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Truth is, I have had a week where my mind is exhausted. I stated my opinion on social media. I did my research to the best of my ability.

Count the seconds.
10...9...8...7...6
A friend disagreed.
5...4...3...2...1
A friend disagreed.

Not one harsh word from them. Not one harsh word from me.

We simply chose to disagree agreeably.

At the end of the conversation ... we were still friends.

It made me think.

While other friends agreed with me, I wanted those who did not to understand I still considered them my friends.

We live in a day and age where so many friendships are being broken, or at least damaged, by social media. Lines are drawn. Aisles are blocked. Dead horses are beaten. When the horse is dead, it's time to dismount.

Have we lost the ability to disagree agreeably? Have we failed to offer grace to those who disagree with us? Have we placed a stake in the ground, with our opinion attached, and just dare anyone to mess with our stake or our opinion? Have we become a people who MUST be right and sadly fail to see the possibility of ever being wrong?

Are we reading only what we want the research to tell us? Are we even open to reading anything that would tend to go against our opinion?

Is anyone really listening? Are we shouting our opinions so loud that no one can hear us? Is our anger shutting the door to real communication?

I hate the anger I sense on social media. I hate the arguing. I hate what all this is doing to us as a people. I hate what our children are seeing and hearing. Remember them? The children?

I don't have answers. I just have opinions. And yes, I have wonderful friends who love me in spite of our differing opinions. I love them right back.

I just have to wonder what Merriam or Webster would be thinking today.

costumes while singing and clowning their way through inventive recreations of the past. This is one history lesson you'll never forget.

The following is the cast for the production of *The Big Bang*:

John Vessels as Boyd Graham. Vessels says he is thrilled to be back on stage after nearly two years, and he couldn't be happier to be back on the stage at ATI. To stay busy and creative, he created – with partner Jay Schwandt – three online concerts starring his alter ego, Lillian Baxter (seen on this very stage in *Lillian Baxter and Friends – We Enjoy Being a Girl*). A 30-year veteran of theater and musical theater, he has spent the last year and a half teaching in the Department of Theatre and Dance at Ball State University. He has loved getting to watch his amazing students grow in the art that means so much to him.

Darrin Murrell as Jed Feuer. Murrell has worked as a professional actor, director, producer and educator for over 35 years with theatres all across the country including extensive work in Indianapolis, Chicago and Portland, Ore. Previous roles at ATI include Alfie Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, Reverend Chrisparker in *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, Murray the Cop in *The Odd Couple*, Herr Schulz in *Cabaret* as well as director of *The Three Tenors*, *An Unnecessary Farce* and two staged readings of new works. He is the multi-year recipient of the Indiana Arts Commission's Individual Theatre Artist Grant Award and recently served as Artistic Director of Nettle Creek Players, Indiana's historic summer stock tent theatre. He lives on his family's homestead farm in Parker City, Ind., with his wife and two children, all of whom perform together as Main Street Artists.

Brent E. Marty as Albert. Marty has been actively involved in the Indianapolis arts community for over 20 years working with several local organizations as a director, musical director, performer, instructor, and accompanist. He currently serves as Director of Music and Education for Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre where he has music directed and supervised over 80 productions and administers the state's largest classroom-based theatre education program. He was named a 2015 Creative Arts Renewal Fellow by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and attended the Music Directing Intensive at the Goodspeed Opera House in Connecticut as part of his fellowship. He is a proud graduate of the Ball State University Department of Theatre & Dance and couldn't be happier to return to the ATI stage. He will be serving as Music Director of this program, also.

Michael Blatt, Director. Michael is a New York City-based director, producer and theatre educator. As a Director, Blatt has worked in Bergen, Norway, where he directed a new Norwegian translation of *Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music*. Michael is a co-founder of Little Red Light Theatre an Off Off Broadway theatre company specializing intimate musicals. He produced/directed *Hello Again* by Michael John LaChiusa and *Thrill Me: the Leopold & Loeb Story* with Little Red Light Theatre. He directed/choreographed All Kinds of People for Inside Broadway which toured NYC schools. Other directing credits include the *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* for ATI. He directed a world premiere of a new play *Where a Certain Future* by James Howard Carr at Northern Michigan University. Blatt is a recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Director Award for his work in *Wimberley* at The Mid-town International Theatre Festival and a member of The Playwriting and Directing Workshop at The Actors Studio. He is currently an adjunct Professor at The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC directing/teaching in the Acting Department. He has an MFA in Directing from The Actors Studio Drama School at Pace University and a BFA from NYU, Tisch School of the Arts. He is a proud member of AEA, SAG/AFTRA and SDC. For more, visit MichaelBlatt.info.

Kevin Casey is the Production Stage Manager for ATI. Actors Theatre of Indiana's own Don Farrell will serve as Jed's understudy, with the understudy for the role of Boyd will be Jacob Barnes. Judy Fitzgerald is the Assistant Stage Manager. Liz Patton is Production Assistant. Scenic Designer is Paul B. Killian, Light Designer is Quinten James, Costume Designer is Katie Cowan Sickmeier, Zach Rosing is the Sound Designer, the Prop Master is Brianne Chalfant and Nico Rowland is the Sound Board Operator.

This play is rated PG-13. It will be performed at The Studio Theater located in The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. As the pandemic continues, ticket buyers agree to follow all health and safety protocols in the Center's venues, including face coverings and proof of vaccination or testing.

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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.

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Chesterton’s fence progressivism

Editor’s Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School’s 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

Two people are walking and they come across a fence. This fence is in their way, blocking their path. Naturally they are frustrated, and one person proposes that they tear down the fence. The other person does not allow this and instead posits that the fence is there for a reason, regardless of whether that reason is understood by the newcomers.

This is the concept of Chesterton’s fence: Don’t take away an existing structure without first recognizing its purpose.

While often used as a conservative point, Chesterton’s fence has a valuable place in progressive ideology. I am a liberal. I believe that society is not currently the best it can be and it is worth the tradeoffs it takes



to fix that. At the same time, I am discontent with the modern political left, and this is in part due to a lack of restraint in the changes it advocates for.

Liberals and conservatives have always served to balance each other out – liberals call for too much change and conservatives hold back almost all change, ultimately resulting in some alterations but only if they’re necessary. Current polarization and heightened political division are causing many to lose sight of the vital role the other side plays. I believe a centrist approach is best for the individual development of beliefs; people should attempt to understand both sides and extrapolate what makes sense from each of them.

As a liberal, Chesterton’s fence is one of the conservative points I find necessary. It doesn’t call for keeping things the way they are, but rather for defeating

reckless approaches in developments being made and avoiding too much novelty. The consequences of actions – whether intended or unintended – should always be understood before those actions are carried out. In other words, things are the way they are for a reason, and it is essential to understand that reason before altering beliefs and policies.

To explain this, I will go back to the Chesterton’s fence analogy: The fence may be there to serve a purpose, such as holding in cattle – in that case, it would be a disaster to remove it. The benefit of the fence no longer blocking the path for the two individuals does not outweigh the consequences of someone’s livestock now roaming freely. Of course, the individuals could find another path, or they could build a gate that allows them to travel and keep the cattle in at the same time. When one solution doesn’t work, others can always be explored.

In another scenario, the fence may just be there be-

cause it once served a purpose and no longer does, making it acceptable to dismantle it. Sometimes the reasons behind values and practices are outdated and no longer necessary, but taking the time to discover this only strengthens the case for modification.

There are two questions one might ask before advocating for variation. Does the proposed change leave things better than they were before? And is enduring the negative consequences of the proposed change worth the positive contributions it will make?

If the answer to both questions is yes, the revision may very well be worth instituting; but if not, other solutions can be investigated, and the appreciation of some tradition isn’t always bad.

In the end, the test of time is a powerful and often successful one.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Jan. 17

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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 east of 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.

131st Street west of SR 37 is now open. This will allow right-in/right-out access for southbound SR 37 until the bridge is fully complete later this year.

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. 17 through Friday, Jan. 21 for concrete 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.

Local students dominate with top honors at IU Kokomo

The REPORTER

A total of 72 full-time Indiana University Kokomo students who hail from Hamilton County earned chancellor's list or dean's list honors for the fall 2021 semester. Chancellor's list students earned a 4.0 grade point average (GPA), while dean's list students earned a minimum 3.5 GPA on a scale of 4.0, while carrying at least 12 credit hours throughout the graduating period.

Each of the county’s eight towns and cities have students on the lists. Students are listed by hometown. They include:

Arcadia

- Brianne Ashley Brindley
- Angelica Marie Montgomery
- Claire Renae Schildmeier
- Mackenzie Jean Tackett

Atlanta

- Karly M. Dean

Carmel

- Luke Andrew Barnes
- Allisen Jocelyn Bishop
- Katherine Quinn Davidson
- Samantha de Bie
- Katelyn Nicole Hall
- McKaylie Ann Kantz
- Alena Nusbaum
- Dori Hannah Rees
- Alexandra Nicole Reiff
- Dustin Theis
- Mikayla Anne Tosiff Tom

Cicero

- Alexis Danielle Gilbert
- Peyton Lyn Zebrauskas

Fishers

- Linda Chang
- Ayden Taylor Guley
- Connor Ryan Lancashire
- Simret Tesfamichael
- Maly Virginia Webster

Noblesville

- Samantha Marie Barentine
- Meghan K. Bartelson
- Alex Michael Carie
- Austin Douglas Carie

- Matthew Lea Cunningham
- Victoria Yazmeen Dittmar
- Nathan Lee Driesen
- Benjamin David Earl
- Kyle David Earl
- Ricardo A. Esquivel
- Kaitlin Noel Garner
- Maibrunn Ann Hartline
- Abigail Helms
- Xavier David Hines
- Ashley Nicole Houghtalen
- Caitlin Grace Kinkhead
- Anna Christina Kiser
- Lucas Micheal Letsinger
- Riley Renee Marcum
- Raegen Monk
- Renat Nahorny
- Mackenzie Elizabeth Pedigo
- Lia Grace Roudebush
- Connor Schreck
- Emily Grace Sims
- Audrey Michelle Soel
- Archie Joesph Tarzwell
- Jourdyn Alexis Terrell
- Olivia Caryn Terry
- Kinzie Leigh Whipple
- Jasmine Paige Wilson

Sheridan

- Brooke Michelle Bishop
- Kaylee Virginia Blackledge
- Alisa Marie Bowman
- Cody R. Ells
- Collin Ryan Ells
- Alexis Leigh Hartman
- Aydan Lee Hartman
- Lucas Michael Martin
- Allacyn Marie Rogers

Westfield

- Gabriel Ibrahima Agbo
- Christopher Joe Browder
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Contemplating foundation of faith from the 50-yard line

Recently I read a CNN news story published on WISH-TV's website regarding a high school football coach that was disciplined and barred from praying on the 50-yard line following a game.

According to the article, the school district said it never disciplined the coach from offering silent, private prayers, but threatened to do so only after he asked to pray on the 50-yard line when players were on the field and the crowd was still in the stands.

The coach, in disagreement with the district, filed a lawsuit which eventually was heard by an appellate court.

The appellate court said the district offered to accommodate the coach the oppor-



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tunity to exercise his religion in a way that would not be perceived as District endorsement of religion by providing that a private location within the school be made available to the coach or allowing him to wait until the crowd dissipated before taking a knee.

The coach's attorney argued that brief personal acts of religious expression plainly were not undertaken as part of his job responsibilities as an assistant football coach.

I would like to point out a photo of the coach praying alongside a small group of players was published in the article. The players were seen in the photograph with arms wrapped around each other.

It's my opinion, prayer can be an opportunity for

people to gather and bond, a very important attribute of any successful athletic team.

It is also my opinion that good coaches are "carpenters of men." In my day those "carpenters" were Noblesville's Jim Belden, Phil Shelby, Dave Nicholson, and Don Dunker; Carmel's Bill Shepherd and Eric Clark, and many other coaches throughout the county. They recognized the importance of a strong foundation of faith, and none were handcuffed by their school districts.

I understand our country today is not what it was 45 years ago. We have a larger population of many religions. I don't care if coaches are Christian, Muslim, Buddhist or Sikh ... each should be given the opportunity to share the 50-yard line in prayer. The coaches and players who choose not to kneel at midfield should

equally have the opportunity to walk off the field and share the locker room.

As Chief Deputy Coroner for Hamilton County, I often see the end result of people who don't have a strong foundation in their lives, people who feel they don't have the opportunity to be seen or heard, and people who don't have coaches or community role models to turn to during difficult times.

Let's not judge our "carpenters of men" by touch-downs and field goals. Allow them the opportunity to coach a foundation of faith, whatever faith it may be, into any young man or woman who chooses to wrap arms in prayer publicly ... even on the 50-yard line.

Jeff Jellison is the former publisher of the Hamilton County Reporter. He now serves as the Chief Deputy Coroner for Hamilton County.

Letter to the Editor

Illinois reader suggests military choral group for Super Bowl halftime

Dear Editor:
The *PBS News Hour* recently featured their annual collage of solo and choral group military service men and women singing "Feliz Navidad." It was inspirational and just what many of us needed to end another COVID-19 year.

The Super Bowl is coming up, and someone will sing the National Anthem. Someone else will perform the half-time show with lasers, fireworks, near-naked dancers, and maybe a giant, mechanical beast that the headliner will ride while singing. There's probably not much we can do about that, but could we consider a military soloist or choral group to sing the National Anthem for a change? There is no shortage of gifted, poised singers in the military as the *News Hour* segment proved. Who knows? The practice of presenting more military singers before other sporting events might catch on.

Instead of another ego-drenched "interpretation" of our anthem, how about letting our service men and women give it a try? The song is, after all, about selflessness, not self-promotion.

America has bigger problems. But until we rediscover how to get along with each other, can we at least treat the National Anthem with respect?

Jim Newton
Itasca, Ill.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer calls on Brainard to retire

Dear Editor:
Two telling quotations from Carmel city councilors summarize the call for the end to progressive elite governance.
Last year, councilors investigated two civic scandals – the 46 percent cost overruns in the Hotel Carmichael project and the mismanagement of a sexual harassment complaint filed in 2019.
The former noted "the public process used to gain Carmel City Council approval and to educate the public was deeply flawed. Information presented by the mayor's team to the city's fiscal body (Carmel City Council) was shallowly prepared and presented in tandem with experts as reliable. City Council members spent hours poring over documents only to find out later they were knowingly inadequate."
Findings in the second investigation revealed:
"The city has not been cooperative with requests for information, has not been upfront about any agreements with (disgraced city attorney Doug) Haney for continued work with the city, and has not followed policies outlined in the employee handbook for handling employee complaints."
After nearly a quarter-century as mayor, the man in charge should gracefully announce his retirement.
He soon turns 68.
He suffered greatly from sleep apnea, requiring extensive surgery, he claimed.
The city finances reflect a \$1.4 billion debt.
And his city council cannot trust him.
Carmel needs younger, healthier, fiscally intelligent, trustworthy leadership.
With municipal primary elections a year off, it's time for the old guard to go.
Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville reader wonders if Supt. Niedermeyer read SB 167

Editor's note: On Friday, Senate Bill 167 was removed from consideration by the legislature by Senate Pro Tempore Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville).
Dear Editor,
The legislative session in Indiana opened with several bills intended to address parents' concerns about objectionable content found in Indiana's public school classrooms. I'm referring specifically to Senate Bill 167, House Bill 1134, and House Bill 1040.
Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer, who recently announced that she would retire at the end of this school year, posted an announcement on Noblesville School's website listing her concerns about these bills. Unfortunately, Dr. Niedermeyer forgot to provide evidence that would corroborate her concerns. Her absence of due diligence risks leaving parents and the community with nothing more than her opinion about important issues facing our students.
Opinions are fine, but if Superintendent Niedermeyer uses a publicly funded platform, presumably on public time, to opine on legislative matters, she should at least educate herself on the issues she is offering comments.
Dr. Niedermeyer writes in her opinion piece, "As currently written, the legislation would:
• Prohibit teaching accurate historical facts, both in K-12 education and to adults at the college level.
• Prohibit teaching general sociology concepts, both in K-12 education and to adults at the college level.
• Threaten to criminalize teachers, driving educators out of a profession that is already undervalued and in the midst of a desperate shortage.
• Redirect time and money away from student academics to manage increased government bureaucracy."
There is nothing in these bills that will prohibit teaching accurate history. The Superintendent is either misinformed or intentionally misrepresenting the legislation. It is inappropriate behavior coming from a public school administrator in either case. One can only speculate why Dr. Niedermeyer thinks these bills will prevent teaching accurate historical facts because she failed to explain her reasoning.
With this in mind, one of the arguments made by opponents of these bills is that teachers won't be able to teach historical facts about slavery in America. However, when you read the actual text of the legislation, that argument falls apart.
Dr. Niedermeyer claims that these bills will prohibit teaching sociology concepts. Which sociology concepts is she afraid will be banned? We don't know. Perhaps she is concerned academic theories that argue white people are inherently racist will be prohibited?
Superintendent Niedermeyer claims that these bills threaten to criminalize teachers, driving educators out of a profession that is already undervalued and in the midst of a desperate shortage. First of all, I know of no other single sector of public expenditure that receives more state funding than public education. If we measure value in dollars allocated, it is hard to make an intellectually honest argument that public education is undervalued.
It's worth noting that Dr. Niedermeyer has a compensation plan that features a \$200,000 annual salary plus benefits. That's quite a bit more than the average teacher's annual salary of approximately \$54,000.
Secondly, there is nothing in these bills that will unfairly criminalize teachers. Teachers who don't break the law aren't criminals and should not worry. It's pretty simple.
Furthermore, I'm told on good authority that SB 167 and HB 1134 give teachers a level of immunity, sort of like police officers, and puts the risk on the school district. It provides teachers criminal immunity, but it also gives them civil immunity. If teachers break the law, they can certainly lose their license, but this idea that teachers risk

being criminalized is a fabrication. Dr. Niedermeyer's irresponsible comments have most certainly caused unnecessary fear and loathing which, as a result, will likely do more harm to the profession than any of these bills.
Dr. Niedermeyer claims that these bills will redirect time and money away from student academics to manage increased government bureaucracy. I'm glad that she is concerned about increased government bureaucracy taking time and money away from academics. That is a fascinating statement since test scores have dropped every year since Dr. Niedermeyer became Superintendent of Noblesville Schools. One might argue that all the time and money invested in social-emotional learning and DEI initiatives distract from academics.
Whether Dr. Niedermeyer forgot to read the legislation or intentionally misrepresented the issues is unclear. We know that she failed to present any evidence to support her claims. For this reason, I include the language of SB 167, which is nearly identical to HB 1134 for the public to read.
In accordance with 33 IC 20-33-1-6, a state agency (as defined in IC 4-13-1.4-2), school corporation, or qualified school (as defined in IC 20-30-17-3) or an employee of the state agency, school corporation, or qualified school acting in an official capacity shall not direct or otherwise compel a school employee to affirm, adopt, or adhere to any of the following tenets:
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(b) A teacher, an administrator, a governing body, or any other employee of any state agency, school corporation, or qualified school may not require an employee of a school corporation or qualified school to engage in training, orientation, or therapy that presents any form of racial or sex-stereotyping or blame on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation. (c) A school employee may file a complaint using the complaint process described in IC 20-33-1.5-3 and IC 20-33-1.5-4.

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Have fun on ice, support food pantries at Carmel Winter Games

The REPORTER

Get your families, friends, or colleagues together and register your teams for the Carmel Winter Games today.

The Carmel Winter Games are designed to encourage physical activity and a bit of healthy competition

through on-ice, non-skating competitive games like "human hungry hippo," human curling and an ice trike relay.

Teams are now eligible to sign up to compete for medals and bragging rights on the ice rink. [Click here](#) for details. The Winter Games kick off on Friday,

Feb. 11 with the Hometown Hero-Olympics and continue the following day, Saturday, Feb. 12, with the competitive group games.

Participants must be 15 years or older and have signed waiver. Those age 15 to 17 must have a signed waiver from a parent or

guardian.

Team registration fee is \$300, with 100 percent of the money to food pantries in the Carmel area.

For a complete schedule of upcoming events and to register your Winter Games teams, visit [TheIceAtCarterGreen.com](#).

Carmel building five more roundabouts

Monon Greenway expansion project begins Monday

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has released its annual list of major road construction projects for the spring, summer and fall of 2022. The projects include five more roundabouts, the continued development of the Japanese Gardens south of Carmel City Hall, a major expansion of the Monon Greenway at City Center and improvements to Smoky Row, between the Monon and U.S. 31, on the north side of the Carmel Arts & Design District.

"Despite the challenges of the global pandemic, Carmel has continued to grow with new residents and corporate employers, which means the number of vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians using our road and trail network is also growing," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "It is important that we keep

ahead of the growth and keep our transportation network safe and efficient for all of our residents, visitors and workers."

The City of Carmel will continue to build roundabouts due to their proven track record of saving lives by reducing the number of accidents that produce fatalities and personal injuries. They are also better for the environment and result in substantial fuel cost savings for commuters.

Roundabouts to be built in 2022 include:

- Range Line Road and Medical Drive
- Range Line Road and 116th Street
- College Avenue and 106th Street
- East Main Street and Richland (4th Avenue East)
- East Main Street and Lexington

The Japanese Garden and water retention project is already underway. Work will continue in the spring and last until October and will include additional improvements along the Monon Greenway. Burying utility lines along Veterans Way through Midtown will also continue with partial road closures during multiple phases of construction.

Frequent users of the Monon Greenway will see major changes coming to one of the more congested portions of the trail at City Center. A nearly year-long project that will begin Monday, Jan. 17 will include enhanced landscaping, a tree-lined canopy, seating areas, places to gather and the widening of the trail from 14 to 18 feet. The project is in conjunction with Clay Township and the City of

Carmel's joint effort to complete improvements along the greenway.

Smoky Row will see widening and other improvements in conjunction with a [new North End development](#) taking place on the north side of the roadway.

Please remember there are many variables, including weather, that affect the exact start and finish dates. Notices of closures or detours will be sent closer to the beginning of each construction project.

For any remaining questions or concerns please contact City of Carmel Engineering Department at (317) 571-2441 or email Engineering Administrator Joshua Kirsh at [jkirsh@carmel.in.gov](#).

Sign up for email alerts and updates at [Carmel-Link.com](#).

Who's on my ballot for the May 2022 Primary Election?

Candidate filings current as of Friday, Jan. 14

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Kathy Kream Williams (R)

County Recorder

Trini K. Beaver (R)

County Sheriff

Dennis Quakenbush (R)

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Jeff Jellison (R)

County Assessor

Kevin W. Poore (R)

County Council

District 1

Fred Glynn (R)

District 2

Amy Elizabeth Massillamany (R)

District 3

Steve Schwartz (R)

District 4

Ken Alexander (R)

Adams Twp. Trustee

Michelle Junkins (R)

Adams Twp. Board

Floyd H. Barker (R)

Clay Twp. Trustee

Paul D. Hensel (R)

Clay Twp. Board

Matthew J. Snyder (R)

Mary Eckard (R)

Delaware Twp. Trustee

Debbie R. Driskell (R)

Delaware Twp. Board

Rick Fain (R)

Fall Creek Twp. Trustee

Doug Allman (R)

Fall Creek Twp. Board

Brian Baehl (R)

Jason W. Meyer (R)

Jackson Twp. Board

Jeff Roberts (R)

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Theresa Caldwell (R)

Noblesville Twp. Board

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Joe Arrowood (R)

Perry Williams (R)

Mary Sue Rowland (R)

Terry L. Busby (R)

Washington Twp. Board

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Laura McNamara (R)

White River Twp. Trustee

Robbie Ping (R)

Cicero Town Council

At Large

Heidi Wilcox (R)

Eric Hayden (R)

Sheridan Town Council

Steve C. Fisher (R)

Eric D. Gifford (R)

Daniel A. Bragg (R)

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Clay 28

Edwin Russell

Clay 68

Annette Gross

Westfield 4

Shelly Brown

Westfield 10

Ann Raymont

Democratic State Convention Delegates

Clay Township

Dallas Shelby

Matthew Stone

Annette Gross

Washington Township

Shelly Brown

Margaret Furniss

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Fred Glynn

Clay District 2

Mary (Dubbie) Buckler

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Dwight Lile

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Rick Fain

Delaware District 2

Barbara Layton

Fall Creek District 1

Amy Elizabeth Massillamany

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Fall Creek District 2

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Fall Creek District 3

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Micah Beckwith

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Rebecca Kubacki

Washington District 2

William Gutrich

Lisa M. Everling

Carmel named Indiana's 'most caring city'

The REPORTER

In 2022, Carmel has been named the most caring city in Indiana.

According to a new study by Insurify, Carmel residents demonstrate the greatest commitment to giving back

to their community in the state. In Carmel, 3.94 percent of residents have careers dedicated to the care of others, a share that's 55 percent greater than the state average.

The full list of cities can be found at [this link](#).

Methodology

Insurify's data scientists referred to their database of over 4 million car insurance applications to determine the most caring cities in the United States. Insurify's data science team identified

the following occupations as the most caring: caregiver, counselor, firefighter, hospice volunteer, nurse practitioner, paramedic, physician/medical doctor, teacher, therapist, and social worker.

Read it here. Read it first.
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2021 Get You Down?

Let God Help You Turn 2022 Into the Very Best Of Years!

Entering a new year is like turning the page of a book, where new beginnings and unexpected twists await. Instead of dreaming of a loftier New Year turn to the Bible for guidance instead and soar through 2022!

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will fly up on wings like eagles; they will run and not be tired; they will walk and not be weary." — Isaiah 40:31

2022 may be hard, but with the Lord, you can fly with eagles, run, walk and face whatever 2022 has in store for you with confidence and optimism. With God beneath your wings lifting you to greater heights you can go into this new year with the power of God behind you.

You will be stronger, happier, more contented and peaceful flying under the wings of God.

The good folks at the Stony Creek Church of Christ would delight in helping you find the peace that can only come from our great God.

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Help feed Fishers kids through ‘Snack Attack’ program

The REPORTER

The Fishers Youth Assistance Snack Attack program distributes more than 2,900 snacks to 429 students each week throughout the HSE Schools calendar year. You can [help provide weekend snack bags](#) to hundreds of children in our school district. Some items needed include:

- Single-serve cereal

boxes

- Fruit snacks
- Granola bars
- Rice Krispies Treats
- Trail mix
- Hot coco mix
- Single serve pretzels

Donate to the Snack Attack program by purchasing needed items from the Amazon list, which you can access at [this link](#).

Fishers Parks needs volunteers for Heart Hike

The REPORTER

Fishers Parks is looking for Heart Hike volunteers to help welcome guests, man the hot chocolate station, tend the fire pit, and assist with photos on Saturday, Feb. 12.

Volunteer shifts are 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 2:30 to 5 p.m.

Just before Valentine's Day, take the Heart Hike at Ritchey Woods. Find images on the nature preserve's trails

that show heart shapes in nature and stick around after your hike to enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and warm up by the campfire.

During your short, self-led hike, look for images of hearts that are naturally occurring in nature that have been placed along the walking trails, like a heart-shaped tree trunk, birds forming into a heart shape, and more.

[Click here](#) to add your name to the volunteer list.

The REPORTER

Riverview Health will host a treatment of hip and knee arthritis seminar from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10.

Join Andrew Malin, MD, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and fellowship-trained hip and knee specialist, for a seminar about hip and knee arthritis. Riverview Health offers the full spectrum of modern treatments for arthritis. Non-surgical treatment options such as medications, physical therapy, activity modification and injections will be discussed.

Dr. Malin will also talk in detail about hip replacement, partial knee replacement and total knee replacement surgery, as well as recent advancements allowing for quicker recovery from these operations.

The seminar will take place at Riverview Health, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, in the Krieg DeVault Conference Room,



Photo provided

Dr. Andrew Malin, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and fellowship-trained hip and knee specialist, will provide critical information about treatment of hip and knee arthritis.

located in the lower level of the Women's Pavilion. The program is free, but registration is required. Attendees are required to wear masks. Register at [riverview.org/classes](#) or call (317) 776-7999.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as three freestanding combined ER

and urgent care facilities. Also included are more than 25 primary, immediate and specialty-care facilities in Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence. National achievements include Healthgrades 5-star rating (2020) for total knee

replacement and spinal fusion and Newsweek magazine annual rankings as a top acute inpatient rehabilitation unit in the state of Indiana (2021). Riverview Health was also recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association for its infant and maternal health with the INspire Hospital of Distinction award two years in a row (2020, 2021). For more information on Riverview Health, visit [riverview.org](#).

Should inflation affect your investment moves?

As you know, inflation heated up in 2021, following years of pretty stable – and low – numbers. And now, early in 2022, we're still seeing elevated prices. As a consumer, you may need to adjust your activities somewhat, but as an investor, how should you respond to inflation?

First, it helps to know the causes of this recent inflationary spike. Essentially, it's a case of basic economics – strong demand for goods meeting inadequate supply, caused by material and labor shortages, along with shipping and delivery logjams.

In other words, too many dollars chasing too few goods.

Once the supply chain issues begin to ease and consumer spending moves from goods to services as the COVID-19 pandemic wanes, it's likely that inflation will moderate, but it may still stay above pre-pandemic levels throughout 2022.

Given this outlook, you may want to review your investment portfolio. First, consider stocks. Generally



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speaking, stocks can do well in inflationary periods because companies' revenues and earnings may increase along with inflation. But some sectors of the stock market typically do better

than others during inflationary times. Companies that can pass along higher costs to consumers due to strong demand for their goods – such as firms that produce building materials or supply steel or other commodities to other businesses – can do well. Conversely, companies that sell nonessential goods and services, such as appliances, athletic apparel and entertainment, may struggle more when prices are rising.

Of course, it's still a good idea to own a variety of stocks from various industries because it can help reduce the impact of market volatility on any one sector. And to help counteract the effects of rising prices, you might also consider investing in companies that have a long track record of paying and raising stock dividends. (Keep in mind, though, that these companies are not obligated to pay dividends and can reduce or discontinue

them at any time.)

Apart from stocks, how can inflation affect other types of investments? Think about bonds. When you invest in a bond, you receive regular interest payments until the bond matures. But these payments stay the same, so, over time, rising inflation can eat into your bond's future income, which may also cause the price of your bond to drop – a concern if you decide to sell the bond before it matures. The impact of inflation is especially sharp on the price of longer-term bonds because of the cumulative loss of purchasing power.

However, Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) can provide some protection against inflation. The face value, or principal amount, of each TIPS is \$1,000, but this principal is adjusted based on changes in the U.S. Consumer Price Index. So, during periods of inflation, your principal will increase, also increasing your interest payments. When inflation drops, though, your principal and interest payments will decrease, but you'll never receive less than the original principal value when the TIPS mature. Talk to your financial advisor to determine if TIPS may be appropriate for you.

Ultimately, inflation may indeed be something to consider when managing your investments. But other factors – especially your risk tolerance, time horizon and long-term goals – should still be the driving force behind your investment decisions. A solid investment strategy can serve you well, regardless of whether prices move up or down.

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Hamilton County's home sale prices highest in central Indiana

The REPORTER

December 2021 bucked the typical trend of a quieter residential real estate market during the holidays. Monthly real estate statistics from F.C. Tucker Company revealed that December 2021 pended home sales increased 4.4 percent compared to December 2020. Year-to-date home sale prices increased 12.6 percent, and central Indiana housing inventory decreased 19.4 percent compared to this time last year.

- The average December 2021 home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region was \$293,407, an increase of 15.3 percent compared to December 2020.

- Pended home sales increased, up 4.4 percent compared to this time last year.

- Available housing inventory continued to decrease, down 19.4 percent

compared to December 2020.

In December 2021, 2,710 central Indiana homes were purchased, up 4.4 percent from the 2,595 sold in December 2020. Specifically:

- Brown County showed the greatest increase in pended home sales with 200 percent growth compared to December 2020.

- **Hamilton County** pended sales had the greatest decrease with 11.6 percent fewer homes sold in December 2021 compared to this time last year.

The year-to-date sale price of homes in central Indiana continued their upward climb:

- Johnson County recorded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 20.9 percent.

- **Hamilton County** had the highest average home sale price in the region at

\$420,016.

- Homes sold in 18 days on average, 43.8 percent faster than in 2020. Brown County homes left the market 28 days faster than in December 2020 – the greatest decrease of the 16-county central Indiana area.

Central Indiana experienced a 19.4 percent decrease in overall available home inventory in December 2021, with 511 fewer homes available for sale than in December 2020. However, only six counties continued to see inventory decreases in December, while nine counties saw increases, and one county remained the same.

- Brown County had the largest inventory increase – up 56.5 percent compared to December 2020.

- **Hamilton County** inventory continued to experience the greatest decrease

in central Indiana – down 9 percent – compared to this time last year.

“It’s unusual to see this level of residential real estate activity during December,” said Jim Litten, CEO of F.C. Tucker Company. “However, many buyers are taking advantage of low interest rates and the growth in available inventory to purchase a new home. This additional buyer demand results in a continued increase in home sale prices.”

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, three were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 30 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 186 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 690 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 816 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 765 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 220 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

Indiana American Water accepting applications for Environmental Grant Program

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water the largest and most geographically diverse publicly-traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, is now accepting applications for its 2022 Environmental Grant Program.

“Indiana American Water is committed to providing our customers with clean, safe, reliable water service and protecting our environment and our water sources,” said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. “Everyone plays a role in protecting our nation’s water supplies, and this program encourages municipalities, schools, environmental organizations and civic groups to apply for a grant that will benefit their watersheds and the communities we serve across the state.”

Indiana American Water’s **Environmental Grant Program** offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships. Last year, Indiana American Water funded four watershed projects across the state. In 2022, the company will be awarding several grants for a combined total of approximately \$10,000.

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community;

- Be completed between May 1, 2022, and Nov. 30, 2022;

- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program;

- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations;

- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the grant monies are utilized); and,

- Be located within one of Indiana American Water’s service areas across the state.

Projects will be judged based on criteria that include clarity of project goals and projected impact, strength of collaboration with other community and/or municipal organizations, and evidence that the project will provide sustainable environmental results after Indiana American Water’s funding ends.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2022, and mailed to Indiana American Water, 153 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, IN 46143, ATTN: Joe Loughmiller. Award recipients will be notified by April 30, 2022.

Additional Information and application requirements can be obtained online at the Environmental Grant section of the company website at amwater.com/inaw/news-community/environmental-grant-program.

Learn history of stage combat at Carmel’s Center for the Performing Arts on Jan. 25

The REPORTER

Register now to learn about the history of stage combat, presented at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. “Stage Combat Then & Now: Historical and Contemporary Practice” will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Given by Andrés Lopez, the presentation will begin with a brief overview of the history of stage combat, fo-

cusing on its development and practice in 19th century England. Next, Lopez will discuss contemporary practice and the various approaches to combat on stage and in film/television. Finally, he will demonstrate various stage combat techniques, including the standard combats, single sword and swashbuckling, and unarmed fighting.

The 2 p.m. presentation will be followed by light re-

freshments.

[Click here](#) to buy tickets for the event.

About the Presenter

Andrés Lopez received his Ph.D. in theatre history from Indiana University, where he researched the history of stage combat. His particular interests are the standard combats and fight choreography in 19th century England. He is an advanced actor/combatant

with the Society of American Fight Directors, holding certifications in all eight weapon disciplines. He has taught stage combat to people of all ages at workshops and in classrooms around the country. He has been the fight choreographer for several productions, including *Vinegar Tom*, *Water by the Spoonful*, *Streamers* and *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

Who was the first Black person elected to the state legislature?

The REPORTER

1901 – The body of former Governor James A. Mount lay in state in the rotunda of the Indiana Statehouse. The 24th Governor of Indiana, Mount had died only two days after leaving office. Thousands paid their respects at the Statehouse. He was later taken to his hometown of Crawfordsville for burial at Oak Hill Cemetery.

1920 – Governor James P. Goodrich called a special session of the Indiana Legislature to ratify the Women’s Suffrage Amendment to the United States Constitution. Indiana was the 26th state to approve the amendment, which became effective nationwide on Aug. 18, 1920. In signing the legislation, Governor Goodrich called it “an act of tardy justice.”

1928 – Marvin Wood was born in Shelby County. At the age of 26, he coached the Milan High School basketball team to a state championship in 1954. The victo-



ry was the inspiration for the movie Hoosiers. Wood went on to coach at New Castle, North Central (Indianapolis), and Mishawaka high schools, as well as Bethel and St. Mary’s colleges. His career win/loss record was 329-229.

1949 – The world premiere for Walt Disney’s *So Dear to My Heart* was held at the Music Hall at Purdue University. Several actors in the movie, including Bobby Driscoll and Burl Ives, were present for the event. The motion picture, with live action and animation, tells of a boy’s life in Pike County, Ind., at the turn of the 20th Century.

2000 – A display case

for the Indiana Constitution was dedicated at the Statehouse. Among those at the rotunda ceremony were Governor Frank O’Bannon, Chief Justice Randall Shepard, and State Senator James Merriitt. A special guest was Jacqueline Graham Burton, great-great granddaughter of Jonathan Jennings, the state’s first Governor.

2014 – Two new busts were unveiled at the Indiana Statehouse. One was in honor of James Hinton, the first African American to serve in the Indiana Legislature. The other was in tribute to Julia Carson, the first African American to represent Indianapolis in the United States Congress.

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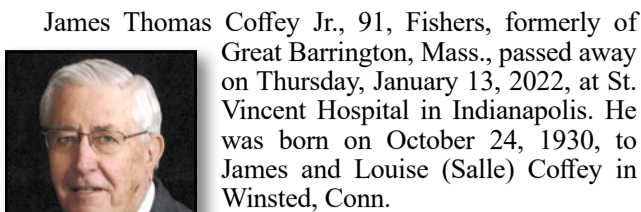
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James Thomas Coffey Jr.
October 24, 1930 – January 13, 2022



James Thomas Coffey Jr., 91, Fishers, formerly of Great Barrington, Mass., passed away on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on October 24, 1930, to James and Louise (Salle) Coffey in Winsted, Conn.

Jim graduated from Morse College in 1951. He married Theresa Gladys Zuchowski in 1954. They moved to Great Barrington in the beautiful Berkshires and had four children. Jim worked as an accountant at Ward's Nursery and retired from the Town of Great Barrington as Town Clerk and Treasurer. They moved to Fishers in 2003. Jim was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, a member of the Rotary Club where he received the Paul Harris Award, and was a member of the Berkshire County Retirement Board. He also received the Pius X Award for his involvement with Religious Education. He was active in the Sally Burton Food Pantry that fed the less fortunate of Hamilton County. Jim was also involved with St. Anne's Group at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Theresa Coffey; children, Thomas Coffey (Pat) of Indianapolis, Kevin Coffey (Joni) of Fredonia, Pa., John "Jack" Coffey (Kathy Mele) of Pittsfield, Mass., and Carol (Steve) Werling of Fishers; eight grandchildren, Anne, Michael, Patrick, Dustin, Grace, Andrew, Alaina and Peter; two great-grandchildren; cousin, Mary Jane Keiller; and his brother-in-law, John Vaccari.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Marion Vaccari.

Jim was an avid lifetime Notre Dame fan and an usher at Notre Dame stadium for 12 years. He enjoyed golfing, skiing, playing cards and socializing. Jim did not know a stranger.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers. Burial will be at a later date in Great Barrington, Mass. The mass will be streamed live, and the link may be found at randallroberts.com/obituary/James-CoffeyJr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sally Burton Food Pantry, c/o St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. For though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit and delight to see how disciplined you are and how firm your faith in Christ is.

Colossians 2:1-5 (NIV)

Nathan Tyler Hullinger
November 17, 1992 – January 12, 2022

Nathan Tyler Hullinger, 29, passed away on January 12, 2022, due to complications of COVID-19.

Nathan was born on November 17, 1992, in Noblesville, where he spent much of his childhood and adult life. He was known for his eclectic sense of humor and his devotion to a range of hobbies, which included woodworking, survivalist skills and weightlifting. Nathan was a proud and doting dog-parent to his beautiful Whippet, Freyja.

Despite being on the autism spectrum, he successfully completed his education at Noblesville Schools. The challenges of his disability did not stop him from earning a regular Core 40 diploma, which he and his family considered a tremendous accomplishment. Nathan was also involved in a school-to-work program called Project SEARCH, where he assisted locally at Riverview Hospital to develop workforce skills.

He is survived by his mother and caregiver, Stephanie Brush; father, Danny Hullinger; sisters, Robyn Brush, Genevieve Brush and Lauren Hullinger; aunts, Kimberly (Doug) Carson and Cathleen (Arturo) Quezada; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his beloved grandparents, Mancil and Carol Brush, and Rose Augsburg, as well as his niece, Laylani Sturdivant.

Service will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Calling time begins at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Autism Society of Indiana, 1800 N. Meridian St., Suite 103B, Indianapolis, IN 46202, or at autismsocietyofindiana.salsalabs.org/GeneralDonationForm/index.html.

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Girls basketball

'Blazers run away with PAAC trophy

By RICHIE HALL

CARMEL - After dropping last year's Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship game to Greenwood Christian Academy, the University girls basketball team was looking for redemption this season.

The Class 2A No. 8 Trailblazers got exactly what they wanted, including the championship trophy. University blitzed the Cougars in the opening quarter and cruised to a 74-30 victory Saturday at the U Center to claim the PAAC title.

"After last year, we came in wanting to beat them," said 'Blazers junior Payton Seay. "We just came in off the jump and from there, we got business done."

Seay was all business during the first minute of the game, playing with the sharpness of a Fortune 500 CEO. She scored six points in 57 seconds, making a layin for the first basket, then scoring off steals from senior Patty Chikamba and junior Kamryn Washington.

"Our defense drives our offense, so when Payton starts getting her steals and getting her layups, that's when we all started stepping up and that's when our offense started to hit, and that's when Patty started getting her steals," said DuBois. "So everything just revolves around our defense, especially the press, and that's what drives our offense."

The quick start led GCA to take a timeout at the 7:03 mark of the first quarter. But University kept rolling, eventually taking a 22-2 lead with 1:20 left in the period. Seay scored 10 points in the quarter, with junior Kelsey DuBois and Chikamba both adding four points.

The Cougars made a jump shot and a pair of free throws at the end of the period, making the score 22-6 going into the second quarter. The Trailblazers stayed hot, pouring in another 26 points to take a 48-12 halftime lead. Seven different University players scored in the second quarter, which included 3-pointers from Seay and junior Jordan Patterson, a pair of putbacks by DuBois, and layins from sophomore Alex Feeney and senior Abby Hannon.

"I thought they played well," said Trailblazers coach Justin Blanding. "This is probably the first game we've started out strong and finished strong."

The second half began just like the first half did, with Seay scoring the first six points. Patterson added a layin, and that gave University a 56-12 lead.

Later in the quarter, an 8-0 run led the 'Blazers to their biggest advantage of the game at 68-20. Freshman Taylor Seay scored six points of that run, making a traditional three-point play to start. DuBois also had a layin.

"We obviously have a lot of talent going down the bench, so we have a lot of energetic and aggressive practices, so everything you see out on the court has been practiced many, many times, so it just comes naturally to all of them," said DuBois.

The bench players took over in the fourth quarter, and played well. Freshman Anyah Jordan scored four points during that period. Blanding was pleased with how the bench players contributed to the game.

"We try to prep them from the beginning that they could be in these situations and you never know what's going to happen," said Blanding. "Taylor coming in, even Anyah a little bit. It's good for them to get that experience."

Payton Seay led the scoring with 21



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The University girls basketball team blitzed its way to the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship Saturday, beating Greenwood Christian Academy 74-30.

points, and also had four steals. DuBois reached double-double status with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Chikamba was all over the place, with 10 points, eight assists, eight steals and seven rebounds. Hannon collected six rebounds as well.

Fourteen players took to the floor for University, and 10 of them scored. Payton Seay said that "having those players that can come off the bench and really make a difference really helps our team get going. We never lose intensity throughout the game because they're able to come up and keep the intensity levels up."

University is 15-2, having won its last 13 games. The Trailblazers are back at the U Center on Tuesday for a big game: Undeclared Benton Central is coming to town. The Bison are 21-0 and ranked No. 3 in 3A this week. (New rankings are due out early next week.)

"We know how good they are, the type of program they have, the prestige, all that stuff that they have," said Blanding. "We know that, we understand that and that's what we're trying to be."

UNIVERSITY 74, GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN 30				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kelsey DuBois	7-16	2-3	16	3
Patty Chikamba	3-8	4-4	10	2
Kamryn Washington	0-2	0-0	0	1
Payton Seay	9-13	2-2	21	0
Jordan Patterson	3-6	0-0	7	0
Emily Adamowicz	1-4	1-2	3	3
Abby Hannon	1-3	1-2	3	1
Taylor Seay	2-4	2-3	6	2
Arrion Sherrod	1-4	0-0	2	1
Alex Feeney	1-4	0-0	2	0
Anne Gibboney	0-0	0-0	0	2
Anyah Jordan	2-3	0-0	4	4
Reva Allam	0-0	0-0	0	1
Lindsey Blocksom	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	30-67	12-16	74	21
Score by Quarters				
GCA	6	6	10	8 - 30
University	22	26	20	6 - 74
University 3-point shooting (2-11) P. Seay 1-3, Patterson 1-2, DuBois 0-2, Sherrod 0-2, Chikamba 0-1, Adamowicz 0-1.				
University rebounds (40) DuBois 11, Chikamba 7, Hannon 6, Washington 4, Adamowicz 3, Sherrod 3, Patterson 2, P. Seay 1, Jordan 1, T. Seay 1, Feeney 1.				



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

University's Patty Chikamba scored 10 points for the Trailblazers against Greenwood Christian Academy on Saturday. Chikamba also had eight assists, eight steals and seven rebounds.

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Photo by Si DeVaney III

Sheridan's Caleb Wright scored 18 points for the Blackhawks during their Saturday win at Elwood.

Moistner scores 26 . . .
‘Hawks win at Elwood

Sheridan got a big win at Elwood on Saturday, beating the Panthers 76-49. Ethan Moistner led the Blackhawks by scoring 26 points. Caleb Wright added 18 points, while Evan Grinstead scored 15 points. Also scoring were Tyler Garner with

six points, Cole Watts with five points, and Carsen Aleman, Owen Bell and Nathan Hinshaw with two points each. Sheridan is 3-10 for the season and hosts Delphi on Friday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Westfield gets 10th victory of the season...
‘Rocks win hard-fought game over Culver

Westfield won a hard-fought game over Culver Academies 54-52 Saturday at CSI Gymnasium. The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in the IBCA coaches poll and No. 3 in the Associated Press Class 4A rankings, trailed 13-10 after the first quarter, but came back in the second period to lead 29-23. Braden Smith had nine points in that period, while Cam Haffner threw in two 3-pointers. The Eagles cut Westfield's lead to 37-35 by the end of the third quarter, but the Shamrocks were able to hang on in the fourth. Smith finished the game with 28 points, while Haffner made three 3s on his way to 12 points. Westfield is 10-3 and plays a Hoosier

Crossroads Conference game Friday at Brownsburg.

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Braden Smith	8	5-7	23	1
Cam Haffner	4	1-2	12	1
Trey Dorton	1	0-0	2	2
Nic Depasquale	2	2-6	6	2
Alex Romack	3	2-4	8	1
Trey Buchanan	1	0-0	3	2
Kai Butterworth	0	0-0	0	3
Totals	19	10-19	54	12

Score by Quarters
Culver Academies 13 10 12 17 - 52
Westfield 10 19 8 17 - 54
Westfield 3-pointers (6) Haffner 3, Smith 2, Buchanan 1.

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Girls basketball
Huskies beat Tipton, finish perfect in East Division

Hamilton Heights finished a perfect season in the Hoosier Conference East Division Saturday, as the Huskies won a home game over Tipton 48-29.

Class 3A No. 7 Heights put together a superb defensive effort, holding the 2A No. 3 Blue Devils to almost half of their offensive average, 56.5 points. The Huskies outscored Tipton in each quarter, leading 10-5 after one period and 17-8 at halftime.

Heights then led 28-14 after three periods. Camryn Runner had 12 points for the Huskies during those first three quarters. In the fourth quarter, Heights would spend most of its time at the free-throw line, and it did pretty well there, making 18 of 23 foul-shot attempts.

Runner would go 9-of-11 from the line, while Mia Shields was 7 of 10. Ella Hickok helped out by hitting both of her free throws. Hadleigh Cherry made the Huskies' lone basket of the quarter.

Runner finished the game with 23 points, while Shields scored 10.

"Great program win," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "We knew this would be a fight, and our girls met the challenge. We battled adversity today with fouls and injury. Credit to our entire team. The grit

and mental toughness was spectacular."

The Huskies finished division play 4-0. On Friday, Heights will host West Division winner Benton Central for the Hoosier Conference championship. The Bison clinched an unbeaten record in their division with a 55-51 victory over Lafayette Central Catholic this past Friday.

The Huskies are 15-4 overall. Heights' scheduled Tuesday game at New Castle has been canceled; the Huskies are presently looking for a replacement game.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 48, TIPTON 29				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	1	2-2	5	2
Mia Shields	1	8-12	10	4
Camryn Runner	5	12-14	23	3
Hadleigh Cherry	2	0-0	4	1
MyKayla Moran	2	1-1	3	4
Kaylee Rhoton	1	0-1	3	3
Katie Brown	0	0-0	0	0
Morgan Ottinger	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12	23-30	48	17
Score by Quarters				
Tipton	5	3	6	15 - 29
Heights	10	7	11	20 - 48
Heights 3-pointers	(3)	Hickok 1, Runner 1, Rhoton 1.		

Carmel dominates in second quarter . . .
‘Hounds overwhelm Mishawaka Marian

A big second quarter propelled the Carmel girls basketball team to a 73-38 win over Class 3A No. 5 Mishawaka Marian Saturday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Greyhounds led 18-10 after the first quarter, then blasted through the second period, outscoring the Knights 25-5 to take a 43-15 halftime lead. Kate Clarke threw in four 3-pointers during that quarter, with Emily Roper also scoring 10 points.

Carmel would also outscore Marian in the other two quarters, increasing its advantage to 61-29 after three periods. Mackenzie Thomas scored 10 points in the third quarter.

Roper led the Greyhounds with 22 points, followed by Clarke with 18 and Thomas with 14.

Carmel is 12-6, having won its last seven games. The Greyhounds play Tuesday at Fishers.

CARMEL 73, MISHAWAKA MARIAN 38				
Carmel	FG	FT	TP	PF
Laura Valiente	2-8	1-2	6	1
Kate Clarke	6-14	2-4	18	0
Mackenzie Thomas	6-10	2-2	14	1
Emily Roper	10-15	2-3	22	1
Sophie Shepherd	1-2	0-0	2	1
Mackenzie Woods	1-2	0-0	2	2
Jamie Elliott	0-1	0-0	0	0
Ava Carter	2-5	1-3	6	1
Taryn Fisher	1-1	0-0	2	0
Maya Berglund	0-1	1-2	1	1
Maddy Geary	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bethany Ducat	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mallory Bourquein	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-59	9-16	73	8
Score by Quarters				
Marian	10	5	14	9 - 38
Carmel	18	25	18	12 - 73
Carmel 3-point shooting	(6-15)	Clarke 4-7, Carter 1-4, Valiente 1-3, Elliott 0-1.		

Golden Eagles take care of Lebanon

Guerin Catholic picked up a nice win over Lebanon 48-27 Saturday at the Eagles Nest.

The Golden Eagles were in control from the start, leading 16-7 after the first quarter. Kathryn Loso scored eight points for Guerin Catholic during that period. The Golden Eagles then had a solid defensive second quarter, holding the Tigers to four points. GC led 28-11 at halftime, with Megan Cobb adding six points in the second period.

Guerin Catholic continued to hold a comfortable lead throughout the second half. Natalie Fernandez and Katie Koger both had five points in that half. Loso was the Golden Eagles' leading scorer with 16 points, while Cobb scored 11 points. Mia Thompson made two 3-pointers.

Guerin Catholic improved to 9-8 and hosts Bethesda Christian on Tuesday.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 48, LEBANON 27				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Natalie Fernandez	2-5	3-4	7	4
Katie Koger	2-5	1-3	5	2
Hannah Weitzel	1-5	0-0	3	2
Kathryn Loso	5-6	5-7	16	1
Mia Thompson	2-5	0-0	6	3
Caityn Sharpe	0-1	0-0	0	0
Megan Cobb	4-11	2-2	11	2
Ava Bills	0-1	0-2	0	0
Annie Murphy	0-1	0-0	0	0
Kori Dues	0-0	0-0	0	1
Madi Cain	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sarah Jacoby	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lucy Collins	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	16-41	11-18	48	15
Score by Quarters				
Lebanon	7	4	9	7 - 27
Guerin Catholic	16	12	9	11 - 48
Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting	(5-20)			
Thompson 2-3, Cain 1-4, Weitzel 1-3, Loso 1-2, Fernandez 0-3, Koger 0-2, Bills 0-1, Murphy 0-1, Collins 0-1.				

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Millers fall to Connersville, 60-51

By **RICHIE HALL**
NOBLESVILLE - The Noblesville boys basketball team began a five-game homestand Saturday, as it hosted Connersville at The Mill.

The Millers played a solid first half and took a big lead on the Spartans by halftime. But Connersville, one of Class 3A's top teams this season, came roaring back in the second half, eventually sending Noblesville to a 60-51 defeat.

"First and foremost, you got to tip your hat to (Connersville coach) Kerry (Brown) and his kids," said Millers coach Scott McClelland. "They just stepped it up a bunch in the third quarter."

The first quarter was close, featuring several lead changes. The Spartans got on the board first when Josh Williams hit a 3-pointer, but Noblesville responded with a 6-0 run. Cameron Karns hit two free throws, then E.J. Smith and Cooper Bean got baskets.

Eventually, Smith hit a 3 towards the end of the quarter to give the Millers a 15-13 lead, after which Tobey Billups tied the game with a layin, and the first period finished in a 15-15 tie. Noblesville then played a great second quarter, outscoring the Spartans 19-7.

Preston Roberts made two free throws and Luke Almodovar's basket pushed the Millers ahead 19-15, their biggest lead of the game. Noblesville would get going later in the quarter, embarking on a 13-4 run to take a 34-22 halftime lead. Smith started the run with a layin, then Almodovar nailed a 3. Aaron Fine added a basket, then Almodovar and Smith both hit 3s to end the quarter.

Connersville began its comeback in the

third period, where it held the Millers to three points. Still, Noblesville had enough of a cushion that it led 37-33 going into the fourth quarter. After the Spartans' Kaleb Sparks opened the fourth with a triple, Fine's floater got Noblesville back up 39-36.

But the Spartans took over after that, going on a 12-0 run to take control of the game, holding a 48-39 lead with 3:35 left. The Millers fought to the end, but Connersville maintained its lead at six to nine points until the final buzzer.

"They picked up their intensity," said McClelland. "We didn't match it. They deserved to win because of the way they played in the second half."

Smith finished the game with 14 points, while Fine scored 10.

Noblesville is 6-6 and hosts Franklin Central Friday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

CONNERSVILLE 60, NOBLESVILLE 51				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
E.J. Smith	5	2-2	14	3
Aaron Fine	3	4-6	10	4
Cooper Bean	2	4-4	8	4
Hunter Walston	0	0-0	0	2
Cameron Karns	1	4-4	6	2
Luke Almodovar	2	0-0	6	5
Preston Roberts	2	3-6	7	3
Luke Etchison	0	0-0	0	0
Nolan Decker	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15	17-22	51	23
Score by Quarters				
Connersville	15	7	11	27 - 60
Noblesville	15	19	3	14 - 51
Noblesville 3-pointers (4) Smith 2, Almodovar 2.				



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Noblesville's E.J. Smith scored 14 points during the Millers' Saturday night game with Connersville.

Heights boys beat WeBo, push win streak to three

Hamilton Heights completed a successful weekend Saturday with a 59-50 victory at Western Boone.

The Huskies were coming off a Friday win against Lapel, and kept their streak going on Saturday. Heights has now won three games in a row, starting its streak last week against Northwestern.

"It was a great weekend for us," said Huskies coach Chad Ballenger. "I think we grew up a lot. I thought our defense was outstanding."

Heights trailed 10-9 after the first quarter, but hung tough and took a 21-20 lead by halftime. The Huskies then took over in the third period, outscoring the Stars 15-6. Luke Carroll scored six points during that quarter, which ended with Heights ahead 36-26.

"Third quarter was big," said Ballenger. "Tillman Etchison did a nice job in that quarter." The sophomore had four points during that period.

The Huskies held firm in a high-scoring fourth quarter, where WeBo poured in 24 points and Heights scored 23. Free-throw shooting was key, and Heights was solid from the line, with Isaac Tuma going 6 of 6 and Cooper Vondersaar hitting 3 of 4. Bal-

lenger said his team "did a good job controlling the lead in the fourth quarter."

Carroll scored 13 points and collected nine rebounds, while Evan Williamson drained three 3-pointers on his way to 13 points. Tuma finished with 12 points and six rebounds. Etchison scored 11 points and handed out four assists.

The Huskies are 6-5 and play at Mount Vernon Friday.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 59, WESTERN BOONE 50				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Luke Carroll	5-9	2-4	13	3
Cooper Vondersaar	0-3	3-4	3	0
Isaac Tuma	2-4	7-8	12	3
Tillman Etchison	4-7	2-2	11	1
Dean Mason	2-4	3-5	7	3
Tanner Maynard	0-0	0-0	0	2
Evan Williamson	4-6	2-2	13	3
Totals	17-33	19-25	59	15
Score by Quarters				
Heights	9	12	15	23 - 59
WeBo	10	10	6	24 - 50
Heights 3-point shooting (6-18) Williamson 3-5, Etchison 1-4, Carroll 1-3, Tuma 1-2, Vondersaar 0-2, Mason 0-2.				
Heights rebounds (23) Carroll 9, Tuma 6, Maynard 3, Etchison 2, Mason 2, Vondersaar 1.				

Trailblazers fall to Ritter

The University boys let a nine-point second quarter lead slip away and lost a 56-51 decision to Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter Saturday evening at The U Center.

The Trailblazers led 32-23 with two minutes left in the first half on a Nate Jeffrey basket. Ritter answered with four free throws, before Sabien Cain scored with 21 seconds left to put University up 34-27. The Blazers lost track of Ritter's Mikail Miller who nailed a three pointer at the buzzer to bring Ritter within 34-30 at halftime.

The Raiders scored the first eight points of the third quarter, holding University scoreless for nearly four minutes before Kahmi Bracey hit a three pointer for the Blazers. The teams traded baskets the rest of the third quarter and the period ended knotted at 43.

University scored just two points in the first 7:37 of the fourth quarter as Ritter steadily built a nine point lead that the Blazers could not overcome.

Cain led University with 26 points, in-

cluding 21 in the first half. Bracey had eight points and Andre Ozlowski seven.

University's record falls to 7-6. The Trailblazers are next in action Saturday at 2 p.m. when they travel to Covenant Christian in a rescheduled contest. Cardinal Ritter won its third consecutive game and stands 4-6 on the season.

CARDINAL RITTER 56, UNIVERSITY 51				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nate Jeffrey	3	0-0	6	2
Kahmi Bracey	2	2-3	8	2
Robert Russell	1	0-0	2	4
Sabien Cain	10	3-4	26	4
Seth Hogg	0	0-0	0	2
Bryce Gray	0	0-0	0	3
Andre Ozlowski	3	0-0	7	0
Steven Scott	1	0-0	2	1
Totals	20	5-7	51	18
Score by Quarters				
Cardinal Ritter	14	16	13	13 - 56
University	17	17	9	8 - 51
University 3-pointers (6) Cain 3, Bracey 2, Ozlowski 1.				

Royals fall to Anderson

The Hamilton Southeastern boys basketball fell to Anderson 59-53 in a Saturday home game.

Stats were unavailable at press time. The Royals are 5-7 and host Zionsville Friday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

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Brooklyn 120, New Orleans 105		Dallas 108, Orlando 92
Philadelphia 109, Miami 98		

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	27	15	.643	-
Philadelphia	25	17	.595	2.0
Toronto	21	19	.525	5.0
New York	22	21	.512	5.5
Boston	22	22	.500	6.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	27	14	.659	-
Milwaukee	27	18	.600	2.0
Cleveland	26	18	.591	2.5
Indiana	15	28	.349	13.0
Detroit	10	31	.244	17.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	27	16	.628	-
Charlotte	23	20	.535	4.0
Washington	22	21	.512	5.0
Atlanta	17	25	.405	9.5
Orlando	8	36	.182	19.5

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	28	14	.667	-
Denver	22	19	.537	5.5
Minnesota	20	22	.476	8.0
Portland	17	25	.405	11.0
Oklahoma City	14	28	.333	14.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Phoenix	32	9	.780	-
Golden State	31	11	.738	1.5
L.A. Lakers	21	22	.488	12.0
L.A. Clippers	21	23	.477	12.5
Sacramento	18	27	.400	16.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Memphis	30	15	.667	-
Dallas	24	19	.558	5.0
San Antonio	16	27	.372	13.0
New Orleans	16	27	.372	13.0
Houston	12	32	.273	17.5

Wrestling

‘Hounds, Huskies place second at respective conference meets

The Carmel wrestling team finished as runner-up at the Metropolitan Conference meet Saturday at Warren Central.

Center Grove won the MIC team championship with a score of 297 points, followed by the Greyhounds, who totaled 238.5 points. Carmel had four individual champions, starting with 113-pounder Gavin Thompson, who won a sudden-victory match 6-4 over the Trojans' Eddie Goss in the final.

Isaac Ward took the 126-pound bout by a 5-2 decision over CG's Michael Tharpe. Luke Farling also beat a Trojan at 138, edging out Silas Stits 3-2 in that championship match. At 152 pounds, Eitan Halevi beat Center Grove's Andre Merritt 5-4 in the final.

Team scores: Center Grove 297, Carmel 238.5, Warren Central 215.5, North Central 140, Lawrence North 111, Ben Davis 109, Pike 91, Lawrence Central 25.

Carmel placings
106: 3. Elliott Jackson
113: 1. Gavin Thompson
120: 4. Caleb Mattingly
126: 1. Isaac Ward
132: 2. Michael Major
138: 1. Luke Farling
145: 3. Nayl Sbay
152: 1. Eitan Halevi
160: 2. Nathan Powell
170: 6. Alex Ryan
182: 2. Samuel Johnson
195: 6. Joseph DelBusto
285: 3. Jack Milligan

Hamilton Heights placed second at the Hoosier Conference meet Saturday at Western.

The host Panthers won with a score of 255 points, while the Huskies were not too far behind by totaling 236.5 points. Heights had four individual champions for the event.

Michael Cain won at 145 pounds, pinning Lafayette Central Catholic's Andrew Kline in the second period. At 160, Charles Brown picked up a 6-4 championship-bout win over Deaglan Pleak of Western. Evan Tilton got a very quick fall in the 182-pound final, pinning Rensselaer Central's Trenton Simmons in 17 seconds. Mason Moran finished things up at 285 pounds, winning the championship in a 7-5 decision over West Lafayette's Luke Amann.



Photo provided

Sheridan's Noah Ehrie was one of five winners for the Blackhawks at the Tri-Central Duals on Saturday.

Team scores: Western 255, Hamilton Heights 236.5, Rensselaer Central 210.5, West Lafayette 144.5, Lewis Cass 128, Benton Central 109, Tipton 61, Lafayette Central Catholic 46, Northwestern 37, Twin Lakes 0.

Heights placings
106: 2. Cooper Doucett
113: 6. Samera Henson
120: 2. Isaac Kuhn
126: 5. Alex Furst
132: 6. Jaylyn Pugh
138: 3. Carson Fettig
145: 1. Michael Cain
152: 4. Conner Bouman
160: 1. Charles Brown
170: 3. Jimmey Lacey
182: 1. Evan Tilton

195: 4. Andy Lienemann
220: 2. Josh Brown
285: 1. Mason Moran

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference wrestling meet took place Saturday at Avon. Brownsburg ran away with the team championship, scoring 244 points and winning six of the 14 weight classes. Zionsville was second, while Hamilton Southeastern was a close third; the Eagles edged out the Royals 186.5-185.

Southeastern had one champion: Ryan Cast won at 170 pounds, beating Bulldogs freshman Caden Brewer by a 7-3 decision in the finals.

Westfield finished fifth as a team and had three runners-up: Thadeus O'Neill at 132, Ike O'Neill at 138 and Austin McClure at 182. Fishers placed seventh; Griffin Ingalls placed second at 126 and Zach Streuder was the 145-pound runner-up.

Noblesville finished eighth as a team and had one champion. Jacob Long won at 220 with a 3-2 decision win over Franklin Central's Quentin Keesece.

Team scores: Brownsburg 244, Zionsville 186.5, Hamilton Southeastern 185, Avon 148.5, Westfield 146, Franklin Central 138, Fishers 82.5, Noblesville 81.

County placings
106: 4. Chase Camire (W), 5. Chayce Yant (F).
113: 4. Porter Temples (W), 5. Nick An-

derson (HSE), 6. Aiden Lamb (F).
120: 3. Braxton Vest (W), 4. Quinten Riley (F), 6. Ethan Berens (HSE).
126: 2. Griffin Ingalls (F), 4. Blake Alvarado (HSE).
132: 2. Thadeus O'Neill (W), 4. Riley Fredericksen (HSE), 5. Keaton Sepiol (N).
138: 2. Ike O'Neill (W), 3. Zach Lang (HSE), 5. Teyon Leonard (F).
145: 2. Zach Strueder (F), 3. Ryan Hartig (HSE).
152: 2. Carter Richardson (N), 4. Nick Jakubs (HSE), 5. Carson Brandt (W), 6. Zach Pence (F).
160: 4. Elijah Frei (W), 5. De Shawn Ternoir (HSE), 6. James Carrol (F).
170: 1. Ryan Cast (HSE), 4. Caleb Dean (N).
182: 2. Austin McClure (W), 5. Jacob Schneider (HSE), 6. Oscar Solis (N).
195: 2. Max Broom (HSE), 6. Mikeah Webster (W).
220: 1. Jacob Long (N), 3. Charlie Irish (HSE), 5. Charlie Woodward (W).
285: 2. Dom Burgett (HSE), 3. Mike Platonov (W), 5. Jacob Etchison (N).

Sheridan finished second at the Tri-Central Duals on Saturday.

The Blackhawks beat Taylor 66-12 and Tri-Central 52-28, losing only to Faith Christian 48-27. Five Sheridan wrestlers finished the event undefeated: Trei Fitzgerald, Austin Bond, Noah Ehrie, Jacob Jones and Peyton Cross.

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