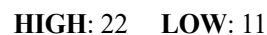


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Rep. Schaibley encourages local teens to keep using their 'VOICE' to fight tobacco use

The REPORTER

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) on Friday welcomed the Hamilton County and Howard County VOICE action groups to the Statehouse as they advocated for a tobacco-free lifestyle.

As members of VOICE, students aged 13 to 18 strive to engage, educate and empower young Hoosiers to become leaders and advocate in their communities. Health officials in Indiana partner with these local teens to launch campaigns targeted at reducing tobacco use among local youth.

"I was so impressed by the curiosity, passion and knowledge of these students," Schaibley said. "Groups like VOICE are so important to our communities because they encourage healthy lifestyles and raise awareness about the dangers of smoking."

Schaibley said new developments in vaping and e-cigarettes have increased tobacco



Photo provided

State Rep. Donna Schaibley welcomes local teens from VOICE to the House Chamber on Friday. VOICE consists of students aged 13 to 18 who strive to engage, educate and empower young Hoosiers to become leaders and advocate for a tobacco-free lifestyle. *See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.*

use among teens.

According to a study by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 2 million U.S. middle and high school students reported using e-cigarettes in 2021, with more than

eight in 10 of those youth using flavored e-cigarettes.

Schaibley said it is groups like VOICE that inspired her to support legislation in the past like increasing the smoking age to 21, increasing the cigarette tax and backing smoking cessation initiatives.

For additional information on the VOICE action team, visit voiceindiana.org or email info@voiceindiana.org.

State Rep. Donna Schai-
bley (R-Carmel) represents
House District 24, which in-
cludes portions of Boone and
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my hand

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Love is kind. Love
holds my hand.

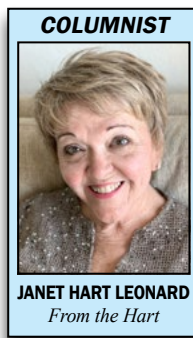
Eight years ago, Chuck and I said our wedding vows before God and three hundred of our closest family and friends. Apparently, our friends did not have anything better to do on a snowy cold Sunday in February. We could count the “not attending” on our fingers.

As we stood at the altar, Chuck held my hand as we sang “Great is Thy Faithfulness.”

Love came softly. Love came quickly. We married six months after we started dating. Chuck said people our age do not buy green bananas and they don't wait to get married.

Three weeks after our first date, I remember sitting on the sofa watching a football game. He held my hand and told me he was falling in love with me. I was not expecting to hear those words. I told him that he was on a mountain bike, and I was on a tricycle. I knew we were going in the same direction, he just needed to slow down and let me catch up.

See *Love* . . . Page 2



Hamilton County's primary ballots just got more expensive

The REPORTER

At the Feb. 10 Hamilton County Election Board meeting, a written request filed by Democratic Election Board Member Greg Purvis has forced the county to change the 2022 Primary Election ballots.

Purvis filed a written request to list, without exception, all candidates of the Democratic Party who have no opponent in the primary. This will include candidates for Democratic Precinct Committeeman and State Convention Delegates in 2022.

Purvis made the request following instructions from Dayna Colbert, the Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair. The request was filed pursuant to Indiana Code 3-10-1-5.

That statute reads, in relevant part, “The names of unopposed candidates for election as a precinct committeeman or a delegate to a political party’s state convention are not required to be placed on the primary election ballot unless an appointed member of the county election board affiliated with the political party files a written request that these names be printed on the primary election ballot.”

See *Ballots* . . . Page 2

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Cicero Kiwanis meeting, a hit with all ages

Photo provided by Rhonda Gary

At the weekly Cicero Kiwanis breakfast meeting on Saturday, one young Kiwanis member was buzzed about both community service . . . and sweet treats. MacKenize Moe was working on her fourth donut when this picture was taken. Moe is a member of the K-Kids at Hamilton Heights. Cicero Kiwanis meets for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. every Saturday at the Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Feel free to stop by any Saturday morning to learn about the Kiwanis, to enjoy a sense of community, and to see if those donuts really are worth all this ink.



CODA Camp

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams. For this week's column, the student's name and image have been withheld at their request.



You may have heard the title of this article and been confused. What is a CODA, you may ask? Well, CODA stands for Child/Children of Deaf Adult, and KODA stands for Kid of Deaf Adult. Some KODAs prefer to use a C over a K and vice-versa. The terms can be used interchangeably.

Most KODAs know sign language since their parent(s) is/are deaf, but some KODAs don't. I am a KODA and my brother is as well. Our dad is deaf and sign language is our first language. My mom is hearing, knows sign, and works at the Indiana School for the Deaf. Even though I have one deaf parent, and not two, I am not any less of a CODA than someone with two deaf parents.

Last summer I went to KODA Camp Midwest. This camp is for kids aged 6 to 16 who have at least one deaf parent, and it is located in Wisconsin.

To be honest, I was not excited at all: Two weeks away from my friends, my phone, my pets, my parents, and worst of all, my bed. I was so nervous to go to camp, but I knew I would be okay since my brother was a camp counselor. I was in a cabin with seven other campers and two counselors. I knew a few of the counselors because they went to camp with my brother, and I had met them before.

The first night at camp was terrifying to me. I had only made three new friends who weren't from Indiana, and I already thought some campers didn't like me, especially Juju. Juju had neon pink hair and I thought it was so cool. I tried to talk to Juju and get to know her, but I was getting bad vibes. I assumed Juju didn't like me and I didn't really talk to her the first few days of camp. Long story short, KODA love brought us together, and now Juju and I are really good friends.

Eventually, I started talking to more people and sitting with different people each mealtime. I became friends with a counselor named Taylor and the whole younger cabin really liked me, so I usually hung out in their room when we had free time. Taylor was the lead counselor in the younger cabin, so it made perfect sense to be down there.

My favorite part about camp was being in that environment, hanging out with the people who complimented me and made me feel good. It was also really cool to have a special connection to everyone at camp. Taylor has a video of me and my camp BFF Lilo dancing and screaming and jumping around to the song "transparent soul" by WILLOW.

CODA camp was probably the best time of my life. Though I did not admit it at first, I truly did enjoy KODA camp.

Though very fun and very enjoyable, KODA camp did have its downsides.

First of all, morning calisthenics were the worst things I've ever experienced. You get woken up at 6:45 in the morning and get forced outside in the cold, in your pajamas. You have to sit in a circle in the middle of a parking lot and exercise. This did not last very long because the counselors didn't want to wake up either.

Secondly, some of the campers were very rude and snobby. I did have problems with some campers who thought of themselves very highly. There were definitely cliques at camp and that made it difficult sometimes. There were the 16-year-olds who thought they were superior and deserved everything at hand.

Next, the food was decent most days, but every once in a while, there were some bad batches of food. Karen's famous mac and Spam deserves a shoutout in this column because it slaps. I did enjoy mealtimes, as I had a lot of fun chatting with people from different states.

Every once in a while, someone would bring up different signs for different words. For example, people sign ketchup and cereal differently, as well as some other words. The most interesting thing I learned was that some people in Michigan sign purple differently.

Lastly, I did not enjoy some of the PE activities. There is a game called KODA ball, which I will not be explaining because it is super complex, which I did not enjoy. I think the worst PE activity we did was skin the snake and the blindfolded team games.

Overall, KODA camp was a really fun experience, and I will be returning this year for my last year as a camper. Next year I will apply to be a CIT and hopefully get the position. I made a lot of great friendships and learned a lot about other KODAs at camp. I'm especially thankful for all the staff who made it possible.

Who decides how Hamilton County is remembered?

Submitted by Hamilton Co. Bicentennial Commission

Every resident of Hamilton County has a chance to be part of its history. You might know someone today who other people will write about and talk about for many years to come. That person could even be you.

But how a person's story lives on isn't just up to them. It's also up to the people who choose to recognize and remember them.

For Hamilton County's bicentennial, we are capturing our history through *Celebrating Hamilton County, Indiana: 200 Years of Change*, a special edition book created by a team of volunteer writers, editors and historians.

But theirs aren't the only histories we want to publish. We are also encouraging residents (past and present) to submit memories and photos to be featured in the book and on our blog. We want to know how you see history. (Learn how easy it is to [Submit Your Story by March 15, 2022](#).)

A Fishers resident since 2008, Robert Bowling is one volunteer contributor to *Celebrating Hamilton County, Indiana: 200 Years of Change*.

"I've done a lot of research on the history of Fishers, but the best source of information is from oral histories," said the Fishers Historical Society and Fishers Police historian, and historical researcher for the Officer Down Memorial Page.

"I love hearing from people who grew up in Fishers about how Fishers looked back then," Bowling said. "It gives me a perspective of the rural life in Fishers and the small town feel of a tight-knit community. The best way to see that is through

the eyes of those who lived here."

For the bicentennial book, Bowling will cover both Delaware and Fall Creek townships, and he is excited to share stories of groups that have been under-represented in Fishers' past.

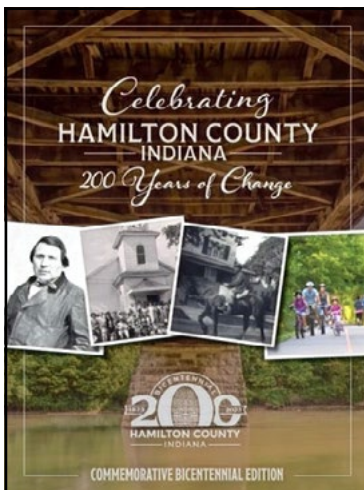
Focusing squarely on one such group is Bryan Glover, the Director of Learning for Roberts Settlement. His addition to the Noblesville Township section will include African American history, sharing events and stories that even longtime residents might not know about.

Glover grew up in Noblesville Township and graduated from Noblesville High School in 1975. He is also a former small business owner in Noblesville and serves on the board of directors for Roberts Settlement, the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce and the Noblesville Diversity Coalition.

He hopes that the public's contributions will bring to light histories of places, events and people in our community that most of us don't know about.

Arcadia resident Julie Ann Davis will tackle the Jackson Township chapter in *Celebrating Hamilton County, Indiana*. Like other contributors, she has made her interest in history personal. In 1993, she and her husband purchased The Wolff House (later Carter Apartments) and restored it to its original state.

"This project allowed me



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to examine a great deal of local history in an effort to preserve historical accuracy," said Davis, who taught English, speech, drama and TV production at Hamilton Heights High School for 40 years. As director of theater, she wrote three full-length programs for performance and authored a production for the Cicero Sesquicentennial program in 1979. She also served on the state committee for the Indiana Online Writing Project and is a current member of the Hamilton Heights School Board. She knows that just dates and names don't make a good story.

"History is always much more accurate and colorful when told by those directly involved, and not just through secondary research," Davis said. As such, she is interviewing people from Atlanta, Arcadia and Cicero as part of her writing process.

The most household-name historian on the team, of course, is David Heighway, our Hamilton County Historian. Heighway will write the book's opening chapter as well as the chapter about Noblesville Township, where he has lived for 29 years.

Heighway is the author of several books, including *Hidden History of Hamilton County* and *No Better Place for Our Minds to Grow Strong* (a reference to libraries). He also writes a regular history column for Hamilton County Business

Magazine and "Highlights in History" for the Hamilton East Public Library blog.

He says there are a lot of commonly held beliefs about our history that are misunderstood: "The county has a vibrant and unique history that may be somewhat different from what readers were taught."

Some of those misunderstood aspects might be corrected by contributions from people like you. Heighway encourages these "unheard voices and stories" to come forward and be heard.

"The book will be a great opportunity for starting conversations about dealing with issues today by looking at what actions the county has taken in the past," Heighway said. "I also hope that a lot of young people will take an interest in this."

As a kind of call to action, Davis said, "A great number of these stories have never been written down or published, and they need to be told while those involved still have life and memory."

Now it's your turn! Tell us a story about a person, place or thing that should live on in our Hamilton County history. Share your memories for posterity. This can be your chance to shape how we talk about Hamilton County for many years to come. [Submit Your Story by March 15, 2022](#).

Only a limited number of Celebrating Hamilton County, Indiana: 200 Years of Change will be printed. Therefore, it is necessary to take all orders in advance. Those who pre-order by May 6, 2022, will receive the special Commemorative Bicentennial edition. Pre-order your copies soon. [Click here for more information.](#)

Don't miss Polish Orchestra's first U.S. tour

The REPORTER

There's still time to get your tickets to see the Polish Wieniawski Philharmonic Orchestra, set for 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

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.

The program includes the following pieces:

- Rossini: Overture to La gazza ladra (The Thieving Magpie)
- Wieniawski: Violin Concerto No. 2 (Sara Dragan, violin soloist)
- Schubert: Symphony No. 9 ("The Great")

[Click here](#) to buy tickets.

"Animal Athletes" with Silly Safaris

The Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam series continues on Saturday, Feb. 26 with "Animal Athletes" with Silly Safaris at the Studio Theater.

Animals are so amazing. What is the fastest animal on earth? Who can jump the farthest? Who can squeeze the strongest? Come see the Animal Athletes and compete for the gold medal with your favorite Silly Safaris stars. Get moving with reptiles, mammals, birds, amphibians and bugs – and then pet the stars, too.

Designed for children ages 1 to 7, Faegre Drinker Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts. These informal concerts take place 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. on Saturdays.

Tickets are only \$10 per child, with two free adult admissions included – perfect for parents and grandparents. [Click here](#) to buy tickets.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

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. The concert is set for 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Studio Theater.

Founded in 1988 and led since 1991 by world-renowned trumpeter and artistic director Wynton Marsalis, the big band spends over a third of the year



Photos provided

Principal Conductor Wojciech Rodek (right) will lead the Polish Wieniawski Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra will be joined by internationally acclaimed solo violinist Sara Dragan. The performance is set for Friday, Feb. 25 in Carmel.

on tour, performing a vast repertoire that ranges from new commissioned compositions to

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Westfield kindergartners 100 days smarter

Jan. 28 marked the 100th day of the school year at Westfield Washington Schools, which means the kindergartners crossed a major milestone in their young educational journeys. WWS likes to celebrate that accomplishment. [Click here](#) to see the video of all the 100-related fun these little Rocks had.



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Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader wonders if anyone has actually read House Bill 1134

Editor's note: [Click here](#) if you'd like to read the Reporter's exclusive interview with Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero), the author of House Bill 1134.

Dear Editor:
The recent articles published in numerous local papers highlight a serious lack of understanding of [House Bill 1134](#). Legislation can be difficult to read; however, the purposeful omission of the specific key word "should" changes the entire meaning of the statute. Community members continue to omit this word and we should consider why that is. Have they neglected to read the bill for themselves and are repeating others' misinterpretations?

On page 31, line 2, the language reads "Nothing in this chapter may be construed so as to exclude the teaching of historical injustices committed against any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation or ideals or values that conflict with the Constitution of the United States or IC 20-30-5-7(a)(3)".

Therefore, in plain English, teaching history is absolutely allowed. The eight tenets of divisive concepts prohibit educators from teaching children they "ARE" inherently superior or inferior to others, that they "SHOULD" be discriminated against, that they "SHOULD" treat others with disrespect, that their character "IS" determined by immutable characteristics, that they "bear responsibility for actions committed in the past", or that they "SHOULD" feel discomfort, anguish, or guilt.

Despite the heavy focus on critical thinking, why do educators feel the need to blame, shame, accuse, demean, and guilt students into feeling a certain way?

In November 2020, eighth graders in my district were subjected to an "oppressor" v. "oppressed" activity where white students were accused of oppressing others. The white males were told they would have been "slave owners" had they been alive at

the time. "Oppressed" students were allowed to leave early for lunch and when the "oppressors" attempted to defend themselves, a social media campaign was later launched (presumably by older siblings) to encourage "oppressors" to self-harm. Can you imagine the school's liability for such a careless and reckless lesson had any child harmed themselves?

Constituent surveys indicate 66 percent of Hamilton County respondents are in favor of banning divisive concepts in the classroom and 77 percent are in favor of curriculum transparency. Hopefully educators realize that lobbying against anti-discrimination legislation is the same as supporting discrimination. This is breaking down what little trust remains in the public education system. As a parent, it is my responsibility to protect my student's Constitutional Rights in the classroom.

Jennifer Hendrix
Carmel

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Woodbrook Elementary students in Carmel celebrate Black History Month



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Schools
Carmel Clay Schools is celebrating Black History Month, and students at Woodbrook Elementary made this thoughtful, creative display to show off at their school.

Nearly \$500K in federal grant funds available for specialty crop industry

The REPORTER

The [Indiana State Department of Agriculture](#) (ISDA), beginning Tuesday, Feb. 15, will seek project proposals from Indiana's specialty crop sector for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [Specialty Crop Block Grant Program](#). Eligible projects must enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Indiana, defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, horticulture and nursery crops.

"Indiana is home to an abundance of agricultural sectors, including a robust specialty crop industry that contributes significantly to our economy," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as the Indiana Secretary of Agriculture. "The funding through this program, whether that be research, market development or education and training, will help to greatly advance this industry in our state."

The USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program offers federal funding annually to the state departments of agriculture to support their specialty crop industries. Indiana's allocation is

\$486,095.35.

ISDA created and distributed a funding priority survey in early 2022 for specialty crop funding; respondents included stakeholders across the specialty crop industry. Based on the survey suggested projects included enhancing food safety, pest and disease control, developing organic and sustainable production practices, and developing local and regional food systems. When the application opens, please refer to the notice of funding opportunity for a [full list](#) of suggested projects.

Funding will not be awarded to projects that benefit a particular commercial product, or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual. Each project must identify at least one of the [new USDA per-](#)

[formance measures](#) that specifically demonstrates the project's impact on enhancing the competitiveness of eligible specialty crops.

"These funds have the potential to make a substantial impact on the specialty crop industry," said Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director. "I encourage those involved in the specialty crop sector to apply and work toward further supporting this industry and enhancing its significance in our state."

Applications open on Feb. 15 and are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 8, 2022. Proposals must be submitted online through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Grants Management System. ISDA will host a SCBGP webinar for interested applicants on Feb. 22.

Registration information is available on ISDA's [Funding Opportunities](#) website.

[Click here](#) for more information and the solicitation. [Click here](#) for a full list of eligible specialty crops.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Feb. 14

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 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](#).

North Street

Beginning on Monday,

Feb. 14 through Monday, Feb. 21, North Street at the Nickel Plate Trail between Municipal Drive to Maple Street will be closed for the installation of a water line connection for the future irrigation system along the Nickel Plate Trail. Access to the Switch parking garage will remain open from Municipal Drive and access to RQAW & CRG will remain open from Maple Street. [Click here](#) to view the closure map.

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.

96th Street

On Tuesday, Feb. 15, there will be a lane restriction on eastbound 96th Street between Willow View Road and Masters Road between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for utility work. Barrels and arrow boards will be in place.

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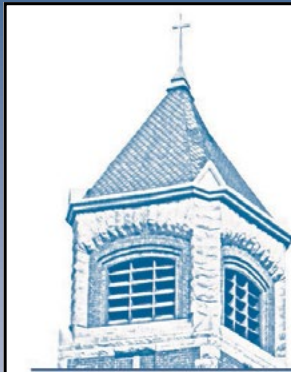
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The Fishers Youth Assistance Snack Attack program distributes more than 2,900 snacks to 429 students each week throughout the HSE Schools calendar year. You can [help provide weekend](#)

[snack bags](#) to hundreds of children in the 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
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Reflections on Soylent Green and our future

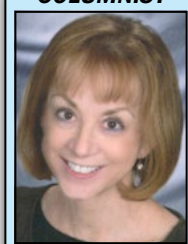
"The ocean's dying! Plankton's dying! It's people – Soylent Green is made out of people! They're making our food out of people! Next thing they'll be breeding us like cattle for food! You've gotta tell them, you've gotta tell them!" – Charlton Heston as Det. Thorn in "Soylent Green," 1973

Eew – right?! If you have not seen the movie *Soylent Green* I highly recommend it as it is not only a sci-fi classic but unfortunately a glimpse into some aspects of our future, perhaps.

Not that I believe, at least I cannot fathom, that our human race would devolve into this type of behavior; however, our food sources and the components of those "foods" are sometimes purposely mysterious. I understand there is often little that we can do about this, but awareness and knowledge can play an important role in our eating habits and overall health. There is a myriad of information available pertaining to additives and toxins in our food sources, but today we are going to look at just a few.*

Sugar – high in fructose and fructose intake has been linked to many serious conditions, including obesity, type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, and fatty liver disease. Excess sugar has also been linked to breast and colon cancer. One observational study of more than 35,000 women found that those with the highest

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sugar intakes had double the risk of developing colon cancer as those who consumed diets low in sugar. I know, I know ... I have a "sweet tooth" too! Don't completely deprive yourself, just modify!

Seafood consumption is the largest contributor to mercury accumulation in humans. Plants that grow in mercury-contaminated waters are consumed by small fish, which are then consumed by larger fish, working its way up the food chain to human consumption. Mercury is a neurotoxin, meaning it can damage the brain and nerves. A 2014 analysis found that in several countries, mercury levels in the hair and blood of women and children were significantly higher than the World Health Organization recommends, particularly in coastal communities. Some fish, such as king mackerel and swordfish, are extremely high in mercury and should be avoided. Fortunately, low-mercury fish include salmon, herring, sardines and anchovies, which are high in omega-3 fats.

Other issues of which to be aware include foods with trans fats which lead to inflammation, having profoundly negative effects on heart health. Chronic inflammation is at the root of many other serious conditions such as insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes and obesity. Researchers have also reported that high intakes of PAHs from grilled

meats increase the risk of kidney cancer. The strongest association appears to be between grilled meats and cancers of the digestive tract. The connection to colon cancer has only been seen in red meats such as beef, pork, lamb, and veal.

The bottom line is this: *Know what you are eating!* The best food sources are single-food sources; the more packaged ingredients the more hidden items you may be consuming. Know where your food comes from; more and more of our grocery items are sourced from other countries. Our food is regulated; however, recently the number of USDA inspectors has been reduced per manufacturing facilities. If you consume animal products, find what foods, hormones or drugs these animals have ingested. You are worth it! We spend time researching which cars, stocks, and furniture to purchase, should we not give more time to what ends up in our bodies? I think so!

So if you enjoy science fiction or are a fan of Charlton Heston, I encourage you to check out *Soylent Green*, and if you wish to enjoy good health, check out your food sources!

**All dietary references are sourced from the National Institutes of Health*
Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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CDC to loosen guidelines on prescribing opioid pain medication

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is loosening its guidance for prescribing opioid pain medication for the first time in six years.

The agency's previous

guidelines were issued back in 2016. They came to be known by practitioners as rigid, restrictive and not tailored to individual patients, especially those suffering from chronic pain.

The working report features 12 changes, some of which include no longer limiting treatment for acute pain for three days and dropping calls for annual urine tests. However, doctors should consider it to see if a patient is using other controlled substances.

The drafted recommendations also suggest avoiding abruptly halting treatment unless of a life-threatening danger. These suggestions give doctors more control to prescribe and treat patients

to their specific needs.

WISH-TV News 8 spoke with Dr. Kurt Kroenke, primary care physician at the Regenstrief Institute. The doctor is encouraged by the updates.

"I think it's a very good change," Kroenke said. "I think what happened when the guidelines came out [in 2016] they were well intended, but there was probably an overreaction from a regulatory standpoint, and it sort of took decision making away from the doctor and patient. So, I think these are good changes that they are contemplating."

A draft of the new guidelines is open for public comment until April 11. [Click here](#) to read it.

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The City of Fishers makes it easy to find ways to help improve your community, and with the volunteer management platform, donating your time and talent is easier than ever. Visit volunteerfishers.com today to check out a full list of volunteer opportunities, or see a few examples below.

Fishers Farmers Market

The Fishers Farmers Market at NPD Amp and Saxony needs volunteers for this summer:

- **Saturdays, May 7-Sept. 24:** 6:30 to 10:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 1-Sept. 28:** 3:30 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Market volunteers will help with vendor load-in and setting up tents, tables, and signs around the site before the market begins. During market hours, volunteers conduct visitor counts and provide ven-

dor support and customer assistance. At closing, all volunteers help vendors load, tear down, and move market tents, tables, signs, and other equipment and supplies to storage. Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Ranked one of the top Farmer's Markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market showcases vendors from Central Indiana who offer fresh produce, baked goods, honey, meats, cheeses, coffee, plants, and much more. Upholding to the strictest of standards, the market is a destination for fresh, local, flavorful foods directly from farmers and producers.

[Click here](#) to volunteer.

Maker Playground 5th Grade Tour

Would you like an ongoing volunteer opportunity that will foster relationships and connect with the youth of Hamilton Southeastern Schools? The program

needs volunteers who are available to assist with fifth-grade tours of the Maker Playground from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Due to the nature of this opportunity, volunteers are asked to commit to at least one day a week through April 18. Tours will not occur during school breaks.

In collaboration with HSE Schools, the Maker Playground is offering an experiential and project-based curriculum for all fifth-grade students.

Modeled after the successful and popular Nature First program at Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve, the program features study trips to the Maker Playground, where students are immersed in the workshop and work collaboratively to solve real-world problems through making (think bridge building or creating a better mouse trap).

The goal is to bridge the gap between education and

Trinity Free Clinic seeking volunteers

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Trinity Free Clinic, 1045 W. 146th St., Suite B, Carmel, is seeking professional medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health volunteers to support its mission. This includes Physicians, Nurses, Optometrists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Psychologists, Physical Therapists, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Dental Assistants, and

Pharmacists. Trinity Free Clinic is also seeking support with Clerical, Clinical Assistants, and Interpreters especially Spanish, Marketing and Event Planning, and Driver volunteers for the Mobile Health Unit.

Trinity Free Clinic also has an internship program for college students.

[Click here](#) to volunteer your time and talent.

New at Hamilton East Public Library

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Here are the new library items lists for the week of Feb. 7:

New Adult Fiction Books

1. One step too far, by Lisa Gardner
2. Season work, by Laura Lippman
3. The accomplice, by Lisa Lutz
4. The good son, by Jacquelyn Mitchard
5. A thousand steps, by T. Jefferson Parker
6. Show me the bunny, by Laurien Berenson
7. The horsewoman, by James Patterson
8. The starless crown, by James Rollins
9. Invisible, by Danielle Steel
10. The silver bullets of Annie Oakley, by Mercedes Lackey

New Adult Nonfiction Books

1. Breathing lessons: a doctor's guide to lung health, by MeiLan K. Han
2. The best of America's test kitchen 2022: best recipes, equipment reviews, and tastings, by America's Test Kitchen
3. The myth of closure: ambiguous loss in a time of pandemic and change, by Pauline Boss
4. Lost & found: a memoir, by Kathryn Schulz
5. Righteous troublemakers: untold stories of the social justice movement in Amer-

ica, by Al Sharpton

6. Job ready Python, by Haythem Balti
7. Windows 11, by Andy Rathbone
8. Healthy air fryer: 75 feel-good recipes, any meal, any air fryer, by America's Test Kitchen
9. Making numbers count: the art and science of communicating numbers, by Chip Heath
10. The lords of easy money: how the Federal Reserve broke the American economy, by Christopher Leonard

New DVDs

1. Cobra Kai. Season 3
2. Billions. Season five
3. Dynasty. Season four
4. Dune
5. Antlers
6. The 27-hour day
7. The dam busters
8. Gomorrah. Season 1: the series
9. The Jim Gaffigan show. Season 2
10. Small engine repair

New Music CDs

1. Fatal love, by Monsta X
2. Believe for it, by CeCe Winans
3. Rise up, by Cain
4. Milk & honey, by David Crowder
5. Path of wellness, by Sleater-Kinney

Rokita seeks court action against Biden's order to raise minimum wage for federal contractors

Submitted

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has asked a federal district court "to stop President Joe Biden from running roughshod over Hoosiers' rights via unlawful executive actions," according to Rokita.

This time, the case in point is a Biden order that – in defiance of congressional authority – raises the minimum wage to \$15 for federal contractors.

"As of today, the United States remains a free

country," Rokita said. "The president might be convinced that he knows best the rules that everyone else should follow, but despite his wishes, he still lacks the powers of a dictator. That means he is still required by the Constitution to respect Congress, the states and the rule of law – and I intend to hold him to those obligations."



Rokita

Biden's proposal to implement a national minimum wage of \$15 as part of a coronavirus relief package.

[Click here](#) to read the five-state lawsuit.

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Who was Norman Bridwell?

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1867 – Clara Barton delivered a lecture in Terre Haute. According to the reporter for the *Evansville Daily Journal*, she was the best female lecturer in the United States. She founded the American Red Cross in 1881 and served as the first president.

1920 – Charles I. Taylor of the Indianapolis ABC's, and other owners of African American baseball teams, gathered in Kansas City to create the Negro National League. They played their first game on May 2, 1920, against the Chicago Giants.

1928 – Norman Bridwell was born in Kokomo. He graduated from Kokomo High School and went on to



attend John Herron School of Art. He was an author and cartoonist, famous for creating the *Clifford the Big Red Dog* series of books.

1945 – Bombs dropped on Dresden, Germany, as Kurt Vonnegut and fellow POWs huddled underground in the meat locker of a slaughterhouse. Vonnegut wrote about it in the best-selling novel, *Slaughterhouse-Five*.

1962 – President John

F. Kennedy signed a bill authorizing the Lincoln National Boyhood Memorial in Spencer County, Ind. This is where the future President lived in a log cabin from ages 7 to 21.

2014 – 19-year-old Nick Goepper of Lawrenceburg, Ind., won a bronze medal in slopestyle competition in the Winter Olympics in Russia. He also won a silver medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare respond to recent report by Indiana Hospital Association

Submitted

Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare has directed its team of nationally renowned health and economic policy experts to carefully review a [report recently published by the Indiana Hospital Association](#) regarding the cost of insurance in Indiana.

Al Hubbard, Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare Board Chairman, addressed the Indiana Hospital Association's report with the following statement:

“Over the past several years, two studies by the RAND Corporation, a study by Harvard University, and a study by the Health Care Cost Institute have come to the same conclusion: The prices Hoosiers pay for hospital care are significantly higher than the national average. High prices show up in premiums, deduct-

ibles, and copayments, and accounting for all of those factors results in Hoosiers still spending far more on health care than people in most other states.

“We have asked our policy team to thoroughly analyze the recent report released and cited by the Indiana Hospital Association. Our policy team has expressed initial concerns about the methodology, including that the main methodology in the report excluded nearly three-quarters of the private market – those employers who self-insure. We will provide a thorough analysis to assist policy makers as they work to lower the price of hospital care for Hoosiers.

“Hoosier employers and individuals are acutely aware of just how expensive hospital care is in Indiana, and those that

have businesses in multiple states are vocal about the fact that they pay more for care in Indiana than in virtually every other state. We have heard time and time again that the cost of hospital care in Indiana is an economic development disadvantage, and that it limits the ability of Hoosier employers to raise wages for their employees and grow their business.

“We are encouraged that IU Health has already committed to lowering their prices to the national average within the next few years. We hope other Indiana hospitals commit to this same important goal to help Indiana businesses flourish and to preserve greater net take-home pay for Hoosier families.”

Learn more about Hoosiers for Affordable Healthcare at [h4ahc.com](#).



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Girls state swimming finals



The Carmel girls swim team made it 36 in a row on Saturday, as the Greyhounds put together another dominating performance at the IHSAA state finals. Carmel scored 461 points to claim its 36th consecutive state title, winning six events, including two in new state record time.

Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Senior leadership, 'youthful exuberance' sends Carmel to 36th straight state title

Tigers take 2nd for third year in a row - Royals rise to 3rd

By RICHIE HALL
INDIANAPOLIS - There's always something fun about watching young athletes announce their arrival on the scene, or in the Carmel girls swim team's case, in the pool.

The Greyhounds welcomed two freshmen to their state championship fold Saturday at the IHSAA state finals, which took place at the IU Natatorium. Those two ninth-graders won some events, set some records, and played a big part in continuing Carmel's historic state title streak.

The 'Hounds won their 36th straight state championship with yet another dominating performance. Carmel scored 461 points, the second-highest state meet total in history, behind only the 479 points the Greyhounds rang up at last year's meet. Carmel won six events, including its usual sweep of the relays. Those events always provide the perfect opportunity to bring the young and the experienced swimmers together, and that carried over into the individual events.

"I thought we had a really good mixture of senior leadership combined with youthful exuberance," said Greyhounds coach Chris Plumb, who earned a record 16th state championship as a girls swimming coach.

"You put those two things together and you get a passionate team that's excited to be here, but can navigate the challenges that the meet presents."

Carmel started the meet off with a bang, winning the medley relay by improving on its state record time from Friday night. The team of junior Berit Berglund, junior Vivian Wilson, freshman Alex Shackell and junior Meghan Christman clocked in at 1 minute, 38.55 seconds, lowering its preliminary time by 0.31 seconds. That old mark was set by the Greyhounds' 2015 team, which is historically thought of as one of the best teams ever.

"You just know you're headed in the right direction when you can start with a state record," said Plumb.

Carmel had three swimmers compete in the championship final of the next four swimming events. The 'Hounds got their next victory in the butterfly race, where Shackell won in a new state record time of 51.71 seconds. A little later, freshman Lynsey Bowen triumphed in the 500 free with a time of 4:49.13. Bowen had tied the state record in that event during the prelims, at 4:45.15.

Next up was the 200 free relay, where

senior Gretchen Lueking, sophomore Grace Dougherty, senior MacKenna Lieske and Christman won in a time of 1:32.28. Berglund followed that with a victory in the backstroke, her third consecutive win in that event. Berglund's time of 51.50 tied the state record that she had set in the Friday prelims.

"This team has been close than ever, I believe, and it's just so much fun and I'm so grateful to race with all these girls," said Berglund. "And for the 100 back, I'm happy with it. I've definitely been faster and we have a lot of things I can clean up for next year, and I'm just really excited for next year, too."

The Greyhounds finished the meet with a victory in the 400 free relay, where Lueking, Shackell, Berglund and Bowen clocked in at 3:19.54.

In all, Carmel earned 21 medals at the meet, which means the Greyhounds had 21 swims finish in the top eight in their respective events. Shackell also finished as runner-up in the 50 free, while four more Greyhounds got third-place results: Lueking in the 200 free, Hayley Reed in the butterfly, Alexandra Ward in the 500 free and Vivian Wilson in the breaststroke. (Complete re-

sults appear on Page 11.)

TIGERS REPEAT AS RUNNERS-UP

Fishers placed second at the state meet for the third year in a row, scoring 283 points. That total is easily the most-ever points for the Tigers, and it marked the first time a team finished second three years in a row since Hamilton Southeastern did so from 2007 to 2009.

"It was awesome day to be a Tiger," said Fishers coach Joe Keller. The coach also pointed out that those 283 points is the second-highest point total for a state runner-up in meet history. Southeastern scored 317.5 points at the 2008 meet.

"For us to be over 280, that's a big step this year," said Keller.

Fishers had 12 swims compete in the championship heat, which translated into 12 state medals. The Tigers also had the top diver in the county, with Gretchen Osmun placing eighth in that event.

In the pool, Fishers had four runner-up finishes. Junior Jo Jo Ramey was the runner-up in the 200 free, while Kate Mouser and Avery Stein placed 2-3 in the individual medley. Mouser would later come back to take second in the 500 free, and the Tigers

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REGIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

The Noblesville girls basketball team won its first regional title since 1996 on Saturday, while University defended its championship at Southmont.

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finished the meet as runners-up in the 400 free relay. Mouser, Emma Schumacher, Nalanie Cortez and Ramey swam in that race. Ramey also placed third in the backstroke.

ROYALS PLACE THIRD

Hamilton Southeastern had a great meet as well. The Royals edged out Concord in a battle for third place, scoring 164 points to Concord's 162. It's the first time Southeastern had finished in the top three at state since 2018.

"I'm really happy with how we did," said HSE coach Christian Hanselmann. The coach said the team came in with goals at the beginning of the season, and the swimmers followed through.

"They swam hard, focused, high-energy, stayed positive," said Hanselmann. "I'm really proud of all our girls, how they did."

The Royals earned six medals at state, including strong performances from all three relays. In fact, the medley relay placed second, with Grace Newton, Kennedy Fisher, Audrey Crawford and Ashley Saple swimming to a runner-up finish in 1:42.04.

Crawford later placed second in the butterfly race, while Fisher was the breaststroke runner-up. The Royals also had five consolation heat swims, including some performances where they moved up in position. A good example is Eloise Harrison: She was seeded 16th in the breaststroke, but moved up to a 14th-place finish in the finals. That was a pickup of two points, and every point makes a difference.

"To finish third overall, it comes down to the relays, everyone who jumped in on relays, consolation swimmers," said Hanselmann. "Anna Stolle had two great swims in the "B" final in the 200 IM, in the breaststroke. Eloise Harrison came in as a 16th seed and she moved up a couple spots. You have to do that to get top three."

MILLERS' MCDONALD FIFTH IN BREASTSTROKE

Noblesville sophomore Maya McDonald had a nice debut at the state meet, as she picked up a fifth-place medal in the breaststroke.

"Honestly, it's insane," said McDonald, who finished her race in 1:03.14. "My goal coming into the season was to just be underneath the state cut, and I think I really surpassed that. It was just a lot better than I was expecting."

In addition to McDonald's medal, the Millers had two relays swim in the consolation heat. The 200 free relay squad of McDonald, Mia Field, Exley Tricker and Caroline Santerre placed a strong 10th, while the medley relay foursome of Sophie Resner, McDonald, Emily Knott and Field finished 15th. Noblesville finished 16th as a team with 32 points.

FOURTH STATE APPEARANCE FOR WESTFIELD'S HOAGLAN

Westfield senior Macy Hoaglan finished her high school career off with another appearance at state, marking the fourth time she competed at the big meet.

Hoaglan placed 13th in the 500 free and 16th in the individual medley. Her five points gave the Shamrocks a tied-for-30th finish.

"It's been really fun, especially with the good team atmosphere," said Hoaglan.

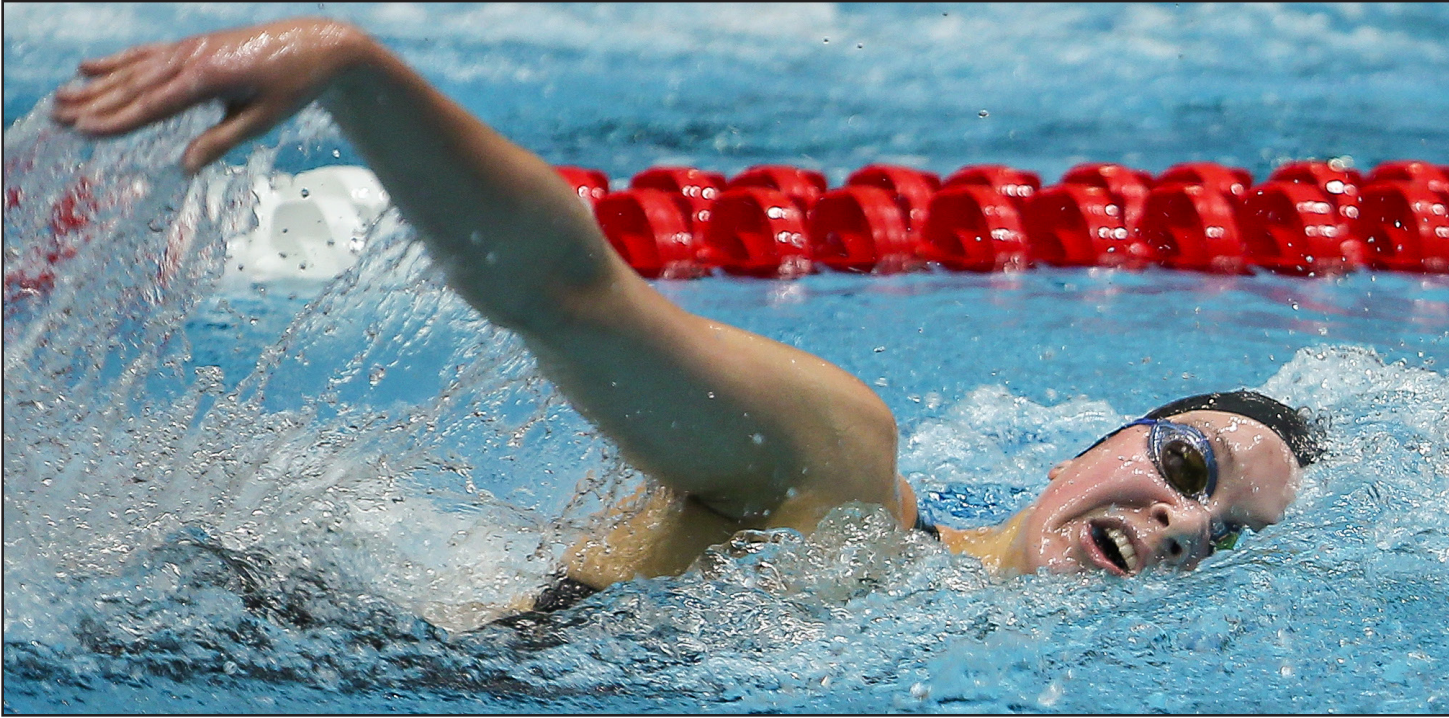
Team scores (top five and all county): 1. Carmel 461, 2. Fishers 283, 3. Hamilton Southeastern 164, 4. Concord 162, 5. Zionsville 147, 16. Noblesville 32, T30. Westfield 5.
200 medley relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Berit Berglund, Vivian Wilson, Alex Shackell, Meghan Christman) 1:38.55, new state record, 2. Southeastern (Grace Newton, Kennedy Fisher, Audrey Crawford, Ashley



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

ABOVE: The Fishers girls swim team finished as runner-up at state for the third year in a row. The Tigers scored 283 points, by far the most ever for a Fishers team at state.

BELOW: Westfield's Macy Hoaglan swam in two events at state. Hoaglan, a senior, has qualified for the state meet in all four years of her high-school career.



Saple) 1:42.04, 4. Fishers (Jo Jo Ramey, Grace Lux, Kate Mouser, Kalli Agapios) 1:43.70.
"B" Final: 15. Noblesville (Sophie Resner, Maya McDonald, Emily Knott, Mia Field) 1:49.78.
200 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Kristina Paegle (Bloomington South) 1:45.19, 2. Ramey (Fishers) 1:46.24, 3. Gretchen Lueking (Carmel) 1:46.97, 4. Lynsey Bowen (Carmel) 1:48.06, 6. Emma Schumacher (Fishers) 1:49.71, 7. Alexandra Ward (Carmel) 1:49.96.
"B" Final: 10. Nalanie Cortez (Fishers) 1:51.29, 16. Macy Hoaglan (Westfield) 1:56.47.
200 individual medley
"A" Final: 1. Devon Kitchel (Zionsville) 1:57.82, 2. Kate Mouser (Fishers) 2:01.24, 3. Avery Stein (Fishers) 2:01.84, 4. MacKenna Lieske (Carmel) 2:01.95, 5. Crawford (Southeastern) 2:01.96, 7. Alyssa Street (Carmel) 2:03.56, 8. Keira Kask (Carmel)

2:05.83.
"B" Final: 10. Lydia Reade (Fishers) 2:06.97, 14. Anna Stolle (Southeastern) 2:08.09.
50 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Lillian Christianson (Penn) 22.14, new state record, 2. Shackell (Carmel) 22.48, 4. Christman (Carmel) 23.03, 7. Grace Dougherty (Carmel) 23.64.
"B" Final: 9. Fisher (Southeastern) 23.70, 11. Agapios (Fishers) 23.84.
One-meter diving
Finals: 1. Mia Prusiecki (Center Grove) 524.00, 8. Gretchen Osmun (Fishers) 426.80, 10. Hannah Justice (Southeastern) 403.95.
Preliminaries: 23. Melaina Munson (Carmel) 159.20, 24. Ellie Lee (Westfield) 159.15, 25. Ella Penny (Southeastern) 155.80.
100 butterfly
"A" Final: 1. Shackell (Carmel) 51.71, new state record, 2. Crawford (Southeastern) 54.36, 3. Hayley Reed (Carmel) 55.11, 5. Parker Kurzawa (Carmel) 56.16.
"B" Final: 13. Diane Koo (Fishers) 57.17, 15. Abigail Miller (Fishers) 57.41.
100 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Paegle (Bloomington South) 48.29, 3. Berglund (Carmel) 48.70, 4. Lueking (Carmel) 49.48.
"B" Final: 9. Dougherty (Carmel) 51.84, 10. Cortez (Fishers) 52.08, 15. Agapios (Fishers) 52.92.
500 freestyle
"A" Final: 1. Bowen (Carmel) 4:49.13, 2. Mouser (Fishers) 4:51.30, 3. Ward (Carmel) 4:52.11, 5. Erin Cummins

(Carmel) 4:55.08, 7. Schumacher (Fishers) 5:03.61.
"B" Final: 13. Hoaglan (Westfield) 5:03.89, 14. Arabelle Johnson (Fishers) 5:08.43.
200 freestyle relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Lueking, Dougherty, Lieske, Christman) 1:32.28, 4. Fishers (Av. Stein, Agapios, Schumacher, Alexandra Stein) 1:34.90, 6. Southeastern (Fisher, Stolle, Ava Olson, Saple) 1:35.05.
"B" Final: 10. Noblesville (McDonald, Field, Exley Tricker, Caroline Santerre) 1:38.75.
100 backstroke
"A" Final: 1. Berglund (Carmel) 51.50, ties state record, 3. Ramey (Fishers) 54.02.
"B" Final: 9. Keira Kask (Carmel) 55.88, 12. Kiarra Thomas (Carmel) 56.52, 13. Newton (Southeastern) 57.24.
100 breaststroke
"A" Final: 1. Kitchel (Zionsville) 1:01.18, 2. Fisher (Southeastern) 1:02.13, 3. Wilson (Carmel) 1:02.58, 4. Lieske (Carmel) 1:02.79, 5. McDonald (Noblesville) 1:03.14, 6. Av. Stein (Fishers) 1:03.44, 7. Lux (Fishers) 1:03.58, 8. Christman (Carmel) 1:05.15.
"B" Final: 10. Lydia Reade (Fishers) 1:04.58, 11. Stolle (Southeastern) 1:05.20, 14. Eloise Harrison (Southeastern) 1:05.73.
400 freestyle relay
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Lueking, Shackell, Berglund, Bowen) 3:19.54, 2. Fishers (Mouser, Schumacher, Cortez, Ramey) 3:24.06, 7. Southeastern (Crawford, Amelia Vicory, Stolle, Saple) 3:29.60.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Hamilton Southeastern medley relay team finished second in the state in that event, one of many big performances for the Royals that led them to a third-place team finish.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Noblesville's Maya McDonald finished fifth in the breaststroke and was part of two Millers relay teams that swam in the consolation finals.

Girls basketball regionals

Noblesville pulls away from Snider, wins first regional since 1996

By RICHIE HALL
MARION - For the first time since 1996, the Noblesville girls basketball team is a regional champion.

The Class 4A No. 5 Millers blasted their way to the Marion regional title on Saturday night, beating No. 10 Fort Wayne Snider 78-63. Noblesville pulled away from the Panthers with a big second-quarter run, then maintained that lead throughout the second half. Soon, the trophy was in the hands of the Millers.

"We keep saying that ever since that Westfield game, the mindset changed, the mentality changed," said junior Ashlynn Shade, who had another solid game for the Millers. "I think just from that game on, it's been 'Keep it rolling, keep it rolling, bring the intensity, bring the energy,' and I think that's just what's keeping us going. Staying together as a team, lifting each other's confidence and just great team basketball right now."

Noblesville will play in the Logansport semi-state this coming Saturday, taking on No. 4 Crown Point, the defending 4A state champion. That game will tip off at 7 p.m., after the Class 1A semi-state game between North White and Lafayette Central Catholic.

The Millers were in a battle with the Panthers for the first quarter, which ended in a 12-12 tie. Noblesville led 10-5 after a basket by Ashlynn Shade, but Snider went on a 7-0 run to take a two-point lead. Jordyn Poole sparked the Panthers' run with a 3-pointer.

A layin by Shade finished the first quarter, and Poole opened the second quarter by making a floater. The Panthers led 14-12, but would not lead again after that.

That's because Noblesville went on a sudden 17-0 run. Shade tied the game with a jumper, then Reagan Wilson drained a 3-pointer to put the Millers in front for good. Ava Shoemaker added six points in the run, with Meredith Tippner scoring three and Dani Mendez making a free throw. Shade's jumper capped the spurt, which put Noblesville in front 29-14.



The Noblesville girls basketball team was in celebration mode Saturday night at Marion after winning the Class 4A regional. The Millers beat Fort Wayne Snider 78-63 in the championship game for their first regional title since 1996.

Reporter photo by Kent Graham

"We went to a 1-3-1," said Millers coach Donna Buckley. "I really didn't think it would bother them, I thought our 3-2 would bother them more. But instead, they didn't like that 1-3-1 at all. It made them slow down and have to take their time trying to figure out where to go with it. We live-ball turned them over, which led to a lot of offense, and then once we got going, we were pretty good."

A layin by Samantha Kabisch and 3

from Poole got Snider within 29-19, but Ava Shoemaker promptly answered that with a 3. Kaitlyn Shoemaker threw in a triple at the end of the half, and the Millers led 37-23.

Noblesville kept its lead in double digits for the entirety of the second half. Kaitlyn Shoemaker got hot in the third quarter, draining two 3s on her way to eight points during the period. Tippner made back-to-back jumpers. A late 7-0 run pushed the Millers ahead 59-41, that spurt started with

Kaitlyn Shoemaker's second triple of the quarter.

"We really did a good job on fundamentals this game," said Kaitlyn Shoemaker. "That was our focus from the start, and people just came off the bench and gave sparks. Everyone really participated."

"It's really all about playing as a team and keeping our composure," said Ava

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Semi-final rout for Noblesville...

Millers knock off top-ranked Homestead in dominating fashion

By CRAIG ADKINS
MARION – It was obvious from the opening tip that the Noblesville Millers were on a mission. Their feet were on the gas pedal and they didn't let off until the benches were emptied in the final minutes during their regional semifinal rout of Homestead, 61-40.

Homestead was taken by surprise, but not completely. They knew exactly what Noblesville was capable of from an earlier meeting this season on Nov. 20, when the Millers paid the Spartans a visit, giving them a 69-48 loss at home.

Noblesville jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first couple of minutes and just made it look easy. The scoring spree started with junior UConn commit Ashlynn Shade swishing a three from the left corner and then a possession later, sophomore guard Reagan Wilson sank a trey of her own.

A steal by freshman Meredith Tippner led to a pair of free throws and the Millers led 8-0. The lead grew to 12-0 with a Wilson jumper and then the super soph stole the ball. Tippner drained another two from the charity stripe to put them up 14-0 with just two minutes of clock gone, forcing Homestead to burn their first timeout.

"Obviously, Ashlynn's one of the best players in the country and she's going to get

hers," said Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley on standout Ashlynn Shade.

"Our other kids, Reagan hit big shots and Tipp just was awesome, creating havoc and then her defensive pressure led to Shoe getting opportunities. And Shoe has no fear, nothing rattles her cage and when you've got those kids coming out and doing things, it's a lot of fun," Buckley continued on her team.

The Millers kept pouring it on and crashing the boards. Wilson canned another three to push it to 17-4. Shade would score four in a row, followed by junior forward Dani Mendez getting the dish from Kaitlyn Shoemaker, making the basket and getting fouled for the the old-fashioned three-point play. This stretch extended the lead to 24-9 after one.

Noblesville would outscore the Spartans 13-11 in the second. The momentum stayed heavily with the Millers in the closing seconds of the half when Mendez took a pass from Shade and layed it in to give Noblesville a 37-20 lead at the half.

Wilson continued her offensive prowess in the second half, nailing three from downtown, pushing the Spartans further away. Her third three of the quarter put the advantage at 54-29 and there was no stopping the

Millers.

It was a frustrating situation for senior UConn commit Ayanna Patterson of Homestead. She was held 11 points below her 26.3 average, ending her final high school game with 15 points.

"We knew we had to rebound. If you give Patterson two of three chances, she's going to score or somebody's going to get a foul, so we definitely want to make sure we block out," said Buckley on her team's ability to keep all-state candidate Patterson in-check. The Millers won the rebounding battle, 36-24, limiting Patterson to just five, seven boards below her 12 per game average.

Just into the fourth quarter with a lot of game clock left, Patterson committed her fifth foul when Dani Mendez drew a charge, giving Patterson an early chair with 6:55 remaining.

"Our kids were not going to let that one get away from us. We had a great start and there was no letdown. We talked about the Fishers game having a little bit of a letdown, not this time," Donna Buckley on her team's pursuit of the semifinal win.

Along with Patterson's 15, Alison Stephens joined her in double-figures with 12. Noblesville was led by Wilson's game-

high 18, including 4-of-9 from three-point range. Kaitlyn Shoemaker tallied 15, sinking all three of her shots from downtown. Shade also joined in double-digits with 13 and grabbed 13 rebounds for a double-double and dished out five assists.

| NOBLESVILLE 61, HOMESTEAD 40 | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|----|--------|
| Noblesville | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Kaitlyn Shoemaker | 4-6 | 4-4 | 15 | 1 |
| Ashlynn Shade | 5-17 | 2-2 | 13 | 3 |
| Reagan Wilson | 6-13 | 2-2 | 18 | 2 |
| Meredith Tippner | 1-5 | 5-7 | 7 | 3 |
| Brooklyn Smitherman | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dani Mendez | 2-4 | 2-3 | 6 | 3 |
| Ava Shoemaker | 1-6 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Brooklyn Ely | 0-2 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Aubrey Novinger | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kate Rollins | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carly Motz | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bri Gray | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 19-53 | 15-18 | 61 | 16 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Noblesville | 24 | 13 | 20 | 4 - 61 |
| Homestead | 9 | 11 | 11 | 9 - 40 |
| Noblesville 3-point shooting (8-21) Wilson 4-9, K. Shoemaker 3-3, Shade 1-4, Ely 0-2, A. Shoemaker 0-2, Tippner 0-1. | | | | |
| Noblesville rebounds (39) Shade 14, Mendez 8, Tippner 6, K. Shoemaker 5, Wilson 5, A. Shoemaker 1. | | | | |

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University easily defends regional title

The University girls defended their IH-SAA Class 2A Regional championship Saturday with a pair of comfortable wins at Southmont High School.

The Trailblazers defeated North Putnam 64-38 in the championship game after beating Union County 59-24 in the morning game.

University (23-4) advances to the semi-state at Jasper High School on Saturday, where they will face Forest Park (24-3) at 4 p.m.

The first quarter of the championship game was a back and forth contest, with North Putnam holding an 11-9 lead with 2:50 remaining. Taylor Seay split a pair of foul shots before Emily Adamowicz scored on a rebound to put the Trailblazers ahead for good. Patty Chikamba made a pair of foul shots and Payton Seay's rebound basket with three seconds left put University ahead 16-11 after one.

University began to open up their lead in the second quarter. The Blazers scored eight straight points to take a 26-14 lead with 4:38 left in the period. Chikamba and Payton Seay each had four points in the run. University led by as many as 16 in the quarter and took a 34-21 lead to the locker room at half time. The Cougars had no answer for Payton Seay's post up game in the first half as the 5-5 junior scored 12 first half points. Chikamba had 11 points in the first half.

The Trailblazers removed all doubt in the third quarter, outscoring North Putnam 18-5, ending the quarter on a 10-0 run. Kelsey DuBois scored six points in the quarter on a three point shot and an old fashioned three point play. Payton Seay and Chikamba kicked in five points each in the third as the Blazers led 52-26 entering the final quarter.

Payton Seay led University in scoring with 19 points. Chikamba had 16 and DuBois 14 as the Blazers placed three in double figures.

University dominated the boards against the Cougars, pulling down a season-high 51 rebounds. DuBois led with eight rebounds, Adamowicz and Chikamba had seven each. Kamryn Washington pulled down six rebounds while Jordan Patterson had five. Taylor Seay and Alex Feeney each had four rebounds.

Patterson had a team-high five assists while Chikamba handed out four helpers.

University advanced to the championship game with a dominant performance against Union County, defeating the Lady Patriots 59-24. The game had a running clock for the last 11 minutes.

The Trailblazers defensive pressure overwhelmed Union County, leading to 21 University steals, including several that led to easy baskets. Chikamba had eight steals and Taylor Seay had four.

University's scoring was again led by its big three of Chikamba (16), DuBois (11) and Payton Seay (11).

University substituted liberally throughout the game and none of the Blazers' starters played in the last 10 minutes of the contest.

The Trailblazers jumped out to an 11-3 lead in the first three minutes. Seay started the game with two foul shots before a DuBois rebound basket. Patterson hit a three pointer and DuBois scored again off



Photo provided

University easily defended its Southmont regional championship on Saturday. The Trailblazers cruised past Union County in the semi-finals and then beat North Putnam in the championship game.

a Chikamba rebound. Washington made it 11-3 on a fast break that was triggered by a Chikamba blocked shot. University led 16-8 after the first quarter.

University led 33-14 at halftime, scoring the last eight points of the quarter. Chikamba had 11 first half points and DuBois added nine.

The Trailblazers held Union County scoreless for the first six minutes of the third quarter, while scoring the first 19 points to stretch their scoring run to 27 straight. The running clock started with 3:00 left in the third quarter after Adamowicz stole a pass and scored a layin.

North Putnam's season ended at 18-9 while Union County bowed out at 12-9.

The Regional championship was University's third in four seasons and fifth in school history. The Trailblazers will be looking for their second semi-state championship, to join the 2008 state runner-up squad.

UNIVERSITY 59, UNION COUNTY 24

| University | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|-------------------|-------|-------|----|----|
| Kelsey DuBois | 4-8 | 3-4 | 11 | 0 |
| Patty Chikamba | 7-11 | 1-2 | 16 | 2 |
| Kamryn Washington | 2-4 | 1-2 | 5 | 0 |
| Payton Seay | 2-7 | 7-7 | 11 | 2 |
| Jordan Patterson | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3 | 2 |
| Emily Adamowicz | 2-6 | 0-0 | 4 | 1 |
| Taylor Seay | 2-2 | 0-1 | 4 | 0 |
| Abby Hannon | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anne Gibboney | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 |
| Becky Williams | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Arrion Sherrod | 1-3 | 0-1 | 2 | 0 |
| Alex Feeney | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 22-46 | 12-17 | 59 | 9 |

| Score by Quarters | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|--------|
| University | 16 | 17 | 19 | 7 - 59 |
| Union County | 8 | 6 | 2 | 8 - 24 |
| University 3-point shooting (3-14) Chikamba 1-5, Gibboney 1-2, Patterson 1-2, Adamowicz 0-3, P. Seay 0-1, Sherrod 0-1. | | | | |
| University rebounds (19) DuBois 6, Chikamba 3, Gibboney 2, Washington 2, P. Seay 2, Adamowicz 1, Williams 1, Hannon 1, T. Seay 1. | | | | |

UNIVERSITY 64, NORTH PUTNAM 38

| University | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|-------------------|------|-----|----|----|
| Kelsey DuBois | 6-9 | 1-1 | 14 | 2 |
| Patty Chikamba | 6-10 | 3-4 | 16 | 5 |
| Kamryn Washington | 0-1 | 1-2 | 1 | 4 |
| Payton Seay | 9-18 | 1-1 | 19 | 4 |
| Jordan Patterson | 1-4 | 2-2 | 4 | 2 |
| Emily Adamowicz | 2-4 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 |
| Taylor Seay | 1-2 | 2-5 | 4 | 2 |
| Abby Hannon | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Anne Gibboney | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Becky Williams | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|----|----|
| Arrion Sherrod | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alex Feeney | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 |
| Totals | 26-53 | 10-15 | 64 | 21 |

| Score by Quarters | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|---------|
| University | 16 | 18 | 18 | 12 - 64 |
| North Putnam | 11 | 10 | 5 | 13 - 38 |
| University 3-point shooting (2-11) Chikamba 1-2, DuBois 1-1, P. Seay 0-4, Patterson 0-2, Adamowicz 0-1, Washington 0-1. | | | | |
| University rebounds (47) DuBois 8, Chikamba 7, Adamowicz 7, Washington 6, Patterson 5, P. Seay 4, T. Seay 4, Feeney 4, Hannon 1, Sherrod 1. | | | | |



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Kaitlyn Shoemaker scored 15 points for the Millers in their regional semi-final game against Homestead on Saturday.

NOBLESVILLE

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Shoemaker - even when the game is tight. "We had to play together the whole time," she said.

Noblesville led 59-43 going into the fourth quarter. Shade opened the period with a basket off a steal, then Kaitlyn Shoemaker tossed in another 3 to give the Millers their largest lead of the game at 64-43. The Panthers fought to the end, cutting Noblesville's lead to 71-58 with around a minute and a half left, but the Millers finished the game from the free-throw line, going 5-of-6 in the final 50 seconds.

Four Noblesville players reached double figures, starting with Shade's 24 points; she also handed out seven assists. Kaitlyn Shoemaker totaled four 3s and 17 points, Tippner contributed 14 points and Ava Shoemaker added 11 points.

"The Shoemakers were awesome," said Buckley. "Ava came in and played really well, and obviously Kaitlyn is going to be Kaitlyn."

The Millers totaled 36 rebounds for the

game, with Mendez collecting eight. Shade pulled seven rebounds, Tippner had six, and Ava Shoemaker and Reagan Wilson both grabbed five.

Noblesville is 23-4 for the season.

NOBLESVILLE 78, FORT WAYNE SNIDER 63

| Noblesville | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----|----|
| Kaitlyn Shoemaker | 5-9 | 3-4 | 17 | 3 |
| Ashlynn Shade | 10-21 | 4-4 | 24 | 4 |
| Reagan Wilson | 3-8 | 0-0 | 7 | 2 |
| Meredith Tippner | 5-7 | 4-6 | 14 | 2 |
| Brooklyn Smitherman | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Dani Mendez | 2-4 | 1-2 | 5 | 1 |
| Brooklyn Ely | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ava Shoemaker | 5-8 | 0-0 | 11 | 2 |
| Totals | 30-58 | 12-16 | 78 | 16 |

| Score by Quarters | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|---------|
| Noblesville | 12 | 25 | 22 | 19 - 78 |
| Snider | 12 | 11 | 20 | 20 - 63 |
| Noblesville 3-point shooting (6-14) K. Shoemaker 4-6, Wilson 1-3, A. Shoemaker 1-2, Shade 0-3. | | | | |
| Noblesville rebounds (36) Mendez 8, Shade 7, Tippner 6, A. Shoemaker 5, Wilson 5, K. Shoemaker 2, Smitherman 1, team 2. | | | | |

Huskies fall to Garrett in overtime

Hamilton Heights saw its season come to a tough end Saturday in the semi-finals of the Class 3A Bellmont regional, as the No. 8 Huskies lost in overtime to No. 2 Garrett 50-48.

The Railroaders took a 17-9 lead in the first quarter. Heights started a comeback in the second period, cutting Garrett's lead to 22-17 by halftime. Camryn Runner scored five points during that period.

The Huskies tied the game up at 31-31 after three quarters. Runner hit two 3-pointers in the third. The score was still tied at 37-37 at the end of regulation; Garrett outscored Heights 13-11 in the extra period.

Camryn Runner totaled three 3-pointers and 21 points, while senior MyKayla Moran added nine points and senior Mia Shields scored eight.

"It was a great basketball game between two really good teams," said Heights coach Keegan Cherry. "Garrett threw a knockout punch early. Our girls stayed the course and battled back. Being able to close the gap prior to halftime was critical. Once we got settled in, I was confident our girls would

continue to grind and we'd be fine. The grit and poise we showed in the second half is a direct reflection of the character of our girls. The girls gave all they had. And that's all we can ask. We had a chance to win. End of the day, Garrett put the ball in the basket when they needed to. Credit to their girls and staff. We will miss MyKayla and Mia next year. I can't thank them enough for all they gave to our program."

The Huskies finished their season 18-6.

GARRETT 50, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 48 (overtime)

| Heights | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|-----------------|----|------|----|----|
| Ella Hickok | 1 | 0-1 | 3 | 5 |
| Mia Shields | 3 | 0-0 | 8 | 0 |
| Camryn Runner | 6 | 6-9 | 21 | 4 |
| Kaylee Rhoton | 2 | 0-0 | 6 | 1 |
| MyKayla Moran | 3 | 3-4 | 9 | 4 |
| Hadleigh Cherry | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 |
| Totals | 15 | 9-14 | 48 | 17 |

| Score by Quarters | | | | |
|---|----|---|----|-----------|
| Heights | 9 | 8 | 14 | 6 11 - 48 |
| Garrett | 17 | 5 | 9 | 6 13 - 50 |
| Heights 3-pointers (8) Runner 3, Shields 2, Rhoton 2, Hickok 1. | | | | |

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NBA standings

Eastern Conference

| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Atlantic | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 34 | 22 | .607 | - |
| Toronto | 31 | 24 | .564 | 2.5 |
| Boston | 32 | 25 | .561 | 2.5 |
| Brooklyn | 29 | 27 | .518 | 5.0 |
| New York | 25 | 32 | .439 | 9.5 |
| Central | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Chicago | 36 | 21 | .632 | - |
| Cleveland | 35 | 22 | .614 | 1.0 |
| Milwaukee | 35 | 22 | .614 | 1.0 |
| Indiana | 19 | 38 | .333 | 17.0 |
| Detroit | 12 | 44 | .214 | 23.5 |
| Southeast | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Miami | 37 | 20 | .649 | - |
| Charlotte | 29 | 29 | .500 | 8.5 |
| Atlanta | 26 | 29 | .473 | 10.0 |
| Washington | 25 | 30 | .455 | 11.0 |
| Orlando | 13 | 45 | .224 | 24.5 |

Western Conference

| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Northwest | | | | |
| Utah | 35 | 21 | .625 | - |
| Denver | 31 | 25 | .554 | 4.0 |
| Minnesota | 29 | 27 | .518 | 6.0 |
| Portland | 23 | 34 | .404 | 12.5 |
| Oklahoma City | 17 | 39 | .304 | 18.0 |
| Pacific | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Phoenix | 46 | 10 | .821 | - |
| Golden State | 42 | 15 | .737 | 4.5 |
| L.A. Clippers | 28 | 30 | .483 | 19.0 |
| L.A. Lakers | 26 | 31 | .456 | 20.5 |
| Sacramento | 22 | 36 | .379 | 25.0 |
| Southwest | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Memphis | 40 | 18 | .690 | - |
| Dallas | 33 | 24 | .579 | 6.5 |
| New Orleans | 22 | 34 | .393 | 17.0 |
| San Antonio | 22 | 35 | .386 | 17.5 |
| Houston | 15 | 40 | .273 | 23.5 |

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| Saturday's games | Denver 110, Toronto 109 |
| Portland 112, New York 103 | Miami 115, Brooklyn 111 |
| Memphis 125, Charlotte 118 | Chicago 106, Oklahoma City 101 |
| Sacramento 124, Washington 110 | L.A. Clippers 99, Dallas 97 |
| San Antonio 124, New Orleans 114 | Golden State 117, L.A. Lakers 115 |
| Philadelphia 103, Cleveland 93 | Phoenix 132, Orlando 105 |

New Castle wrestling semi-state

HSE's Cast wins at 170, 14 county wrestlers qualify for state finals

Hamilton County wrestlers had a fine day at the New Castle semi-state on Saturday, with 14 wrestlers qualifying for the state finals.

Carmel had the most state qualifiers, with five reaching the top four at the semi-state. That included two runner-up finishes, first for Gavin Thompson at 113, followed by Isaac Ward at 126. Three more Greyhounds placed fourth: Tamir Halevi at 106, Michael Major at 132 and Nayl Sbay at 145.

As a team, Carmel finished in fifth place with 74 points. Cathedral won the semi-state with a score of 142.5 points.

Westfield took ninth as a team and had three state qualifiers. Ike O'Neill was the

runner-up at 138 pounds, while Braxton Vest took third at 120. Mihail Platonov also finished third at 285 pounds.

Hamilton Southeastern advanced two wrestlers to state and placed 10th in the team standings. The Royals had the lone county champion: Ryan Cast at 170 pounds. Cast won the title by defeating Cathedral's JJ Braun in an 8-3 decision in the championship match. Max Broom finished as the runner-up at 195 pounds.

Four more schools had one qualifier for the state finals. Hamilton Heights' Evan Tilton finished second at 182 pounds; Tilton is 45-1 for the season. Noblesville's Jacob Long placed second at 220 pounds, Fish-

ers' Griffin Ingalls placed third at 126, and Guerin Catholic's Peter Nguyen was fourth at 113 pounds. Sheridan scored four points at the meet, Peyton Cross went 1-1 at the meet while Jacob Jones also competed.

The state finals begin Friday evening at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Team scores (top five and all-county): 1. Cathedral 142.5, 2. Warren Central 117.5, 3. East Central 94, 4. Perry Meridian 84, 5. Carmel 74, 9. Westfield 47.5, 10. Hamilton Southeastern 44, 13. Hamilton Heights 29.5, 22. Fishers 11, 24. Guerin Catholic 9, T25. Noblesville 8, T28. Sheridan 4.

Hamilton County results

106: 4. Tamir Halevi (C).

113: 2. Gavin Thompson (C), 4. Peter Nguyen (GC).

120: 3. Braxton Vest (W).

126: 2. Isaac Ward (C), 3. Griffin Ingalls (F).

132: 4. Michael Major (C).

138: 2. Ike O'Neill (W).

145: 4. Nayl Sbay (C).

170: 1. Ryan Cast (HSE).

182: 2. Evan Tilton (HH).

195: 2. Max Broom (HSE).

220: 4. Jacob Long (N).

285: 3. Mihail Platonov (W).

Boys basketball

'Blazers win 5th straight PAAC title

For the fifth consecutive season, University's boys basketball team are champions of the Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference. The Trailblazers earned their latest championship with a 56-45 road win over Class 2A No. 14 Park Tudor

Balanced scoring, outstanding free throw shooting and gritty defense were the ingredients for University's sixth straight win. Sabien Cain (12), Andre Ozlowski (10) and Larry Pierce (10) scored in double figures while Seth Hogg drilled three big three pointers to finish with nine points.

The Trailblazers were 10 of 10 at the foul line in fourth quarter and made 16 of 18 free throws for the game.

University struggled out of the gate Saturday afternoon, falling behind 6-0 and 8-2 before scoring the last six points of the quarter to pull even at the end of the quarter. Ozlowski scored on a lay-in off a Hogg assist. Nate Jeffrey made a put back basket and Pierce tied the game on a nifty assist from Bryce Gray.

University used an 11-0 run midway through the second quarter to take a lead they held the rest of the game. Cain's three pointer with 5:15 left was the go ahead basket. Jeffrey added a rebound basket, Cain had a free throw and Gray nailed a three pointer off a pass from Ozlowski. Gray ended the 11-0 spurt with a driving basket. The Trailblazers led 22-14 at halftime.

University controlled the early third quarter, stretching the lead to double digits at 27-16 in the first two minutes of the quar-



Photo provided

University won its fifth straight Pioneer Conference title on Saturday, beating Park Tudor 56-45.

ter. Pierce made a free throw before Cain and Ozlowski executed a perfect pick and roll with Ozlowski getting the layin. An Ozlowski rebound and outlet to Cain led a pass to Pierce for a 27-16 lead and a Park Tudor timeout.

The Trailblazers kept up the pressure and built a 33-21 lead midway through the quarter after a pair of Hogg three pointers. University led 35-29 after Park Tudor scored five points in the final 13 seconds of the quarter, including an old fashioned three point play at the buzzer.

The Panthers kept inching closer in the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to 40-35 with four minutes left. Gray found Hogg for a three pointer from the left corner to put the lead back out to eight at 45-37. A pair of Ozlowski foul shots at 2:17 made it 47-39. University forced a stop, but turned the ball over and Bryce Petty's three pointer pulled Park Tudor within 47-42 with 1:20 left. Ozlowski found Pierce for a bucket before another Park Tudor three pointer made it 49-45 with 58 seconds left.

Hogg and Pierce combined on a big play

after a Park Tudor timeout. Pierce streaked to the basket and Hogg hit him in stride with a three quarter court pass and Pierce was fouled as he scored to restore a three possession lead at 52-45. Ozlowski and Pierce added two foul shots each before another University stop let the Blazers dribble out the last 25 seconds for the win.

University is now 13-6 on the season. The Trailblazers travel to West Lafayette Tuesday evening to play the Harrison Raiders.

Park Tudor falls to 12-5 on the season.

Tigers clinch HCC title 'Hounds overwhelm Carroll

The Fishers boys basketball team clinched an outright Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship on Saturday, beating Westfield 73-48 in an all-county game.

Bryce Williams and Jeffrey Simmons both scored 18 points for the Tigers, with Simmons hitting four 3-pointers. Payton Weemer also had four 3s for 12 points. Nic Depasquale led the 'Rocks with 14 points, followed by Cam Haffner with 13 (including three 3s) and Trey Buchanan with 12.

Fishers is 6-0 in conference play and 18-2 overall, and hosts Lawrence North on Tuesday. Westfield is 1-5 in the HCC and 15-6 overall, and hosts Franklin Central Friday to finish conference play.

| FISHERS 73, WESTFIELD 48 | | | | |
|--------------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Westfield | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Cam Haffner | 5 | 0-0 | 13 | 3 |
| Trey Buchanan | 4 | 3-3 | 12 | 3 |
| Trey Dorton | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Nic Depasquale | 5 | 3-5 | 14 | 0 |
| Alex Romack | 4 | 1-2 | 9 | 1 |

| | | | | |
|---------------------|----|------|----|----|
| Sam Bishop | 0 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kai Butterworth | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Jonah Spinner | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Armani Middlebrooks | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 18 | 7-11 | 48 | 10 |

Westfield 3-pointers (5) Haffner 3, Buchanan 1, Depasquale 1.

| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|------------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Myles Stringer | 2 | 2-2 | 8 | 1 |
| Aidan Zimmer | 1 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 |
| Bryce Williams | 7 | 4-5 | 18 | 3 |
| Charlie Smith | 4 | 0-0 | 8 | 4 |
| Jeffrey Simmons | 7 | 0-1 | 18 | 2 |
| Sean Millsaps | 2 | 0-0 | 6 | 1 |
| Josh Forbes | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 |
| Matt Brewer | 0 | 0-1 | 0 | 1 |
| Payton Weemer | 4 | 0-0 | 12 | 0 |
| JonAnthony Hall | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carter Jones | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Millen McCartney | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grant Haworth | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 27 | 6-9 | 73 | 15 |

Fishers 3-pointers (13) Simmons 4, Weemer 4, Millsaps 2, Stringer 2, Zimmer 1.

Score by Quarters

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Westfield | 15 | 12 | 9 | 12 | - 48 |
| Fishers | 17 | 9 | 22 | 25 | - 73 |

Carmel overwhelmed Fort Wayne Carroll 70-41 in an afternoon game Saturday at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The Class 4A No. 3 Greyhounds led 12-11 after one quarter, then powered through the second period, outscoring the Chargers 21-2 to take a 33-13 halftime lead. Carmel added another 23 points in the third quarter.

Peter Suder led the 'Hounds with 14 points and six rebounds. Josh Whack handed out four assists and Charlie Williams blocked two shots.

Carmel is 16-4 and plays Friday at Warren Central to finish its Metropolitan Conference and regular seasons.

| CARMEL 70, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 41 | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| Carmel | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Josh Whack | 4-7 | 0-0 | 8 | 0 |

| | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-----|----|----|
| Peter Suder | 4-7 | 4-4 | 14 | 0 |
| Sam Orme | 3-6 | 0-0 | 7 | 3 |
| Charlie Williams | 3-5 | 2-2 | 8 | 2 |
| Jared Bonds | 3-3 | 0-0 | 6 | 4 |
| Garwey Dual | 3-4 | 0-0 | 8 | 1 |
| Josh Rauh | 0-1 | 2-2 | 2 | 3 |
| Spencer White | 3-6 | 0-0 | 8 | 1 |
| Burke Weldy | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jake Griffin | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Andrew Clevinger | 2-3 | 0-0 | 6 | 0 |
| Alex Cuoto | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 |
| Logan Reinhart | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clay Richards | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 26-45 | 8-8 | 70 | 15 |

Score by Quarters

| | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|----|------|
| Carroll | 11 | 2 | 12 | 16 | - 41 |
| Carmel | 12 | 21 | 23 | 14 | - 70 |

Carmel 3-point shooting (10-23) White 2-5, Suder 2-4, Clevinger 2-3, Dual 2-2, Orme 1-4, Cuoto 1-2, Whack 0-2, Weldy 0-1.

Carmel rebounds (23) Suder 6, Orme 4, Dual 3, Whack 3, Rauh 2, Williams 2, Richards 1, Weldy 1, Bonds 1.

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