit news organization covering public education.

It’s COMPLICATED

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Recently, upon applying for COVID Death Funeral Benefits, I found out each document must have my application number and my name and the last four digits of my social security number. AFTER a trip to get a copy of the bill for my mother’s funeral and insurance information, I was then informed they needed the signature of the funeral home director. Back to the funeral home. While I was there, they faxed the information to FEMA. I was told the fax would reach them in approximately 14 days ... 14 DAYS! Seriously?

After I got home from Tampa, this week I woke up to having no channel 13 WTHR. What? No *Today Show*? It seems they “enhanced” my service causing my cable to kick off channel 13. They rebooted my service and there was Jenna Bush. I had missed the explanation as to why Hoda was missing. Good Morning, Janet!

Back to my still being on **Hold** with my catalog customer service.

I have to wonder who picks the music that is playing while I am on **Hold**. Obviously, they have never

listened to it for almost an hour ... and still waiting. The band plays on.

Finally, I get an advocate to answer. I am immediately sent to take a survey. No way to get back to advocate. I call again.

One hour and nine minutes later, I am being helped. The young man is so patient with me as he guides me to where I need to go to order my \$40 in health products at no charge. I ask/beg him to please stay with me as though he is my lifeline.

The catalog gave an incorrect website. Nowhere in the instructions in the catalog is it mentioned that you must use Chrome and not Safari as your browser to get to the correct website when you are finally given the address to the correct website. The nice man apologizes. He stays with me until I am able to register ... without the 17-digit number.

I have him on speaker so Chuck can hear everything that is being said. Chuck watches my expressions. My looks speak volumes. I hold my tongue so the grouchiness isn’t heard in my voice.

I try so hard to be especially nice to the one person

who has been looking forward to reassuring me of my importance. After an hour of being on **Hold**, my niceness is pretty much worn down to a prickly stubble. I remind myself that my advocate must encounter more than a few grouchy people, so I continue thanking him for his help.

Then I am asked, “Would you like to participate in a brief survey at the end of your phone call?” Trust me when I say they do not want my opinion; however, I give them my opinion. I make sure to give the nice man who helped me a 10/10.

When asked if I had any issues with the system, I have to be honest. I give them a 0/10. Then I am asked to tell them why. I leave a very nice, but definitely frustrated, message.

Let’s just say it has been quite the week with my frustration being 10/10. What is the word with which I have started the year? It’s complicated.

Contact Janet at jane-thartleonard@gmail.com. Find her on Facebook and Instagram. Her first book is nearing completion and hopefully will have a late summer book launch.

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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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Indiana State Health Department shortens school isolation policy

By DEMIE JOHNSON
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Kids who test positive for COVID-19 will spend less time out of the classroom under **new state guidance**. Students can go back to school after five days as long as they are asymptomatic or their symptoms start to improve.

The update allows students who tests positive for COVID-19 to go back to school after five days as long as they aren't showing symptoms. Once

they're back in the building, they are required to wear a mask at all times, and if they can't, they'll have to stay home for the full 10 days.

That policy is the same for schools with and without masks mandates.

However, there are different rules for schools without masks policies when it comes to close contacts. Under the new guidance, students in schools with mask mandates can stay in the classroom even if they're

exposed to someone with COVID-19 as long as they're not showing symptoms.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) said those students should get tested at least five days after the exposure. If the child develops symptoms, they'll need to stay home until they test negative.

For schools without mask mandates, the rules vary depending on vaccination status. Students who are exposed to the virus and are asymptomatic can

only stay in a school without a mask policy if that student is fully vaccinated.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated students will need to stay home for five days after exposure. If they're not showing symptoms, they can go back on the sixth day, but will still have to wear a mask.

ISDH recommends students and staff wear masks in schools, but so far, state health officials have made no mention of a statewide mask mandate for schools.

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

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Today is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. If you have a police officer as a friend or family member, today is the perfect time to show them you understand how difficult their job is. It's important to show law enforcement officers how much their sacrifice and risk are appreciated.

Whether it's civil unrest, strikes, sporting events, or just helping a cat get down from a tree, law enforcement officers are a critical part of our lives, woven into the everyday fabric of living in America. They keep neighborhoods safe and help ensure that whatever it is you need to do, you can do with peace of mind.

Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare starts Jan. 23

The REPORTER

Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each new day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., announces its next GriefShare program, which is open to everyone in the community.

The weekly sessions will meet from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays beginning Jan. 23. The meetings will be held at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. You are invited to join in-person or via Zoom anytime during the 14 weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated, but



scholarships are available.

GriefShare is a 14-week non-denominational Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily work in the GriefShare

workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps in the healing process. GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives.

To learn more about GriefShare, visit noblesvillefirst.com, call Coleen Albright at (317) 773-2500 or email her at coleen.albright58@gmail.com.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Jan. 10

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 146th Street

All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moved to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#).

State Road 37 & 131st Street

131st Street at SR 37 is currently closed as work progresses on the interchange. SR 37 will remain open both northbound and southbound. [Click here](#) to view the detour map.

The anticipated completion of the 131st Street work that will allow right in/right out movements for southbound SR 37 and 131st Street is scheduled for January.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, there will be moving single lane closures along the SR 37 corridor between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to fill the remaining potholes within the corridor limits.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road

37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

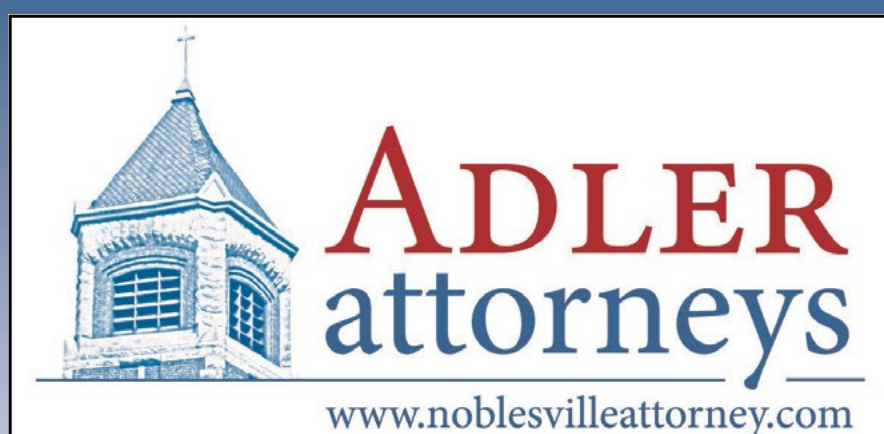
116th Street & Maple Street

The westbound outside lane of 116th Street between Maple Street and Municipal Drive will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. from Monday, Jan. 10 through Friday, Jan. 14 for sidewalk work. Arrow boards will be in place.

Technology Drive (Northeast Commerce Park)

The inside lane of Technology Drive is currently closed to traffic to allow for construction of new pavement in the inside lane. One-way traffic will be in place in the outside lane as shown [here](#). Access to all businesses will be maintained during the construction.

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Governor’s Workforce Cabinet director steps down to work with Carmel nonprofit

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The executive director of the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet (GWC), PJ McGrew, has stepped down from his role. Governor Eric Holcomb, who made the announcement Friday, says McGrew is taking a position with Carmel-based nonprofit INvestEd.

McGrew worked with the state of Indiana for more than seven years in various education and workforce roles. Holcomb’s office says he began work with the GWC in 2018 as policy director **when the cabinet was formed** and later took the role of executive director.

“PJ McGrew has been an invaluable resource, helping to ensure Hoosiers have the skills and training

they need to prosper,” Holcomb said. “Workforce development has been a pillar of my administration from day one and PJ has been at the forefront, driving our progress on many key initiatives, including the Next Level Jobs program.”



McGrew

Holcomb’s office says McGrew’s accomplishments include implementing the Next Level Jobs program, leading the redesign of Indiana’s career and technical education system, and directing workforce recovery efforts

during the COVID-19 pandemic, among others.

“Serving the state of Indiana under Governor Holcomb has been a tremendous honor,” McGrew said. “I’m grateful to have worked with many dedicated public servants to move the needle in several important ways to make Indiana a place where Hoosiers of all backgrounds have the edu-

cation and training needed to prosper and employers have the skilled workforce they need to succeed.”

The cabinet will continue to be chaired by Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers until her **departure in March**. Holcomb’s office says a new executive director and chair will be announced at a later date.

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Attorney General Todd Rokita: Indiana took the fight to robocallers in 2021

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Following a year of successful actions against robocallers, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has

said he will continue his aggressive leadership in protecting Hoosiers from such annoying and illegal interruptions.

“We in Indiana took the fight to robocallers in 2021,” Rokita said. “Hoosiers are sick and tired of being harassed, and that includes Kathy and me. Beyond being a nuisance, robocalls are often aimed at scamming would-be victims out of their hard-earned money. We will stay on the offensive to protect Indiana consumers and bring wrongdoers to justice.”

In October, Rokita filed a **first-of-its-kind lawsuit** against an Indiana company that allegedly acted as a gateway into the United States for robocallers in India, the Philippines and Singapore. The robocallers allegedly made more than 5 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states.

In August, Rokita, as part of a coordinated multistate action, **called on the Federal Communications Commission** (FCC) to shorten the deadline for small telephone companies to use required anti-robocall ID authentication technology. In November, the FCC followed the recommendation and shortened the deadline.

In March, Rokita, in another coordinated multistate action, **stopped a massive telefunding operation** that bombarded Hoosiers with more than 12 million deceptive charitable fundraising calls. Associated Community Services (ACS) and re-

lated defendants agreed to settle charges that they duped generous Americans into donating to charities that failed to provide services they promised.

In February, Rokita’s office **co-authored a winning brief** in the case *Lindenbaum v. Realgy*, in which a federal appeals court ensured Hoosiers were protected by federal telephone privacy laws that a district court had ruled unenforceable from 2015 to 2020.

Further, Rokita revolutionized his office’s investigations by working with the telecommunications industry and implementing new technologies. These include You-Mail robocall-tracking software and a ZipDx program for filtering, sorting and drilling down into data collected through the FCC’s Robocall Mitigation Database.

“An investigation that would have taken years now takes weeks,” Rokita said. “The members of our Data Privacy and Identity Theft team have been excellent stewards of taxpayer dollars by efficiently and effectively handling cases. Hoosiers get a tremendous value from a relatively small staff.”

Partnerships with other states and federal agencies for joint investigations and enforcement actions have proven steadily productive, Rokita added. Now, consumer complaints can lead to the prosecution of mil-



Rokita

lions of violations.

Throughout 2021, Rokita has continued Indiana’s role as a leader in telephone privacy. This includes coordinating a monthly call on privacy issues with all 50 states, different federal agencies and several international agencies.

Working with industry partners, Rokita is also actively pursuing ways to stop robocalls before they become a bigger problem.

Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams and unwanted calls:

- Be wary of callers who specifically ask you to pay by gift card, wire transfer, or cryptocurrency. For example, the Internal Revenue Service does not accept iTunes gift cards.
- Look out for prerecorded calls from imposters posing as government agencies. Typically, neither the Internal Revenue Service nor the Social Security Administration make phone calls to individuals.
- If you suspect fraudulent activity, immediately terminate the communication, and do not provide any personal information.
- Contact the Consumer Protection Division at 1-888-834-9969 or **donotcall@atg.in.gov**.
- Add your number to the Indiana Do Not Call List at **indonotcall.org**.
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The Indiana State Police (ISP) Capitol Police Section is now accepting applications. Individuals who are interested in beginning a rewarding career as a Capitol Police Officer may apply online at **governmentjobs.com/careers/indianasp**. This website will provide a detailed synopsis of the application process as well as information on additional career opportunities with the Indiana State Police Department.

Applications must be received via online submission by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

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Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel offers several arts education events in February

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Zach Brock Quartet

8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5

The Palladium

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series
Tickets from \$25 (\$15 for students)

Heralded as “the pre-eminent improvising violinist of his generation,” Zach Brock is a Grammy Award-winning musician and composer best known for his role in the instrumental supergroup Snarky Puppy. Brock was named *DownBeat Magazine’s* Rising Star Violinist of 2013 and has recorded and toured with such jazz greats as Stanley Clarke, Phil Markowitz and Wycliffe Gordon.

Intro to Stand-Up Comedy

6 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 7-28

The Palladium

Cost: \$110 for all sessions

Professional comedian Mat Alano-Martin leads the class through the history, theory and mechanics of stand-up comedy, guiding each student in the development of an original five-minute comedy set to be performed in the March 4 graduation show.

Performing Arts Connect: The Roots of Black Music in America

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7

Online via Zoom

Tickets: \$12

New York-based musician Karlus Trapp’s educational and entertaining performance/presentation is a 100-year journey through time with the music of America’s Black musical giants. The material comes alive through audience participation and interaction, including singing, call and response, percussion playing and Q&A.

JazzTalk: A Conversation with Wynton Marsalis

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8

Online via Zoom

Free

Acclaimed trumpeter, bandleader and jazz standard bearer Wynton Marsalis discusses his life and work with JazzTalk host Todd Williams (a former bandmate) in advance of his Feb. 27 Palladium performance with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.



Photo provided

The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra returns to Carmel on Sunday, Feb. 27.

Viewers can pose questions after the conversation.

Piaf! The Show

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10

The Palladium

Telamon Passport Series

Tickets from \$35

Inspired by the award-winning film *La Vie en Rose*, this program celebrates the life and career of legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf through her most popular songs. Internationally acclaimed vocalist Nathalie Lhermitte, who has portrayed Piaf in this and other stage productions, is accompanied by live musicians and historical images for an unforgettable multimedia experience.

Child & Adult Music Class:

Things That Go

Fridays, Feb. 18-March 25;

9:30 or 10:30 a.m. session available

The Palladium

Cost: \$60 for six sessions

Local musician Michelle Marti of Shoo-BeeLoo Music and Movement leads toddlers and their caregivers through interactive songs, stories and activities with toys and percussion instruments. Recommended for ages 10 months to 5 years.

The Company Men

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18

The Palladium

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

Tickets from \$25

The Company Men weave today’s Top 40 hits with reimagined classics of the past,

blending songs by artists including Sam Smith, the Four Tops, Michael Jackson, Katy Perry, Adele, the Temptations, Sam Cooke, The Weeknd, Billy Joel, Prince, Meghan Trainor, Bruno Mars, Michael Bublé, the Eagles and many more.

Live at the Center: Zach DuBois

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24

Online and at the Palladium

Free livestream; \$5 on site

Singer-songwriter Zach DuBois spent several years working out of Nashville, Tennessee, and sharing stages with the likes of Turnpike Troubadours, American Aquarium, Jack Ingram, and Radney Foster before returning to Indiana. Lauded by CMT and *Billboard*, he has released three studio albums and places his music “somewhere between John Denver and John Mellencamp.”

Polish Wieniawski

Philharmonic Orchestra

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25

The Palladium

Printing Partners Classical Series

Tickets from \$25

Principal Conductor Wojciech Rodek leads the acclaimed Polish orchestra, founded in 1944, on its first U.S. tour. Featuring violin soloist Sara Dragan, winner of many international competitions, the program will include works of Rossini, Wieniawski and Schubert. Ball State Professor Heather Platt leads a preconcert Classics in Context discussion from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. in the Robert Adam Room.

Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam: Animal Athletes with Silly Safaris

10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26

The Studio Theater

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Jazz at Lincoln Center

Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27

The Palladium

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series

Tickets from \$45

Dedicated to preserving America’s jazz heritage, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra returns to the Palladium with 15 of the finest soloists, ensemble players and arrangers in jazz music today. Founded in 1988 and led since 1991 by world-renowned trumpeter and artistic director Wynton Marsalis, the big band performs a vast repertoire that ranges from new commissioned compositions to rare historic works.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus includes the 1,600-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming includes children’s concerts, summer camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information at TheCenterPresents.org.

DNR Division of Forestry to hold virtual open house Jan. 13

The REPORTER

The DNR Division of Forestry will host a virtual open house from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 13.

This event will be much like past in-person open houses, but on Microsoft Teams. Division personnel will deliver a brief state forest overview of 2021 and what to expect in 2022. Those attending will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on ideas and issues. Written comments

can be submitted at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/state-forest-management/public-comment/submit.

"These open house events provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how the state forests are working to provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities," State Forester John Seifert said. "They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors and users about state

forest management. I encourage everyone who has an interest to participate."

The virtual open house can be attended by using the information below:

- Join on your computer or mobile app: [Click here](#) to join the meeting.
 - Join with a video conferencing device: indiana@m.webex.com
 - Video Conference ID: 119 441 731 6
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- Property staff members are also often

available during normal business hours, which are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. See dnr.IN.gov/forestry/properties for contact information.

The DNR Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana’s public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Philippians 4:21-23 (NIV)

Roberto Garcia

October 6, 1932 – January 8, 2022

Roberto Garcia, 89, Indianapolis, passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at Westminster Village North in Indianapolis. He was born on October 6, 1932, to Guadalupe and Adela (Rivera) Garcia in Pharr, Texas.



Roberto owned a trucking business. He enjoyed traveling, gardening flowers, and tending to his koi pond. Roberto was a joker and a social bug who never knew a stranger.

He is survived by his children, Sonia Martinez (Chris), Robert Garcia (Lisa), Lupe Garcia (Julie), Ida Aspling (Steve), and Lana Garcia (Ken); grandchildren, Devin, Amber, Cynthia, Andrea, Stephen, Isabella, Gianna, Lucie, Jett, Jordan, Keely and Milo; great-grandchildren, Blake, Stella, Mila, Jaxon, Jacob, Myles and Kayla; and many brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews in Texas.

In addition to his parents, Roberto was preceded in death by his wife, Ernestina Garcia.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with his care.

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Ben Beal

September 13, 1931 – January 6, 2022

Ben Beal, 90, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2022, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on September 13, 1931, to George and Dove (Harrison) Beal in Noblesville.



Ben proudly served his country in the United States Air force, stationed in Japan during WWII. He was a 1949 graduate of Noblesville High School. Ben worked for Western Electric for over 30 years then worked in maintenance for Noblesville Schools.

Those who had the honorable pleasure to know "Benny Boo," as nicknamed by his wife Judy and great-grandchildren, knew his fascination with the Indianapolis Colts football team. He enjoyed traveling south in the winter months and was devoted to his relationship with the Lord and reading the Bible.

He will be missed by many, as he was hardly a stranger to those in his company. Many times, you could find Ben sparked by his humorous and ornery ways. In his later stages of life, he was thankful for the care, love, and sweet treats, like the Banana "Ben" Bread, that surrounded him.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Judy Carson-Beal; brother, Al (Nancy) Beal; sister, Marcella Snyder; children, Bruce Beal, Rick (Carolyn) Hicks, Carla (Mark) Burtron, Marcia Daniels, and Pamela (Michael) Moon; grandchildren, Heather (Marcos) Gonzalez-Pacheco, Christopher (Kelli) Moon, Janette (Roberto) Vallecillo, Jaimie (Jeremy) Foreman, and Lisa (Ryan) Rusher; 19 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ben was preceded in death by his previous wife of 30 years, Linda A. Beal; and his sister, Betty Morris.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Pastor Don Janis officiating. Burial with Military Rites will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Harbour Manor Care Center, "In remembrance of Ben Beal", 1667 Sheridan Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

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Hoosier History Highlights

Who built the Indy Motor Speedway?

The REPORTER

This week in Indiana's history ...

1825 – The first session of the Indiana General Assembly convened in the new state capital of Indianapolis. The seat of government had moved from the original capital of Corydon. The Marion County Courthouse served as the home for the state legislature until the new Statehouse opened in 1834.

1864 – Alvah C. Roebuck was born in Lafayette. He became a watchmaker who lived in Hammond. He joined Richard Warren Sears to open the Sears and Roebuck Department Stores across the country.

1874 – Carl Fisher was born in Greensburg. He became an entrepreneur who built the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, inspired the Lincoln National Highway, and pioneered the development

of Florida.

1910 – A statue of Lew Wallace was unveiled in Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol. Indiana Governor Thomas Marshall, Poet James Whitcomb Riley, and Lew Wallace, Jr., were among those who attended the ceremony.

1951 – Brenda Gail Webb was born in Kentucky. At the age of four, her family moved to Wabash, Ind. The younger sister of singing star Loretta Lynn, she began a career of her own and, as Crystal Gayle, has had at least 20 number-one records.

2017 – The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on the Circle in Indianapolis was designated a National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of Interior. Dedicated in 1902, it is the largest of the more than 200 Civil War Memorials in the nation.

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Boys basketball

'Rocks win showdown with 'Hounds

By RICHIE HALL

WESTFIELD - The boys basketball game between Westfield and Carmel that took place Saturday at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium will go down in the record books as one of the best high school contests in Indiana this season.

It was a true tug of war between the Shamrocks and the Greyhounds, with Westfield prevailing 43-42 in front of a sold-out crowd. The victory ran the Shamrocks' win streak to seven games in a row, and it was the first time Westfield had beaten Carmel since Jan. 9, 2016.

"It's been a while," said 'Rocks coach Shane Sumpter. "We've had some close ones and we've had some not-so-close ones with them. They've beat us four out of the last six years in the sectional, so it's tough. They're a very good basketball program, very good team, very well-coached. Just really proud of our guys and our effort tonight."

While the Carmel-Westfield rivalry is big enough to stand on its own, this game took on new significance when the first high school basketball polls of the New Year came out last Monday, and the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association's one-class poll had the Greyhounds at No. 1 and Westfield at No. 3. The Associated Press had Carmel at No. 1 in its Class 4A poll, with the 'Rocks at No. 7.

DEFENSIVE PLAYS

Neither team led by more than seven points on Saturday, as both squads played defense strong enough to not allow the other to escape their gravitational pull. Thus, it seemed appropriate that defensive plays wound up deciding the game.

With 59.4 seconds left, the Greyhounds' Jared Bonds made two free throws to get Carmel ahead 42-41. Westfield took the ball to its side of the floor, patiently waiting for a good shot. That opportunity came with around 14 seconds left, when Braden Smith drove to the basket and made a layin. The Shamrocks were now up by one point.

Carmel called a timeout to set up a play, and Westfield followed with its own timeout. When play resumed, the Greyhounds



Reporter photos by Richie Hall
ABOVE: Westfield's Cam Haffner (3) scored 13 points for the Shamrocks in their win over Carmel on Saturday. At right is Westfield's Braden Smith, who led all scorers with 28 points.

RIGHT: Carmel's Jared Bonds reached double-double status with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

quickly got the ball to their side of the court, but were forced out of bounds.

The Shamrocks now had the ball with 7.5 seconds left. Carmel had a foul to give, so it fouled the 'Rocks twice to put Westfield on the free-throw line for a one-and-one. The 'Rocks missed the front end, and the Greyhounds got the ball, then called

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Four in double figures . . . Millers beat Bearcats

Noblesville continued its three-game road swing Saturday with a 66-46 win at Muncie Central.

The Bearcats led 13-10 after the first quarter, but the Millers took control in the second period, outscoring Muncie 19-6 for a 29-19 halftime lead. Five different players scored for Noblesville in that second quarter, with Cooper Bean and Luke Almodovar both adding five points. Aaron Fine scored seven points in the first period, and he made a 3-pointer in the second for 10 first-half points.

Both teams scored 14 points in the third quarter before Noblesville pulled away in the fourth with 23 points. Preston Roberts had seven, including a 5-of-6 effort from the free-throw line.

“Nice second quarter,” said McClelland. “Fourth quarter wasn’t too bad, either. Good road win for us.”

Four Millers finished in double figures. Fine led with 15 points, followed by Roberts with 14, Bean with 12 and Almodovar

'ROCKS

timeout with 5.8 seconds remaining.

Carmel tried to inbound, but Smith rushed in to deflect the ball back out of bounds. Now there were 4.1 seconds left. The 'Hounds inbounded, but were unable to get a shot off in time.

“How big was that tip that Braden got at the end that took another second and a half off that clock?” said Sumpter. “In hindsight, that ended up being a huge play,”

The Shamrocks got off to a good start, leading 13-9 after the first quarter. Smith had 11 of those points, and it was his second 3-pointer of the period that gave Westfield a 13-6 lead.

Bonds, who earlier made a dunk, hit his own triple to pull Carmel within four going into the second quarter. Sam Orme opened that period with a 3, and the Greyhounds

with 11. All eight players that took to the floor for Noblesville scored.

“Twenty-point road wins, we’ll take them all the time,” said McClelland.

The Millers are 5-5 and return to Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday with a game at Zionsville.

**NOBLESVILLE 66,
MUNCIE CENTRAL 46**

Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Aaron Fine	6	1-3	15	0
Cooper Bean	5	0-0	12	1
Preston Roberts	4	6-9	14	2
Hunter Welston	2	1-1	5	2
Cam Karns	1	1-2	3	0
Luke Almodovar	4	2-2	11	5
Luke Wilson	1	2-2	4	5
Evan Wright	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	24	13-19	66	15

Score by Quarters

Noblesville	10	19	14	23 - 66
Muncie Central	13	6	14	13 - 46
Noblesville 3-pointers (5) Fine 2, Bean 2, Alm-				
odovar 1.				

Big third quarter sends Warriors past HSE

Hamilton Southeastern dropped a 64-56 home game to Warren Central on Saturday.

The two teams played to a 14-14 tie after one quarter, then the Royals led 28-26 at halftime. But the Warriors took over in the third period, going on a 19-3 run to lead 45-31 late in the quarter. Warren led 48-38 after three periods.

Sam Jacobs led the Royals with 19 points, while Reph Stevenson scored 13 points and collected six rebounds, also blocking three shots. Donovan Hamilton and Caleb Smock both scored eight points, with Smock making two 3-pointers. Hamilton and Michael Griffith both pulled four rebounds.

Southeastern is 4-6 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game at Westfield on Friday.

**WARREN CENTRAL 64,
HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 56**

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Donovan Hamilton	3-7	1-4	8	3
Reph Stevenson	5-7	3-4	13	3
Caleb Smock	2-6	2-2	8	2
Joshua Jones	0-0	1-2	1	1
Sam Jacobs	6-13	6-7	19	2
Michael Griffith	1-1	0-1	2	2
Tyler Lacy	1-3	2-2	5	3
Deion Miles	0-1	0-0	0	1
Alex Troutman	0-0	0-0	0	1
Eli Robinson	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	18-38	15-22	56	19

Score by Quarters

Warren Central	14	12	22	16 - 64
Southeastern	14	14	10	18 - 56

Southeastern 3-point shooting (5-16) Smock 2-6. Hamilton 1-4. Lacy 1-3. Jacobs 1-3.

Southeastern rebounds (21) Stevenson 6, Hamilton 4, Griffith 4, Smock 1, Lacy 1, Jones 1, Troutman 1, team 3.

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competed. Pete battled foul trouble all night, played 14 minutes. Had two starters out. And I'm not making excuses. We still had a chance to win at the end of the game."

Westfield is 9-2 and hosts Hamilton Southeastern Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys doubleheader. Carmel is 9-3 and plays Wednesday at Cathedral.

WESTFIELD 43, CARMEL 42

Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Garvey Dual	3-6	1-3	7	4
Peter Suder	1-3	0-0	2	4
Sam Orme	6-11	2-2	16	1
Burke Weldy	0-0	0-1	0	0
Jared Bonds	3-5	5-6	12	0
Spencer White	0-2	0-0	0	3
Jake Griffin	2-5	0-1	5	1
Josh Rauh	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	15-32	8-13	42	14

Carmel 3-point shooting (4-13) Orme 2-6, Grif-
fin 1-3, Bonds 1-1, White 0-2, Dual 0-1.

Carmel rebounds (26) Bonds 10, Dual 8, White 3. Suder 2. Orme 2. Weldy 1.

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	10-19	3-6	28	3
Cam Haffner	3-13	4-4	13	2
Trey Dorton	0-0	0-0	0	2
Nic Depasquale	1-6	0-0	2	2
Alex Romack	0-2	0-0	0	2
Trey Buchanan	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kai Butterworth	0-1	0-0	0	3
Totals	14-41	7-10	43	14

Westfield 3-point shooting (8-17) Smith 5-8, Haffner 3-8, Depasquale 0-1.

Westfield rebounds (19) Smith 6, Depasquale 4, Haffner 3, Romack 3, Buchanan 1, Dorton 1, Butterworth 1.

Score by Quarters

Carmel	9	20	3	10 - 42
Westfield	13	11	12	7 - 43



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A collage of four images showing various food items. The top image shows a tray of nachos with melted cheese, sauce, and toppings. The bottom-left image shows a tray of curly fries. The bottom-right image shows a tray of french fries with a tomato sauce dip. The top-right image shows a tray of two burgers with lettuce and tomato.

Girls basketball



Reporter photos by Kent Graham
ABOVE: Westfield's Chesney Tebbe had eight points and six rebounds for the Shamrocks during their Saturday win over Hamilton Heights.



RIGHT: Heights' Kaylee Rhoton made two 3-pointers.

Shamrocks pull away from Huskies

By **RICHIE HALL**
WESTFIELD - Even when Westfield's shots weren't falling during its Saturday afternoon game, Shamrocks coach Ginny Smith believed that they would - at some point.
That point began at the end of the third quarter and continued well into the fourth quarter. Westfield broke out of a tight game with Hamilton Heights with a 15-0 run that bridged the third and fourth periods, and soon the Class 4A No. 6 Shamrocks were heading home to a 41-30 victory over the 3A No. 7 Huskies at CSI Gymnasium.
Neither team led by more than three points for the entire first half, and for all but the last few seconds of the third quarter, when a 3-pointer by Alyssa Crockett gave Westfield a 25-21 lead going into the fourth. Then, the floodgates opened.
"It's kind of become a thing for us lately, we're just not shooting the basketball well in the first half," said Smith. "Tonight was no different, we just didn't shoot it well in the first half. We were getting great shots. I believed at some point those shots were going to fall, I just wasn't sure what it was going to look like or when. Fortunately for us, it came in a batch."
Crockett opened the fourth period with another triple, then Olivia Robey nailed a 3. Just like that, the 'Rocks were ahead 31-21. Westfield scored two more baskets after that, jumpers by Crockett and Hailey Remaks, to open up a 14-point lead.
"First of all, one 3's big in a game that's as tight as that, then you get two and you're able to get stops on the other end," said Smith. "And we needed a little bit of a cushion, and that cushion gave us the ability to play a little bit freer, too."
The offensive explosion in the fourth quarter was in direct contrast to the first three periods, which were about as defensive as they could get. Heights led 7-6 after the first quarter; Mia Shields scored four points and Camryn Runner hit a free throw with 2.2 seconds left to give the Huskies the lead.
Both teams scored five points in the second quarter, so Heights led 12-11 at halftime. Kaylee Rhoton drained 3 for the

Huskies.
Robey opened the second half with a jumper, which was answered by two free throws by Runner and a MyKayla Moran layin, putting Heights ahead 16-13 for its largest lead of the game. Westfield regained the lead after Robey hit a 3 and Chesney Tebbe made a layin.
The back-and-forth continued with Rhoton nailing a triple, then the Shamrocks' Ellie Kelleher hit two foul shots. Runner made two of her own free throws to give the Huskies a 21-20 lead, which Kelleher answered with a jumper. Westfield now led 22-21 and would not trail again, as the next basket was Crockett's big 3.
Crockett finished the game with 11 points and eight rebounds. She also had three blocked shots; Smith credited her with protecting the rim well.
"That allows our guards to be aggressive," said Smith.
Robey added nine points, while Tebbe scored eight and collected six rebounds.
Runner led Heights with 11 points, with Ella Hickok pulling five rebounds and handing out four assists.
"I thought overall there in the first half, we were able to control pace a little bit, limit possessions and had a lead there at half-time," said Huskies coach Keegan Cherry. "And then in the second half, our baskets were coming at a premium and then they went on a little spurt there. Crockett took over a little bit with a couple of 3s. But credit to our girls. We fought for 32 minutes."
The Shamrocks are 15-3 and host Hamilton Southeastern Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference girls-boys double-header. Heights is 13-4 and hosts Western Tuesday in a Hoosier Conference East Division game.

Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	0-2	0-0	0	3
Mia Shields	2-6	2-2	7	2
Camryn Runner	2-4	7-8	11	1
Hadleigh Cherry	0-1	0-0	0	0
MyKayla Moran	3-8	0-0	6	4
Kaylee Rhoton	2-7	0-0	6	2
Totals	9-28	9-10	30	12

Heights 3-point shooting (3-13) Rhoton 2-7, Shields 1-5, Hickok 0-1.
Heights rebounds (17) Hickok 5, Shields 4, Runner 3, Moran 3, Rhoton 1, Cherry 1.

	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	1-4	2-2	4	1
Alyssa Crockett	4-9	1-2	11	3
Chesney Tebbe	2-6	4-4	8	1
Olivia Robey	3-9	1-2	9	2
Hailey Remaks	2-4	0-0	4	3
Emmrey Collinsworth	1-3	1-2	3	2
Mikayla Rudolph	1-2	0-0	2	0
Kiki Loveless	0-2	0-0	0	1
Aubrey Crockett	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	14-39	9-12	41	13

Westfield 3-point shooting (4-17) Robey 2-5, Al. Crockett 2-4, Kelleher 0-2, Collinsworth 0-2, Tebbe 0-2, Rudolph 0-1, Remaks 0-1.
Westfield rebounds (29) Al. Crockett 8, Tebbe 6, Remaks 4, Kelleher 1, Collinsworth 1, Rudolph 1, Robey 1, Loveless 1, team 6.
Score by Quarters
Heights 7 5 9 9 - 30
Westfield 6 5 14 16 - 41

Tigers fall to Panthers, 45-43

Fishers was dealt a tough loss to North Central, falling 45-43 Saturday at the Tiger Den.
The Class 4A No. 7 Tigers jumped out to a 14-7 lead after the first quarter, with Joirdyn Smith scoring five points. The 4A No. 9 Panthers cut that advantage to 29-27 by halftime; Hailey Smith and Olivia Smith each had five points to help keep Fishers in front.
North Central took the lead in the third quarter, going up 39-34 by the end of the period. The Tigers came back to tie the game at 43-43, but the Panthers won by making a basket with 1.5 seconds left.
Olivia Smith led Fishers with 11 points. The Tigers are 13-4 and host Brownsburg Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Karina Scott	2	0-0	6	1
Joirdyn Smith	3	0-0	7	3
Kate Thomas	1	0-1	2	2
Hailey Smith	3	2-6	8	3
Olivia Smith	4	2-4	11	2
Talia Harris	1	0-2	3	1
Morgan Roberts	0	0-0	0	0
Alycia Triplett	3	0-0	6	3
Ava Carter	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	4-13	43	15

Score by Quarters
North Central 7 20 12 6 - 45
Fishers 14 15 5 9 - 43
Fishers 3-pointers (5) Scott 2, J. Smith 1, Harris 1, O. Smith 1.

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Sheridan wrestlers win Tipton Super Six



The Sheridan wrestling team won the Tipton Super Six tournament on Saturday. The Blackhawks triumphed at the tournament with wins over Carroll, Indianapolis Lutheran, Northwestern, Pendleton Heights and Tipton. Sheridan had five individual champions: Noah Ehrie at 145 pounds, Presten Weir at 152, Gabe Holler at 170, Jacob Jones at 182 and Peyton Cross at 220. Ehrie won his 100th career match at the tournament.

Photo provided

Blackhawks JV boys basketball celebrates Alexandria Classic victory

Photo by Dwight Casler

The Sheridan junior varsity boys basketball team showed its trophy for winning the Alexandria Classic over Winter Break. The Blackhawks beat Alexandria 55-37 in their first game. Scoring was as follows: Bell 14, Aleman 10, Barker 7, Alexander 6, Woodhouse 6, Hinshaw 6, Voege 5 and Stout 1. In its second game, Sheridan beat Cascade 48-34. Scoring was as follows: Bell 19, Hinshaw 12, Voege 5, Aleman 5, Baker 4, Woodhouse 2, Alexander 1.



‘Hounds beat Fort Wayne South for fifth straight win

Carmel cruised to its fifth consecutive win on Saturday, beating Fort Wayne South Side 77-44 at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Greyhounds blasted through the first quarter to a 25-8 lead. The Archers made a comeback in the second period, cutting Carmel’s lead to 33-24 by halftime, but the ‘Hounds poured in 28 points in the third quarter, giving them a 61-33 lead and putting the game out of reach. Kate Clarke led the way for Carmel, scoring 19 points. Mackenzie Thomas had 16 points and nine rebounds, while Hannah Lach added 15 points. Laura Valiente had nine rebounds and eight assists, while Emily Roper had seven rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots. Sophie Shepherd pulled five rebounds. The Greyhounds improved to 10-6 and play Thursday at Columbus North.

CARMEL 77, FORT WAYNE SOUTH SIDE 44				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mackenzie Woods	1-3	0-1	2	3
Laura Valiente	1-5	0-0	3	1
Hannah Lach	5-11	2-4	15	2
Mackenzie Thomas	7-9	2-3	16	2
Emily Roper	1-7	3-6	5	1
Kate Clarke	8-10	0-0	19	0
Ava Carter	1-4	4-4	6	2
Sophie Shepherd	1-3	0-0	2	2
Jamie Elliott	1-4	0-0	3	0
Maya Berglund	1-1	1-2	3	0
Bethany Ducat	1-1	0-0	3	1
Taryn Fisher	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	28-59	12-20	77	14
Score by Quarters				
FW South	8	16	9	11 - 44
Carmel	25	8	28	16 - 77
Carmel 3-point shooting (9-23) Lach 3-7, Clarke 3-4, Elliott 1-3, Valiente 1-2, Ducat 1-1, Carter 0-3, Shepherd 0-2, Fisher 0-1.				
Carmel rebounds (43) Valiente 9, Thomas 9, Roper 7, Shepherd 5, Clarke 3, Lach 3, Carter 3, Berglund 1, Woods 1, Elliott 1, Ducat 1.				

Double-double for Chikamba . . . ‘Blazers cruise past Covenant Christian

The University girls returned to action Saturday afternoon at Covenant Christian and came away with a 57-24 win to improve their record to 12-2. Patty Chikamba had another double-double for the Trailblazers with a 20-point, 10-rebound effort. Chikamba also added four steals and three rebounds. Kelsey DuBois and Jordan Patterson gave University three players in double figures as each scored 14 points. Covenant Christian had an early 6-4 lead before University called timeout. The Blazers turned up the defensive intensity and held Covenant Christian without a field goal for the next 20 minutes of game action. Chikamba tied the game at 6-6 off an assist from Emily Adamowicz. DuBois fed Patterson for an easy basket to put University ahead for good. Chikamba had 12 points in the first quarter, including an old fashioned three point play off an assist from Patterson with 42 seconds left to give University a 16-8 lead after the opening stanza. The Trailblazers scored the first 9 points on the second quarter to put the game out of reach. Chikamba split two free throws, Alex Feeney and Patterson each went two-for-two at the charity stripe before DuBois knocked down a three pointer. A DuBois foul shot ended the 9-0 run. University stretched the lead to 37-11 at halftime on a deep three pointer from Patterson just ahead of the buzzer. University pulled down 35 rebounds. In addition to Chikamba’s 10 caroms, Adamowicz had five rebounds and DuBois, Abby Hannon and Arriion Sherrod each had four. DuBois and Chikamba each had

four steals with Adamowicz and Sherrod having three each. Covenant Christian fell to 4-11. University will be back in action Tuesday night when they travel to Warren County to take on Seeger Memorial. The Patriots will bring a 14-3 record in to the contest. It will be the first of three games next week for the Trailblazers, who will host the 17-0 Indianapolis HomeSchool Wildcats on Thursday and will play for the Pioneer Conference championship Saturday against the PAAC South champion (to be determined). University’s game with Class 3A No. 4 Benton Central (19-0), originally scheduled for this week, has been rescheduled for Jan. 18 at The U Center. The Blazers’ postponed game with Yorktown has been rescheduled for Jan. 22 as a road game at 11:30 a.m.

UNIVERSITY 57, COVENANT CHRISTIAN 24				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	4-10	4-6	14	3
Patty Chikamba	5-9	9-12	20	3
Jordan Patterson	3-9	6-6	14	1
Arriion Sherrod	1-5	0-0	3	0
Abby Hannon	0-1	0-0	0	3
Anne Gibboney	0-0	0-0	0	2
Emily Adamowicz	1-8	0-1	2	1
Anyah Jordan	1-6	0-0	2	1
Alex Feeney	0-1	2-2	2	1
Totals	15-49	21-27	57	15
Score by Quarters				
University	16	21	11	9 - 57
Covenant	8	3	9	4 - 24
University 3-point shooting (6-22) Patterson 2-7, DuBois 2-3, Chikamba 1-5, Sherrod 1-3, Adamowicz 0-4.				
University rebounds (35) Chikamba 10, Adamowicz 5, DuBois 4, Hannon 4, Sherrod 4, Feeney 3, Gibboney 2, Patterson 2, Jordan 1.				

Sheridan boys drop HHC game to Rossville

Sheridan dropped a 56-41 Hoosier Heartland Conference game to Rossville Saturday at Larry Hobbs Hall. The Blackhawks fell behind 18-5 after the first quarter. Sheridan played the Hornets more even in the other periods, but trailed 28-14 at halftime. In the second half, Ethan Moistner scored 11 points, including a 9-of-9 effort from the free-throw line. Caleb Wright scored 12 points in the fourth quarter. Wright finished the game with 14 points, followed by Moistner’s 11 points. Sheridan is 0-5 in HHC play and 2-10 overall. The ‘Hawks play at Elwood next Saturday.

ROSSVILLE 56, SHERIDAN 41				
Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Caleb Wright	4	4-6	14	2
Evan Grinstead	3	0-0	7	2
Tyler Garner	2	0-2	4	3
Cole Watts	0	0-0	0	0
Ethan Moistner	1	9-9	11	1
Carlsen Aleman	1	1-1	3	1
Nathan Hinshaw	1	0-0	2	2
Brant Barker	0	0-0	0	0
Evan Knapp	0	0-0	0	0
Owen Bell	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	14-18	41	11
Score by Quarters				
Rossville	18	10	13	15 - 56
Sheridan	5	9	11	16 - 41
Sheridan 3-pointers (3) Wright 2, Grinstead 1.				

NBA standings

Saturday's games Memphis 123, L.A. Clippers 108 Charlotte 114, Milwaukee 106 Detroit 97, Orlando 92	Indiana 125, Utah 113 Boston 99, New York 75 Miami 123, Phoenix 100
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Eastern Conference

Western Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	24	13	.649	-
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	2.5
Toronto	19	17	.528	4.5
Boston	19	21	.475	6.5
New York	19	21	.475	6.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	26	10	.722	-
Milwaukee	26	16	.619	3.0
Cleveland	22	17	.564	5.5
Indiana	15	25	.375	13.0
Detroit	8	30	.211	19.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	25	15	.625	-
Charlotte	21	19	.525	4.0
Washington	19	20	.487	5.5
Atlanta	17	21	.447	7.0
Orlando	7	33	.175	18.0

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	28	12	.700	-
Denver	19	18	.514	7.5
Minnesota	19	20	.487	8.5
Portland	14	24	.368	13.0
Oklahoma City	13	25	.342	14.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	30	9	.769	-
Golden State	29	9	.763	0.5
L.A. Lakers	21	19	.525	9.5
L.A. Clippers	19	21	.475	11.5
Sacramento	16	25	.390	15.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	27	14	.659	-
Dallas	21	18	.538	5.0
San Antonio	15	23	.395	10.5
New Orleans	14	25	.359	12.0
Houston	11	29	.275	15.5

Carmel swim teams sweep MIC meet

The Carmel swim teams won the Metropolitan Conference meet, which took place Saturday at the Greyhounds’ aquatic center.

The Carmel girls scored 558 points and won all 11 of the swimming events. Eight different swimmers won an individual race: Lynsey Bowen (200 freestyle), Alex Shackell (individual medley), Meghan Christman (50 free), Hayley Reed (butterfly), Gretchen Lueking (100 free), Lexie Ward (500 free), Berit Berglund (backstroke) and MacKenna Lieske (breaststroke). The Greyhounds also swept all three relays.

In the boys meet, Carmel won by scoring 491.5 points. The ‘Hounds won six events; Ryan Malicki was a double winner in the IM and breaststroke. Other first-place swimmers were Chris Holmes in the butterfly, Gregg Enoch in the 500 free, Leo Han in the backstroke and the medley relay.

GIRLS MEET
Team scores: Carmel 558, Center Grove 375, North Central 368.5, Lawrence North 278, Warren Central 203.5,

Lawrence Central 114, Pike 109, Ben Davis 66.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Berit Berglund, MacKenna Lieske, Alex Shackell, Meghan Christman) 1:45.80.

200 freestyle: 1. Lynsey Bowen 1:53.21, 2. Gretchen Lueking 1:56.03, 5. Hayley Reed 2:01.06.

200 individual medley: 1. Shackell 2:05.87, 2. Keira Kask 2:10.84, 3. Alyssa Street 2:11.31.

50 freestyle: 1. Christman 24.82, 2. Lieske 24.90, 3. Grace Dougherty 25.05.

One-meter diving: 4. Melaina Munson 313.50, 7. Greta Griffin 281.30.

100 butterfly: 1. Reed 58.32, 2. Parker Kurzawa 59.34, 3. Savannah Irizarry 59.51.

100 freestyle: 1. Lueking 52.99, 5. Kayla Barr 56.29.

500 freestyle: 1. Lexie Ward 5:08.88, 2. Erin Cummins 5:12.14, 4. Ashlea Swingewood 5:22.36.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Dougherty, Lieske, Lueking, Christman) 1:38.30.

100 backstroke: 1. Berglund 56.79, 3. Kiarra Thomas 1:00.10, 5. Rachel Dawson 1:01.74.

100 breaststroke: 1. Lieske 1:08.17, 2. Vivian Wilson 1:08.18, 4. Ally Ng 1:12.15.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Carmel (Bowen, Reed, Cummins, Berglund) 3:36.17.

BOYS MEET
Team scores: Carmel 491.5, North Central 405.5, Center Grove 393, Lawrence North 273, Lawrence Central 139, Warren Central 131, Pike 110, Ben Davis 99.

200 medley relay: 1. Carmel (Sean Sullivan, Ryan Malicki, Chris Holmes, AJ Robertson) 1:34.57.

200 freestyle: 2. Riki lwase 1:46.26, 3. Carson Szotek 1:48.05, 10. Colin Cammack 1:54.47.

200 individual medley: 1. R. Malicki 1:55.87, 3. Connor Lathrop 1:59.21, 5. Michael Gorey 2:01.99.

50 freestyle: T3. Holmes 21.85, 6. Graham Seaver 22.97, 10. Shannon Wright II 24.03.

One-meter diving: 4. Henry Summers 216.60.

100 butterfly: 1. Holmes 51.49, 2. Leo Han 52.46, 3. Seaver 53.73.

100 freestyle: 2. Sullivan 47.59, 3. Robertson 48.12, 6. lwase 48.56.

500 freestyle: 1. Gregg Enoch 4:42.01, 2. Lathrop 4:51.21, 6. Anderson Kopp 5:02.39.

200 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel (Seaver, lwase, Holmes, R. Malicki) 1:26.60.

100 backstroke: 1. Han 52.49, 3. Nicholas Plumb 53.88, 5. Emile Haig 55.09.

100 breaststroke: 1. R. Malicki 58.25, 2. Brandon Malicki 58.6, 10. Tommy Fagan 1:08.94.

400 freestyle relay: 2. Carmel (Han, lwase, Enoch, Sullivan) 3:10.97.

Fishers scores sweep at HCC swim meet

The Fishers swim teams swept the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which took place Saturday at the Tigers’ aquatic center.

In the girls meet, Fishers scored 501 points and won six events. Jo Jo Ramey was a double winner in the 200 freestyle and backstroke, while Nalanie Cortez took first in the 100 free and Kate Mouser won the 500 free. The Tigers also won the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 428 points to finish as team runner-up. Kennedy Fisher won the 50 free, Audrey Crawford was first in the 100 butterfly and the Royals also won the medley relay.

Westfield placed fourth with 195.5 points; Macy Hogalan took second in the 200

free. Noblesville scored 131 points to finish in seventh; Maya McDonald took sixth in the breaststroke.

In the boys meet, Fishers won out over Zionsville 470-429. Kyle Ponsler won the 200 and 500 freestyles for the Tigers, with Connor Carlile placing first in the 100 free.

Hamilton Southeastern finished in fourth place, with Noblesville in sixth and Westfield seventh. Matt Truxall was fourth for the Royals in the breaststroke; Aidan Biddle was fifth for the Millers in the breaststroke and Noah Brauer took third for the Shamrocks in the individual medley.

Team scores and county winners now follow. Full results will appear in a later edition.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES
Fishers 501, Hamilton Southeastern 428, Zionsville 352.5, Westfield 195.5, Brownsburg 180, Avon 143, Noblesville 131, Franklin Central 128.

GIRLS WINNERS
200 medley relay: Hamilton Southeastern (Grace Newton, Kennedy Fisher, Audrey Crawford, Ash Saple), 1:46.93.

200 freestyle: Jo Jo Ramey (Fishers) 1:54.82.

50 freestyle: Fisher (HSE) 24.16.

100 butterfly: Crawford (HSE) 57.66.

100 freestyle: Nalanie Cortez (F) 52.82.

500 freestyle: Kate Mouser (F) 5:08.35.

200 freestyle relay: Fishers (Avery

Stein, Kalli Agapios, Cortez, Mouser) 1:38.23.

100 backstroke: Ramey (F) 58.35.

400 freestyle relay: Fishers (Cortez, Mouser, Agapios, Ramey) 3:31.00.

BOYS TEAM SCORES
Fishers 470, Zionsville 429, Brownsburg 357, Hamilton Southeastern 193, Avon 180, Noblesville 171, Westfield 165, Franklin Central 138.

BOYS WINNERS
200 freestyle: Kyle Ponsler (Fishers) 1:40.12.

100 freestyle: Connor Carlile (F) 47.59.

500 freestyle: Ponsler (F) 4:39.14.

Stephenson, Sabonis help Pacers snap losing streak

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

When life gets tough, a boost from a friend can help.

Carrying a six-game losing streak and staring down a tough opponent, the duo of Lance Stephenson and Domantas Sabonis put on a show for fans at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Pairing up several times, Sabonis recorded a career-high 42 points on 18-of-22 shooting, Stephenson finished with 16 and a career-high 14 assists, and Indiana (15-25) came away with a 125-113 victory over the Utah Jazz (28-12) Friday night. The duo fended off a 36-point return from Donovan Mitchell, who sat out last night against the Raptors.

Throughout the game, the tandem worked as one. With Rudy Gobert out due to health and safety protocols, Stephenson diced up the Jazz’s interior, drawing defenders and placing passes with pinpoint precision. He also made buckets when needed, speeding up the offense with driving layups and quick jumpers. He brought the crowd to

its feet several times on a cold night in Indianapolis.

“Lance has given us a different vibe as a team,” praised Rick Carlisle postgame. “The spark that he has provided – the personality...there’s a change in our team.”

“He’s great. He’s my guy,” Sabonis added. “Me and him have a chemistry in the pick-and-roll. He does a great job in reading the game.”

Using that energy, Justin Holiday (15 points) capped the night with two clutch fourth-quarter triples to stop the opponents from coming back late – a sight seen far too often this season for Pacers fans. When the game was in hand, Stephenson tugged at his jersey and roared with the crowd.

“I was just so excited we got the win tonight,” he said. “I had to get the fans involved because that’s like family.”

Early on, Utah’s potent 3-point shooting earned the visitors an early advantage. Mitchell knocked in three early triples, including a 28-footer at the 8:19 mark that gave the visitors a 14-8 lead.

Trailing 20-15 and with 6:17 remaining, the Pacers’ bench began closing the gap. Fresh off his memorable night, Stephenson dished a beautiful bounce pass to Sabonis for an easy bucket. With 3:03 to play, Stephenson nailed his first shot – a triple – to grab a 24-23 Indiana lead.

Down the stretch, the defense limited the high-scoring Jazz to four additional points. Meanwhile, Stephenson and Sabonis combined for five straight in the final minute, and the Blue & Gold took a 33-27 lead into the second. Sabonis finished with 18 in the frame.

The Pacers continued to control the lead early in the second. Stephenson tallied a steal-and-finish, while Holiday buried a trey to extend the edge to 40-31 with 8:37 to go.

Later, a Pacers youngster heated up to extend the lead to double digits. Leading 42-36, Duane Washington Jr. knocked in nine points – all from deep – of an 11-3 Indiana run to give the squad a 53-39 advantage with 6:01 remaining. After a Jazz timeout, Sabonis added a left-handed flush to stretch the lead to 16.

However, the Jazz started climbing back late in the second with a 9-0 spree. The Pacers’ offense suffered a 2:38 scoreless streak before Chris Duarte’s bucket first bucket dropped with 1:55 to play. The 18-footer pushed Indiana’s lead to 57-48.

The jumper sparked the Blue & Gold, as Myles Turner tallied his third swat of the half, and Stephenson drilled another one to extend their lead to 11. The squad led 61-52 at halftime.

Threes by Keifer Sykes and Holiday in the first two minutes helped give the Blue & Gold two 11-point leads early in the third. The squad led by as many as 13 before the Jazz rattled off seven straight to cut the gap to 70-63 with 7:36 remaining. Former Pacer Bojan Bogdanovic and Mitchell then knocked in threes to cut the lead to one.

Yet, the Pacers held on. Stephenson and Duarte found buckets to keep the squad in front. Then, Sabonis went back-and-forth

with Bogdanovic to maintain an 81-78 edge with 4:03 left.

Down the stretch, the energy of Stephenson kept the Pacers ahead. He started with a stepback jumper with 2:29 left. Attacking the rim, he drew a foul and knocked in a free throw. With 1:31 left, he picked off Bogdanovic’s pass and launched the ball to an open Osahe Brissett down the court for his seventh assist. Sabonis capped the third with a hook shot. The Blue & Gold led 90-86 going into the final frame.

Sabonis’ three-point play quickly pushed Indiana’s lead to seven. But, Jordan Clarkson closed the gap quickly with five unanswered in 24 seconds.

Nonetheless, the Blue & Gold made the plays needed to stay in front. Turner collected his fourth block, and Keifer Sykes defended the Jazz’s guards well up top to keep Utah from erupting. On offense, the Pacers got a few points from Jeremy Lamb. After hitting a pair of free throws, the veteran banked in a finger-roll layup to earn a 99-95 lead with 7:52 left.

1:02 later, Stephenson fired a no-look pass – with some added flair – to Sabonis for another easy finish. It pushed Indiana’s lead to six and forced a Utah timeout.

Then, the squad closed it out.

Leading 101-97, the Pacers rattled off eight unanswered points in an exciting fashion. First, Holiday buried back-to-back threes. Then, Sykes – the smallest guy on the floor – soared for an offensive putback among the trees to push the lead to 12 with 5:17 remaining.

Mitchell tried to bring the Jazz back for a spell. But, Stephenson fed Sabonis once again for another easy bucket with 2:29 left. Sykes then added a pair of free throws to give Indiana a 117-107 lead.

With 1:19 remaining, Stephenson found Sabonis one more time for a jumper. The big man then hit 1-of-2 at the line to stretch the lead to 120-113 with 53.5 seconds remaining. The Blue & Gold easily held on from there.

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