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David Mundy returning as Sheridan Schools Supt.

Roberson announces retirement, Mundy to start April 11

The REPORTER

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees announced at its meeting Monday evening its intent to ratify a contract with Dr. David Mundy as the new superintendent.

Dr. Mundy will follow Mary Roberson, who announced her retirement earlier this year. As required by Indiana Code, the Sheridan School Board posted the terms of the superintendent contract and held a hearing on the proposed contract Monday. Official action on the contract will take place on Monday, Feb. 21.



Mundy



Roberson

Mundy, who is currently Associate Superintendent at Noblesville Schools, will be returning to Sheridan, where he previously served as superintendent

from 2014 to 2017. In his role at Noblesville, Mundy has been responsible for overseeing district Human Resources and Operations with numerous accomplishments to his credit.

"I'm so incredibly honored and thankful for the opportunity to return and work with all the outstanding students, teachers, leadership, and entire community of Sheridan" Mundy said. "I am grateful for my time in Noblesville, the goals we have achieved, learning I've experienced, and fun I've

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Heights accepting nominations for Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations from the public for the Class of 2022. Nominations are being accepted through March 31, 2022.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was created in 2019 to recognize and honor Hamilton Heights High School athletes, coaches, teams, and athletic program contributors for their achievements and/or contributions to the high school athletic program.

The Athletic Hall of Fame is an opportunity for the school corporation to recognize graduates and other individuals for their contributions to the district and achievements inside and outside the community. The committee selects inductees not only for their athletic achievements at Heights but

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Photo provided

The 2012 HHHS Football Team, which earned the State Runner Up, was inducted to the HHHS Athletic Hall of Fame in 2021. Players and coaches in attendance at the ceremony included (from row, from left) Chuck Reeves (coach), Christy Carey (Ketler) (cheerleader), and Cameron Mason (coach); (back row, from left) Collin Blackford (player), Mitch Street (coach), Dan Robinson (coach), Ross Eckart (coach), Smoke Starrett (coach), Max Moore (player), Cole Leininger (player), Corey Beck (player), Aaron Knott (player), and Andy Smith (coach).

K-9 Maudie finds missing Carmel child



Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Department
 On Monday, one of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office K-9 units was called upon to assist the Carmel Police Department with a missing child who walked away from a residence. The child was previously diagnosed with autism and a communication disorder. Sheriff's Deputy Neal Hoard and his K-9 partner Maudie, a Bloodhound, arrived on the scene. They were briefed on the situation and obtained a scent article. The scent article was introduced to Maudie at the last location that the missing child was seen. Deputy Hoard and K-9 Maudie worked towards 141st Street and Ivybridge Drive. The child was eventually located near the 1300 block of Kirklees Drive sitting in an unlocked car trying to stay warm. The child was safely returned home and checked by personnel on scene. *To all involved – a job well done!*

How many roads must a man drive down . . .

Recently, I accidentally met a man by the name of Rob McCoy. Rob was from out of town and needed a ride from his hotel in Westfield to Noblesville. Upon Rob entering my truck, he explained that he was the Senior Pastor of God Speak Calvary Chapel, a large church in One Thousand Oaks, Calif. Pastor McCoy, the son of a conservative Naval Officer father and Republican Activist mother, was an All-American water polo player and national finalist swimmer, graduating from California State Uni-

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versity with a BA in History. Later, he received his Seminary Training from the Mennonite Brotherhood Biblical Seminary. In addition to his pastoral work, Rob serves as a member of the Thousand Oaks City Council and was a former Mayor.

An outspoken conservative and commentator on culture, education, vaccinations, and other pressing issues, he came to speak at a Turning Point USA Rally. Although I had never

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Emergency Rental Assistance program helps 1,380 county households through pandemic

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Township Association (HCTA) on Monday released its 2021 Annual Report on the Hamilton County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (HC ERAP).

The report outlines how the program helped stabilize the rental market during 2021. A total of \$7,771,772 was awarded in rental/utility assistance to Hamilton County residents. Specifically, \$7,266,070 was awarded in rental assistance and \$505,701 in utility assistance, help-



Heirbrandt



Tolan

ing 1,380 unique households from being homeless due to the effects of COVID-19.

"The median combined household income of applicants receiving assistance is \$17,297, so clearly, we are assisting county residents really struggling to make ends meet," said Danielle Carey Tolan, HCTA President and Westfield Washington Township Trustee. "As the winter months continue to bring spikes in COVID-19 along with inclement weather and dangerous temperatures, this program is more important

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No injuries in Tuesday house fire in Noblesville

The REPORTER

Just before 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to a residence fire at 1705 Maple Ave.

The first crews to arrive reported smoke coming from the home. Firefighters were able to make an aggressive interior attack and quickly extinguish the fire in the basement.

One resident was evaluated by an ambulance crew and chose not to be transported to a hospital.

Fire damage was limited to the basement. The cause of the fire has not been released at this time.

NFD was assisted by the Noblesville Police Department.



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

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had during my time in Noblesville. I will always have a big heart for Noblesville Schools. I look forward to this next step of my life and I am tremendously grateful for the Sheridan school board presenting me with this opportunity.”

Board members say they are optimistic about the school corporation’s

bright future and excited about Dr. Mundy leading the Blackhawks.

“We are thrilled to have Dave coming back to Sheridan to serve as our superintendent,” Board President Todd Roberts said. “We know Dave is a great leader and look forward to his leadership in the future.”

There will be a period

where Roberson and Mundy work together to insure a seamless transition and continuation of programming and projects. The terms of the posted contract call for Mundy’s start at Sheridan to be April 11.

Mundy is a graduate of Ball State, Indiana Wesleyan, Olivet Nazarene, and Oakland City universities.

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because they demonstrate the values of good character and citizenship.

Categories and nomination criteria are included on the application and can found online on the high school athletics page at hhschuskies.org. Applications can be submitted electronically to Mitch Street, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman at mstreet@hhschuskies.org, or mailed to Hamilton Heights High School, P.O. Box 379, Ar-

cadia, IN 46030. For questions or additional information, contact Mitch Street at (317) 984-3551, ext. 1092, or email mstreet@hhschuskies.org.

About Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame

The Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to honor the memory and contributions of the many outstanding athletes, coaches, and supporters of

our athletic programs. The Hall of Fame serves as a symbol of the school corporation’s appreciation of the excellence, honor and devotion displayed by these celebrated individuals and teams of not only Hamilton Heights but the schools that ultimately fed into Hamilton Heights (Atlanta, Jackson Central, Walnut Grove, Arcadia, and Cicero). The Hall of Fame will recognize up to six individuals or teams each year.

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ASSISTANCE

than ever and vital to many of our renters and landlords.”

“Not only is this helping our struggling residents, but it’s also helping our landlords, who have invested in our county, get paid the money they are owed,” said County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. “This program served 97 veteran households and 337 households with disabilities. It also helped households where the primary worker needed to be at home to care for children out of school, or family members ill with COVID. Forty-three percent of applications were in these three categories, so we had a real need. Taking advantage of federal funding to help our residents is something we should all be proud of.”

“There has been a concern among some residents that programs like ERAP have been contributing to the labor shortage,” Tolan

said. “We know businesses are hurting, and in an economy operating at full employment a top priority is for us to keep a roof over someone’s head so they can stay in our community and retain or identify employment. Evidence shows that when that housing stability falters the ability to effectively work or participate in education or training goes with it.”

Fifty-seven percent of the households served by ERAP had at least one resident working.

Out of the 3,618 total applications received in 2021, 511 were denied assistance due to either fraud or not meeting eligibility. To be eligible for financial assistance from HC ERAP, you must be a renter in Hamilton County, at least one adult in your household must have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19, and your household income is at or

below 80 percent of the area’s median income.

The online application can be found at HCTAINdiana.com. A call center (317-618-3125) is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to assist renters and landlords. The website also provides a list of local partners throughout the county available to help residents with the application process. You can visit your local library or a partner site if you need internet access.

Background

The Hamilton County Emergency Rental Assistance Program is included in two stimulus packages from the U.S. Department of Treasury. Six Indiana counties, including Hamilton County, were allocated funds in terms of grant dollars for COVID-19 relief assistance for rent and utilities, with the purpose of stemming homelessness and helping the economy.

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before heard of Turning Point USA, Rob explained that it is one of the largest and fastest growing youth movements in the country. He had been invited to speak to the local Noblesville chapter, which advocates for conservative principles within our school boards and local government.

As a pastor in Soviet California, Rob McCoy, garnered national attention in the early days of the COVID-19 crisis for defying lockdown orders by continuing to host in-person church services. At the height of the pandemic in 2020, California shut down churches (classifying them as non-essential) while allowing marijuana dispensaries, liquor stores, and strip clubs to remain open. To show the absurdity of the government’s arbitrary lockdown classifications, Pastor McCoy did a strip tease at church ... well, at least he took his tie off.

For months, God Speak Calvary Chapel, along with many other California churches, defied public health officials by holding indoor church services and asserting that closing the church doors infringes on fundamental religious liberties under both the California and United States Consti-

tutions. In challenging the California government, Rob faced numerous hardships, including being cited for contempt and being forbade from even holding outdoor church services without masks and social distancing.

Despite the ongoing harassment by state and local officials, God Speak Calvary Chapel has seen extraordinary growth in the past two years. According to Rob, attendance has tripled, and on-line attendance exploded with more than 25,000 subscribers on the church’s YouTube channel. During times of hardship, local churches and church congregations play an irreplaceable role in caring for the community. As God Speak Calvary Chapel’s extraordinary growths demonstrates, the church’s mission and ministry continue through pestilence and peace.

Quite unexpected evenings can happen when you accidentally end up at the right place at the right time to give a stranger a ride to your hometown.

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Noblesville Schools to lift mask mandate

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following message was sent to Noblesville Schools families and staff on Tuesday afternoon.

Due to the decrease in positive cases and quarantines across the district, Noblesville Schools will move to mask optional at all schools starting Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

We will continue to follow quarantine requirements, track our COVID positive rates, and make adjustments to our protocols, as needed, to keep schools open and students learning in person.

Please continue to monitor health conditions and keep your student home if they're exhibiting multiple

symptoms of illness. Please continue to report positive COVID cases to your school nurse.

Per federal guidelines, masks are still required for students and staff on school buses.

We have also updated our COVID protocols. For details, visit noblesvilleschools.org/return.

Masks dropped in Westfield schools, still required in HSE schools

By CAMILA FERNANDEZ
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Statewide cases of the coronavirus have begun to plummet, enough that some school districts are dropping their mask mandates.

Although Westfield Washington Schools on Monday dropped its mask mandate, Indianapolis Public Schools and Hamilton Southeastern Schools continued to require masks for all students and staff regardless of their vaccination status.

Students at Westfield Washington and at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School are no longer forced to wear masks inside classrooms. Some Indiana parents say they don't think masks were necessary.

"For over a year now, I have not seen any benefit to masking children," said Ben Orr, a parent in Hamilton

County.

Westfield Washington representatives say the most recent surge of the omicron variant is past its peak and causing district and state COVID-19 case numbers to steeply decline. They say masks will be recommended in the school district and will remain mandatory on school buses.

Brebeuf representatives say they're returning to their mask-optional policy but will support students and staff members who want to continue wearing masks.

Hospitals are still asking people to wear masks despite the decrease in cases.

Dr. Christopher Belcher, medical director of infection disease at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, said Monday, "We need to remember that even if we're not overwhelmed as a hospital, we don't like seeing people sick in our hospitals, so stay

well, distance, mask, wash your hands, get all your vaccines up to date, and do the best thing you can for your health."

According to the [HSE website](https://www.hse.org), masks are required indoors for all faculty and students.

Orr has children in the school system. He says he doesn't agree with the mask mandate. He also believes the mandate is not enforced all the time. "As soon as the school day is over, they can do what they want with masking in the same building, the same facilities with all the same staff and same students."

Orr said he hopes the mask mandate will be removed in the future. "It does make me hopeful through, I guess, peer pressure if it comes to that, that some of the surrounding districts dropping the mask mandates will eventually flow over."

Sheridan Youth Assistance ready to make greater impact this year

The REPORTER

Because of community supporters, the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) is currently serving 22 percent of students at Sheridan Community Schools.

Some of the highlights from 2021 include:

- 12 students worked in the summer employment program
- 15 uninsured or underinsured students received mental health counseling
- 21 students received after school care
- 47 students had a community or peer mentor
- 50 students had a camp experience
- 85 students received tutoring services



tutoring services

- 100 students were able to participate in an extracurricular activity
- 200 students received school supplies
- 375 individuals received holiday assistance

SYAP has an opportunity to make an even greater impact in 2022. Donating now ensures funding for students to play spring sports, attend camps and have summer employment opportunities. [Click here](https://www.youthassistance.org/sheridan-news) to donate today.

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Letter to the Editor

Basiles praise MSP's latest production, encourages all to see *Of Mice and Men*

Dear Editor:

My wife Katrina and I attended the play *Of Mice and Men* by Main Street Productions on Saturday night and thoroughly enjoyed it.

We love the theatre and frequently attend plays, and we both agreed that this production is one of the best we have seen by a community theatre organization. The very talented cast, clearly supported by a strong production crew, deserved the standing ovation that it received.

After the play, I had an opportunity to

talk with James Williams, who did a wonderful job directing this large cast. The performances evoked the strong emotions, including love and compassion, undoubtedly intended by John Steinbeck when he wrote this devastating and tragic human-interest story.

This play runs one more weekend and I highly recommend it. You will long remember the feelings aroused by this iconic story.

Frank Basile
Indianapolis

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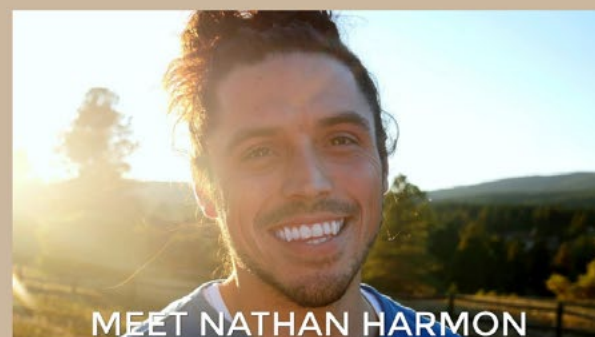
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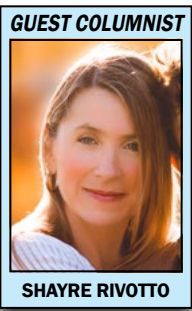
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Fishers parent: ‘All or nothing’ not a sensible policy approach

I am a conservative parent of two children I have removed from public school. I have been doing my part in the fight to get our schools back to real excellence in education.

I am not talking about the kind of excellence that touts ideology and feelings above all else. I mean the old school excellence where academic knowledge and achievement meant something more. I mean the excellence of our school system where teachers were silent about their political views. I mean the excellence of our teachers to teach us HOW to think, and not WHAT to think. I miss the days when ALL teachers were neutral, and the children could make up their own minds.

This journey through the process of being a concerned parent and an advocate for my children has taught me a lot of life lessons. I didn't want to get into the political process at all, yet here I am doing it out of necessity for



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our children and our God-given rights. Here we are in the middle of a legislative session that has been very controversial, and I reflect on my journey to get here. I want to share some of what I have learned along the way.

Two years ago, I didn't know anything about school boards or local government. Sure, I voted in the presidential elections, but I had no idea of the impact that local and state government had on our lives. I never knew how important it was to get involved at the local level, and I realize that most people are just like me. I would encourage everyone to get involved with your own local government in some way, or at least make an effort to know what is happening. Know WHO is making decisions at the local and state level for you and your families.

Most of us just want to go about enjoying our lives, and we don't understand the importance of knowing what

is happening. We think that other people will just take care of it for us.

They will not. It takes all of us.

I have learned that many things are not as they appear. As regular citizens, we often look at legislators and politics from the viewpoint that it is all corrupt. It's true that we have been let down by people in both parties, and it is certainly true that there is corruption.

However, I have met some of the greatest people that I never expected to meet during this process. I see legislators with a true heart to serve others. My state legislators have listened to parents like me from the very beginning, and they made sincere efforts to learn about our concerns. Once they learned our concerns were founded in factual evidence, they took action to protect us and our rights. I will be forever grateful for what they have done and for their courage to do what is right – even at great cost to themselves. They have earned my trust and respect with their actions and intentions.

How do you know a good legislator? Look to see how they vote on bills that are important to you. Do they have the courage to put forth bills at all? Do they listen to the people? Can they navigate the mess that is our government to get to the finish line with actual results that help us, or are they all media hype with nothing to back it up? If you can find those answers, then you will find your good legislators to support.

The most surprising thing that I have learned is how divided people can be. Everyone has different ideas, and everyone seems to want their own way regarding politics and legislation, especially on bills like House Bill 1134. It's all or nothing for some, while others will take what they can get and work toward building on a foundation. All or nothing does not work for us in the end. SOMETHING is always better than nothing, in my opinion. Why can't we come together to get something accomplished for ourselves?

I hope that we figure it out before it is too late.

HAMILTON COUNTY Soil & Water



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Soil & Water can help you prepare for spring with native plants, rain barrels

The REPORTER

Spring rains, sunshine and blooms are on the horizon. Plan ahead for your property by ordering your native plants and rain barrels from the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The SWCD has all the tools you need to conserve water and support pollinators like bees and butterflies with beautiful native plants.

Native plant kits allow you to take the guesswork out of plant selection by providing a set of plants that will be perfect for your yard. Each native plant kit contains 50 native plant plugs for \$135. There is a kit for all areas of your yard including pollinator, rain (for wetter areas) and shade garden.

Rain barrels

Rain barrels are also available for pre-order for \$75. These repurposed barrels capture rainwater from your downspout and roof and hold it for later use. Rain barrel water is great for watering plants and gardens or even washing the car. In peak summer months, a rain barrel can save around

Carmel residents are eligible for a \$50 to \$75 rebate from the City Stormwater Program after installing a rain barrel. The SWCD can provide an application for this program at the barrel pick up event. Learn more at rainonmain.com/carmel-rain-barrel-subsidy.html.

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More information on native plants and rain barrels can be found at hamiltonswcd.org.

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Indiana Senate panel dials back changes to mail-in voting rules

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Voting-rights groups on Monday said changes to a voting bill were an improvement, but more work is needed.

When a **Republican-backed election security bill**, House Bill 1116, arrived in the Senate Elections Committee on Monday morning, it included a major change to the state's mail-in voting rules.

Currently, voters can ask for a mail-in absentee ballot if, on Election Day, they will be out of town, they will be working during the entire 12-hour polling period, or they can't leave their homes due to illness or injury.

The bill included language stipulating that you could only ask for a mail-in ballot if those circumstances were true both on Election Day and during the 28-day early voting period. At the recommendation of Sen. Greg Walker (R-Columbus) the committee removed the language during the hearing, which means the rules for who can vote early would remain unchanged if the bill becomes law.

Walker said he would like to see Indiana adopt no-excuse early voting. **According to the National**

Conference of State Legislatures, 27 states and the District of Columbia have already done so. Another eight states conduct elections entirely by mail.

"Absentee vote by mail is not going to go away," Walker said. "We have those that are expatriates overseas. We have those that we just don't have any other secure means to collect their ballot today."

Voting rights advocates said the committee's decision was an improvement, but they're still concerned by another provision regarding absentee ballots: A requirement that anyone requesting a ballot online provide their driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security Number to verify their identity.

Ami Gandhi, senior counsel for the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, said this provision could further deter people from voting.

"We saw some of those most serious threats and proposals tamped down this morning but, unfortunately, there are still the threats of disenfranchisement present in this bill that moved forward," Gandhi said.

The bill also moves up to July 2024 the deadline for

Sen. Ford's statement on bill's amendment

Editor's note: Sen. J.D. Ford serves as the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Elections Committee. He made the following statement after the Committee adopted the amendment to HB 1116.

"I'm thankful for the bipartisan opposition to the extreme efforts to limit absentee mail-in voting.

"The amended HB 1116 is a significantly improved bill. Our current restrictions on mail-in voting are already unenforceable, we should be moving towards a no-excuse vote-by-mail system.

"I agree with Senator Greg Walker's (R-Columbus) support for Marion County's ballot-tracking technology as a safe and secure way to adminis-



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ter mail-in voting. I'd also like to thank my colleagues for their support of my amendment.

"This bill is improved from the House-passed version, but still has issues that need to be addressed. I will continue to work with my colleagues to improve the bill as it moves through the process."

Sen. Ford represents Indiana Senate District 29 which encompasses Boone County's Eagle Township, Hamilton County's Clay Township, and Marion County. Marion County communities include Pike and Wayne townships. For more information on Sen. Ford's legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit indianasenate-democrats.org/s29.

counties to have verifiable paper trails for electronic voting machines.

The measure still would have to get through the full

Senate, which could amend it further, after which the House would have to decide whether to accept the Senate's changes.

Carmel's Physique 57 "Fabulous Night Out" will raise money for LGBTQ+ organization

The REPORTER

Want to have fun, get a good workout, and help a good cause? Then don't miss Physique 57's Fabulous Night out Thursday, Feb. 17. The Carmel barre fitness studio will hold the inaugural event at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to benefit Trinity Haven Indy, an organization that helps LGBTQ+ young adults facing housing insecurity.

"I asked members of Indy Mavens for local LGBTQ+ organizations. While there are amazing national and regional organizations, we wanted to make sure that our proceeds, no matter the size, would have an impact," said Physique 57 Carmel owner Leslie Lupton. "Several people mentioned Trinity Haven and I looked into the services they provide. I've known people who have faced housing insecurity due to being LGBTQ+ and I love that Trinity Haven provides a safe environment during a time in someone's life when they might feel like they have no allies."

The name for the event came from a desire to be

inclusive.

"Ladies Night Out, Drag Night, etc., all sounded like they could possibly exclude," Lupton said. "At Physique 57 we welcome every BODY, and we wanted for everybody to feel welcome to our event."

The highlight of Fabulous Night Out: Instructor Jet Terry in drag as Jetta.

"Jetta will bring a lot of sass and moves fit for a diva to the workout," Lupton said. "Jetta has a degree in performing arts and dance and is a professional dancer and performer, so he will have us all feeling a little extra as we do our Physique 57 moves. He is a fully trained Physique 57 instructor with over 200 hours of training—he knows how to make class extra fun without sacrificing form and safety."

Terry said it's a privilege to do what he loves for a charity so important to him.

"LGBTQ+ individuals face discrimination on a daily basis, and Trinity Haven helps LGBT individuals with housing insecurity to give more peace of mind and keep more people in the

community out of dangerous situations," Terry said.

Trinity Haven Indy Executive Director Jenni White said the organization is humbled to be chosen as the beneficiary of Fabulous Night Out.

"It means the world to us, knowing that so many people love and support us and want to be a part of creating a safe, welcoming affirming home for LGBTQ youth/young adults," White said. "Thank you so much, friends!"

In addition to the class, Fabulous Night Out will feature a red carpet, and step and repeat at the entry for pictures, as well as photo ops with "Jetta" before and after classes. Tagging Physique 57 Indy and Trinity Haven in Instagram pictures and posts will get bonus entries in a raffle for Renova Aesthetics Brow Lamination/Lash Lift & Tint.

"Plus, there's something about a red carpet that lifts spirits and puts everyone in the celebratory mood," Lupton said. "Tickets are \$45 and the event is open to the public. The two ses-

sions will both be Sculpt level classes, where the focus is on the foundations of the Physique 57 method. Classes will be limited to 20 people per session. It's hoped \$1,800 will be raised by selling all tickets."

Lupton continued, "And we are expecting that there will be additional donations for those unable to attend. We are hoping to have at least \$2,000 for Trinity Haven."

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Meeting Notices

The Adams Township Board and Trustee will meet to discuss the 2021 Annual Report at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at the Adams Township Trustee's Office, 201 S. Main St., Sheridan.

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, has been canceled.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – North District will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee will meet at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing (219) 225-8177 and entering Conference ID 904 856 268#.

The Cicero Fire Commission (merit board) will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022, at the Cicero Fire Station, 1359 Stringtown Pike, Cicero.

The Noblesville Tree Board Urban Forestry Canopy Engagement Committee meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, has been canceled.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – South District will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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New Year brings continued growth for central Indiana residential real estate market

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January 2022 continued 2021's trend toward a robust residential real estate market. Monthly real estate statistics from F.C. Tucker Company revealed that January 2022 pended home sales decreased 2.1 percent compared to January 2021. Year-to-date home sale prices increased 14 percent, and central Indiana housing inventory decreased 12.4 percent compared to this time last year.

- The year-to-date home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region was \$282,160, an increase of 14 percent compared to January 2021.

- Pended home sales decreased, down 2.1 percent compared to this time last year.

- Available housing inventory continued to decrease, down 14.3 percent compared to January 2021.

In January 2022, 3,026 central Indiana homes were purchased, down 2.1 percent from the 3,092 sold in January 2021. Specifically:

- Hancock County showed the greatest increase in pended home sales

with 58.7 percent growth compared to January 2021.

- Bartholomew County pended sales had the greatest decrease with 17.6 percent fewer homes sold in January 2022 compared to this time last year.

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

- Putnam County recorded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 9 percent.

- **Hamilton County** had the highest average home sale price in the region at \$432,586.

- Homes sold in 22 days on average, 21.4 percent faster than in 2021. Bartholomew County homes left the market 28 days, or 62.2 percent, faster than in January 2021 – the greatest decrease of the 16-county central Indiana area.

Central Indiana experienced a 14.3 percent decrease in overall available home inventory in January 2022, with 310 fewer homes available for sale than in January 2021. Seven counties continued to see inventory decreases in

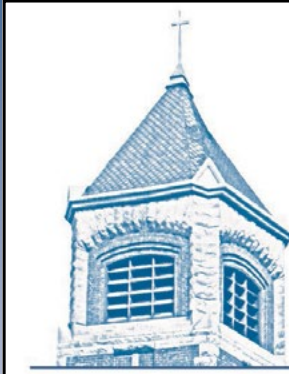
January 2022, while nine counties saw increases.

- Boone County had the largest inventory increase – up 75.4 percent compared to January 2021.

- **Hamilton County** inventory continued to experience the greatest decrease in central Indiana – down 56.3 percent – compared to this time last year.

"Central Indiana continues to experience a dynamic, fast-paced real estate market as we move into 2022," said F.C. Tucker Company CEO Jim Litten. "While inventory is increasing in most counties, homes are continuing to sell quickly and for increased prices, further extending the competitive seller's market."

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, two were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 31 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 226 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 840 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 880 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 835 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 212 were priced at \$99,999 or less.



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Lowell Ray Logan

February 17, 1939 – February 14, 2022

Lowell Ray Logan, 82, Arcadia, passed away on Monday, February 14, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on February 17, 1939, to Taso and Edna Logan at their home in Monroe, Tenn.

Lowell was one of five children and spent his childhood helping his mom and dad on their family farm with his siblings. In the late 1950s, Lowell traveled to Indiana to work with his brother Wendell at Chevrolet in Muncie, Ind.

There he worked for 35 years as a skilled tradesman, started a family, and raised five children. After retirement, Lowell pursued his music career. Lowell was most happy when entertaining crowds, his family, or anyone that would listen to the magic that he could produce with a fiddle. He traveled around with many bands playing bluegrass music including Bobby Jewel, Cliff Flatford and the Flatlanders, The Ed Hamilton Band, and The Clear Creek Bluegrass Band. He even got the opportunity to play with Jamie Dailey and teach many accomplished fiddle players how to play the fiddle, including Sierra Hull and Jessica Wesley. Music was his true passion and where he was most happy.

Recently, Lowell enjoyed sitting outside in the sun, spending time with his family, and watching his grandkids play.

Lowell will be remembered for his beautiful music, his great smile, and his sense of humor that could be easily missed if not paying attention.

He is survived by his sister, Bernita Gately; his children, Penny Jo Holloway, Melanie Russell, Cheryl (Dale) Twiford, and Tom (Lisa) Logan; 10 grandchildren, Abby Russell, Amanda (Cody) Engle, Mollee (Michael) Baglole, Matthew Russell, Nick Arthur, Anthony Arthur, Kara Arthur, Jarrod Logan, Jordyn (Brice) Ferguson, Jayla Logan; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Lowell was preceded in death by his brothers, Wendell, Donald, and Jimmy Logan; the mother of his children, Judith Fearheiley; his son, Timothy Lowell Logan; his sons-in-law, Tracy Arthur and Mitchell Russell; and his granddaughter, Courtney McConnell.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held immediately following at 7 p.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Andrew Smiley officiating. Lowell will be laid to rest at a later date at the Booher family Cemetery in Monroe, Tenn.

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Gary Richard Towle

November 12, 1947 – February 13, 2022

Gary Richard Towle, 74, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at River-view Health in Noblesville. He was born on November 12, 1947, to Robert and Elizabeth (Jossens) Towle in Mount Clemens, Mich.

Gary proudly served his country in the United States Air Force at Nellis AFB where he maintained F-111 instrument panels. He worked as a machine tool sales engineer. Gary was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church where he served as head usher and volunteered. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, very adventurous, and a member of the International Harvester 4-Wheelers Club. Gary loved Veteran's Day. He enjoyed stained glass and was a handyman in his retirement. Gary was very resourceful and a modern-day "MacGyver." He was president of the Potter's Bridge HOA and volunteered with a lot of maintenance projects. Gary was a loving and devoted father and husband and enjoyed taking trips with his wife. He was a thoughtful, kind, and caring man who always considered others before himself.

Gary is survived by his wife of 52 years, Fran Towle; daughters, Melissa Towle and Carrie Towle; and his grandson, Zachary Lewis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Towle; brother, Edmond Towle; and sister-in-law, Judy Towle.

Services will be held at 11 a.m., with visitation from 9:30 to 11 a.m., on Friday, February 18, 2022, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, with Rev. Clayton Thompson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (ologn.org).

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Barbara W. Gunn

October 3, 1923 – February 14, 2022

Barbara W. Gunn, 98, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, February 14, 2022, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. She was born on October 3, 1923, to Vernon and Glee (Vickery) Weir in Sheridan.

Barbara worked as a baker for 12 years at Roselyn Bakery, retiring in 1986. She was a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville and loved playing Bingo.

Barbara is survived by her daughter-in-law, Debbie Gunn; great-grandchildren, Cameron (Jennifer) Weaver and Sara (Eric) Parrish; great-great-grandchildren, Zane Parrish, Hailee Parrish, Tatum Parrish, and Jerek Parrish; step-granddaughter, Tammy Roberts; and step-great-grandchildren, Jacob Roberts and Autumn Roberts.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Larry Gunn; and granddaughter, Dawn King.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Friday, February 18, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 (NIV)

LaDean M. Boone

February 5, 1936 – February 11, 2022

LaDean M. Boone, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022, at Wellbrooke of Westfield. She was born on February 5, 1936, to William H. and Alyda M. (Taylor) Beavers in Medora, Ind.

LaDean was a 1953 graduate of Mitchell High School. She was a homemaker for many years. LaDean also enjoyed working in the retail industry where she was a model in fashion shows and successful in retail sales. She was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. She was also a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church. In addition, LaDean was a talented artist and enjoyed tole, folk art and decorative painting.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Marie) Boone of Bloomington; daughter, Julie (Robert) Fischer of Noblesville; four grandchildren, Rebecca (Rob) Werner of Jasper; Stephanie Pruett of Lafayette; Nicholas Fischer of Muncie; Zachary Fischer of Noblesville; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, LaDean was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Robert E. Boone; an infant son, Richard Allen Boone; and her brothers, Joe Beavers and Bill Beavers.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to Transitions Hospice, 8435 Keystone Crossing, Suite 108, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

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Thomas “Tom” E. Brinker

July 27, 1941 – February 7, 2022

Thomas “Tom” E. Brinker, 80, Noblesville, was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend. He left this world suddenly on Monday, February 7, 2022, at his home. He was born on July 27, 1941, to Norman and Elizabeth (McAttee) Brinker in Indianapolis.

Tom was a manager and supervisor for over 31 years in the telecommunications field, working at AT&T and Indiana Bell. He owned Tom Brinker Hardwood Floors Company. Tom was a perfectionist and took extreme pride in his work and workmanship. He was truly an artist in his field.

Tom was a very good father and super fun and energetic grandfather. He spent much time with his family traveling, camping, fishing, boating, water skiing, snow skiing, and much more. Memories of time spent together having fun and adventures as a family will always be deeply cherished and deeply missed.

Tom’s young son, Tommy, always idolized his father for many reasons, but considerably because his father could fix ANYTHING. Tommy grew up wanting very much to be like his father when he grew up and will miss phone calls and visits soliciting help and advice. Daughter, Debbie, has been known, on more than one occasion, to prod her husband into fixing something by offering to call her dad, who can fix anything!

Tom is survived by his wife of 62 years, Edna Brinker. He was the proud father of daughter, Debbie (Keith) Stockberger, and son, Tom(my) (Libby). He was the proud grandfather of six grandchildren, Ashlee (Luke) Edgerton, Jessica (Chris) Bello, Callee (Kyle) Stout, Leelynn (Turner) Lesnick, Lindsey Boes (Arek Ryzak), and Landon Boes (fiancée Megan Gabor); as well as nine great-grandchildren, Makaela, Adalynn, Austin, Emerald, Mila, Jack, Leon, Sia, and Maddox. He is also survived by brothers, Norm, Steve, Paul, Rick, David, and sister Betsy, along with numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Butch.

Rest In Peace, Dad. We love you so much. You will be deeply missed.

The Brinker Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Tom’s care.

Celebration of Life to be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022, with a 10 a.m. visitation and a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. at Mercy Road Church Northwest, 9511 Angola Court, Indianapolis. A meal will follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Tom’s memory to Senior Citizens Organization, Inc., 18336 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (Seniorcitizensorg.org).

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Jason Ryan Wilds

September 4, 1972 – February 8, 2022

On February 8, 2022, Jason Ryan Wilds, Fishers, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in his sleep. Jason was born on September 4, 1972, and in his 49 years on this earth, had more positive impact on the people around him than most of us can ever hope to have.

He will be incredibly missed by his wife of 23 years, Becca, and his sons, Brayton and Christian. A large extended family beyond his beloved “core of four” is also grieving his loss. His mother, father, sister and brother and a host of in-laws, cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews were all the beneficiary of his warmth, easy laugh and joyful personality.

Jason worked for 18 years in Sales & Marketing for Samsung Telecommunications, where his effortless ability to build relationships and make others feel validated and well taken care of made him pretty much a rock star at his job. But there’s no question that he always felt his first and most important job was to be an awesome husband and dad. He gets an “Excellence Achieved” rating on that performance review.

The truth is that Jason created “family” everywhere he was involved. Our neighborhood will never be the same without his helpfulness, crazy antics and firepit nights. The Fishers Running Club has lost a leader, mascot and the most supportive finisher in the books. His volunteer work with Million Meal Movement and so many other organizations, from vehicle service ministries to working with junior high kids at church (and that takes bravery) was a highlight of his reputation.

It will sound like gushing, but if you knew him, you know that there is no exaggeration in the statement that he was one of the most generous, loving, funny guys you knew. In his presence, you were the best of yourself. Truth told, Jason was just born to be a great guy – he led from a place of kindness no matter what and always prized having a patient, gentle, easy-going approach to life.

But Jason would want it clearly known that beyond his natural gift for being awesome, the inner light that fueled him was his love for Jesus, and his mission to “love his neighbor as himself.” We know exactly where Jason’s spirit is now. He is with God and has heard the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Jason – we love you fiercely, and we cannot wait to see you again.

Please join us to remember him and send him off in style. Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2022, with a service at 7 p.m., at Grace Church, 5504 E. 146th St., Noblesville. A reception will follow the service at the church.

Note: Please come comfortably dressed. Jason would absolutely laugh if you felt the need to dry clean a suit or wear heels to see him off.

Also, instead of flowers, we would prefer that you support one of the following organizations Jason loved.

Million Meal Movement, millionmealmovement.org ... In honor of Jason’s calling to serve those who are marginalized.

Fishers Running Club, runsignup.com/Club/IN/Fishers/FishersRunningClub ... In honor of Jason’s passion to Run, Walk, Crawl, Finish.

Hamilton County Humane Society, hamiltonhumane.com ... In honor of Jason’s best buddies – Sam, Cayla, Ava, Biff & Wally

World Vision, worldvision.org ... In honor of Jason’s desire to never see children go without basic needs.

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Kathy Renae Ashpaugh

May 8, 1964 – February 11, 2022

Kathy Renae Ashpaugh, 57, Cicero, passed away on Friday, February 11, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Born in Kokomo on May 8, 1964, Kathy was the first-born child and only daughter of Terry Shrock and Jean Brown Barnhart.

Kathy graduated from Taylor High School in Kokomo in 1982, and in 1984 from Ivy Tech with an associate’s degree. Kathy married Bruce, the love of her life, on June 11, 1988.

Kathy was a loan processing agent with Irwin/Freedom Mortgage for nearly 30 years. She was a lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum, and a member of The Bowling Green Assembly Corvette Club, both in Bowling Green, Ky. Kathy loved driving her Corvette and attending multiple auto racing events nationwide, including Corvette Racing and Petit LeMans, the Indianapolis 500, and NHRA Nationals. She loved all animals and faithfully supported many animal charities, both locally and nationally. Kathy was an extremely talented amateur photographer, sharing her pictures with her many groups and colleagues in both the Corvette and Cadillac XLR worlds. Kathy traveled in her Corvette multiple times to her favorite places: the Indiana State Fair, the Corvette Museum, and The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C.

She will be missed terribly by her beloved husband of 34 years, Bruce Aspaugh; her mother, Jean Barnhart; father, Terry Shrock; brothers, Ryan (Joan) Shrock and Brad Barnhart; brothers-in-law, Brian (Kris) Ashpaugh and David (Donna) Ashpaugh; nieces, Cheyenne Shrock and Reagan Ashpaugh; her friend of 51 years that introduced Kathy and Bruce, Meschelle Sahli Dolak of Ft. Myers, Fla.; as well as her many friends worldwide who shared her love of Corvettes.

Kathy was preceded in death by her stepfather, William “Barney” Barnhart.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Services will be held at 7 p.m., with Brian Ashpaugh officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com); or Kokomo Humane Society, 729 E. Hoeffer St., Kokomo, IN 46902 (kokomohumane.org); or Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42101 (corvettemuseum.org).

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Elizabeth Ann (Haskett) Trietsch

May 4, 1943 – February 12, 2022

Elizabeth Ann (Haskett) Trietsch, 78, Home Place, passed away in her home on Saturday, February 12, 2022. Elizabeth “Betty Ann,” or “Liz” as she later became known, was born in Hamilton County on May 4, 1943, to William and Aletha (Games) Haskett, the sixth of their seven children. She grew up in western Clay Township, graduating from Carmel High School in 1961.

In her senior year, Liz met the love of her life, Jon Leon Weikal (later changed to Trietsch). They were married in White Chapel Church on November 19, 1961 and shared 51 years of marriage before his passing in 2013.

Upon his retirement, Jon opened Trietsch Workshop where Liz worked at caning chairs while Jon repaired furniture. They enjoyed working together until 2011. Elizabeth reveled in baking cookies for the police and fire departments at Christmas time, as well as sharing with friends and neighbors.

Sharing the wonders and experiences of life with her children brought so much love and joy to Liz. She became “Grandma” to five of the neighbor’s daughters, Amy, Heather, Melissa, Amy and Angie. She dearly loved each one.

In addition to her parents, Liz was preceded in death by her husband, Jon; three brothers, Douglas, George, and Philip Haskett; two sisters, Julia “Judy” Hohl and Patricia “Patty” Monroe.

Elizabeth is survived by her three children, Beverly (Dan) Palmer of Vancouver, Wash., Jon D. Trietsch of Churubusco, Ind., and Aletha “Annie” Trietsch of Home Place; grandsons, Ryan Palmer and Jonathan Dennison; brother, William Haskett of Carmel; sister-in-law, Joan (William) Ball of Carmel; many nieces, nephews, and friends who loved her.

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at White Chapel Church, 5155 E. 116th St., Carmel, where the Funeral Service will begin at noon. Burial will follow at Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Elizabeth, may be made to Toys for Tots at toysfortots.org.

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

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Betty S. Baker

December 14, 1944 – February 10, 2022

Betty S. Baker, 77, Bluffton, Ind., passed away at 8:38 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at River Terrace Estates with her family by her side. She was born on December 14, 1944, in Bowling Green, Ky., to Archie M. and Virginia Florence (Tinsley) Frazee, who preceded her in death. She married Kenneth L. Baker on February 18, 1966, in Noblesville. He preceded her in death on March 4, 2020.

Betty graduated from Noblesville High School in 1963 and furthered her education graduating from Indiana Central Business College. Betty was a Social Services Long Term Care Professional with a 20-year career at Ossian Health Care / TLC Management, retiring on October 22, 2010.

Betty also served in the Wells County Cooperative Extension Office for 13 years.

Betty was a member of Business & Professional Women, Bluffton Community Women and attended the St. Luke Church. Betty enjoyed musicals, scrapbooking, cross-stitching, reading, and spending time with her family.

She is survived by a daughter, Julie L. (Joe) Smith of Bluffton; brother, Timothy J. Frazee of Noblesville; sister, Beth A. Bentley of Camdenton, Mo.; granddaughter, Elizabeth Kovacs of Boston, Mass.; and grandson, Gabriel A. Smith of Bluffton, Ind.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022, at St. Luke Church, 4960 W. County Road 100 North, Decatur, Ind. A celebration of life service will follow at 6 p.m. with Pastor Mike Wertenberger officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at Crown View Cemetery, Sheridan.

Preferred memorials are to St. Luke Building Fund or The Ronald McDonald House.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, Ind. To sign the online guestbook, visit zwickjahn.com. The service will be livestreamed on the Zwick and Jahn Facebook page at facebook.com/Zwick-Jahn-Funeral-Homes.

Margaret “Peggy” Briggs Spraker

January 5, 1930 – February 12, 2022

Margaret “Peggy” Briggs Spraker, 92, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. She was born on January 5, 1930, to Leonard and Margaret (Hunt) Briggs in Trenton, N.J.

Peggy graduated in 1951 from Syracuse University with a bachelor’s degree in Fine Arts. She enjoyed tollwear painting and crafts. Peggy was mostly a homemaker but worked as a manager for JoAnn Fabrics in Michigan. She was a fabric maker. Margaret also worked as a computer backup manager for Horizon Bank. She was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority and an alumni representative of Syracuse University recruitment. Peggy was a member of Forest United Methodist Church in Virginia where she was actively involved in the building of the new church. She also attended Cicero United Methodist Church upon moving to Indiana. Peggy was an avid Bridge player, involved with the D.A.R., and enjoyed volunteering at Conner Prairie. She also loved to travel, especially to England.

Peggy is survived by her son, Robert “Bob” (Mary Jane) Spraker; daughter, Margaret (Daniel) Smith; granddaughters, Rebecca Jane Spraker and Alexandra Danielle Smith; grandson, Joseph Robert Spraker II; great-grandson, Zane Oliver Smith; and sister, Mildred “Mimi” (Richard) Harder.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Robert Spraker; sister, Carol Baehre; and brother-in-law, Bill Baehre.

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m., with services at 2 p.m., on Friday, February 18, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Jesse Mullins will officiate. Additional services will take place in April 2022 at Houghtaling & Smith Funeral Home in Canajoharie, N.Y. Peggy will be laid to rest next to her husband at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Canajoharie, N.Y.

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Boys basketball

Tigers get big comeback win over LN

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - The Fishers boys basketball team has been busy over the last few days trying to complete an unbeaten Hoosier Crossroads Conference season.

Somewhere during that time, the HCC champion Tigers found time to take on Lawrence North.

Fishers, ranked No. 3 in the IBCA coaches poll and the Associated Press Class 4A ratings, hosted the IBCA No. 15 Wildcats Tuesday at the Tiger Den and found themselves in a deep hole in the second quarter. But thanks to its resilience, maturity and a career game from Bryce Williams, Fishers came back, outscoring LN 23-8 in the fourth quarter for a 53-47 victory.

The Wildcats were rolling early, leading 14-7 after the first quarter. Lawrence North then opened the second period on a 10-1 run, going on top 24-8 with 4:50 left in the second period. CJ Gunn, the Wildcats' Indiana University-bound star, had 15 points for his team at that point.

The Tigers began their comeback during the later half of the quarter, using a 12-3 spurt to get within 27-20 by halftime. Williams showed rumblings of things to come by scoring seven points of that run, including a 3-pointer to end the half. Williams' triple answered a 3 from Bryson Bond, which had halted a run of nine unanswered Fishers points.

"I just thought we were stagnant in the first quarter and we just finally got the ball moving and we picked up our defensive energy," said Tigers coach Garrett Winegar. "Then we got out a little bit and got some of that, and then at halftime, we got it to a seven-point game, just told them we've been there before, this is not new. We've been down in games and this is a game we can win, and also we had guys step up to hit big shots."

Consecutive baskets by Omar Cooper Jr. pushed LN's lead back up to 31-20, but Fishers went on a 7-0 run to get within 31-27. Payton Weemer made a layin, then it was Bryce time again: Williams nailed a 3, then score off a steal by Charlie Smith.

Williams said that after that basket, "everyone was screaming around the gym, and I think that was the turning point right there."

The second half turned out to be almost all back-and-forth runs. Lawrence North scored eight straight points to go up 39-27, then Aidan Zimmer finished the third quarter with a 3. That launched a 9-0 spurt, with Williams scoring four points and Smith making a pair of free throws.

The Wildcats still led 43-36 with 3:19 left. It was all Tigers after that, as they finished the game on an incredible 17-4 run. Fishers started by scoring 12 unanswered points, beginning with back-to-back triples by Williams and Sean Millsaps to get within one.

Jeffrey Simmons scored the go-ahead basket on a layin, then Williams went to the line twice in one-and-one situations, making all four foul shots. Lawrence North scored four points to get within 48-47, but Smith made a three-point play with 41.8 seconds left to push the Tigers up 51-47. Two more free throws from Williams sealed the game.

"They're in that zone the first half, and Bryce was trying to move the ball and do what he thought we wanted, get the ball moving, get it swinging," said Winegar. "But we really needed him to be more aggressive, and that was the message at halftime. Whether they're in man or in zone, we need you to attack, we need you to get paint touches and make plays. And a lot of times with Bryce this year, that's been making



Fishers' Bryce Williams scored 27 points for the Tigers during their comeback win over Lawrence North Tuesday at the Tiger Den. Williams was 8 of 8 from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter.

plays for Jeffrey or making plays for Jalen and getting a lot of assists.

"But tonight, he was able to turn them into points for him. He did a great job. He's really matured in his leadership, his body language. His mental approach to the game has improved so much in the last 24 months, so I'm just extremely proud of him."

Williams finished the game with 27 points, while Smith and Simmons each scored eight. Williams also collected seven rebounds, while Smith dished out 10 assists.

Fishers is 19-2 overall and travels to Zionsville on Friday to finish HCC play. The Tigers have already clinched an outright conference championship at 6-0, but of course, they want to complete the unbeaten HCC season.

And while the post-season is Fishers' goal, Winegar is happy for the conference title, saying "it's pretty cool for the players, I think it's pretty cool for the student section. We've had great student sections this year and really good community support, so I think it's cool to show that in such a good conference, we're right there with those best teams."

FISHERS 53, LAWRENCE NORTH 47

| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|------------------|-------|-------|----|----|
| Myles Stringer | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 5 |
| Aidan Zimmer | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3 | 2 |
| Bryce Williams | 8-15 | 8-8 | 27 | 3 |
| Charlie Smith | 2-3 | 3-3 | 8 | 3 |
| Jeffrey Simmons | 3-5 | 1-3 | 8 | 2 |
| Payton Weemer | 2-4 | 0-0 | 4 | 1 |
| Sean Millsaps | 1-2 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 |
| Josh Forbes | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matt Brewer | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Millen McCartney | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| JonAnthony Hall | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 17-32 | 12-14 | 53 | 16 |

Score by Quarters

| | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|---------|
| Lawrence North | 14 | 13 | 12 | 8 - 47 |
| Fishers | 7 | 13 | 10 | 23 - 53 |

Fishers 3-point shooting (7-17) Williams 3-7, Millsaps 1-2, Zimmer 1-2, Smith 1-2, Simmons 1-2, Weemer 0-1, McCartney 0-1.

Fishers rebounds (19) Williams 7, Smith 4, Simmons 4, Stringer 1, Brewer 1, team 2.



Charlie Smith scored eight points for Fishers, including a three-point play that put the Tigers up by four with under a minute to go.

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Huskies get hard-fought 'Hawks drop home victory over Eagles

game to Lapel

Hamilton Heights got back in the win column Tuesday with a hard-fought 69-64 victory over Frankton at the Huskies' gym.

Heights led 19-17 after the first quarter and 37-28 at halftime. The Eagles played even with the Huskies in the third quarter, but Heights still was up 51-42 going into the fourth. Frankton then scored 22 points in that final quarter, but the Huskies were able to hold off the Eagles.

Luke Carroll had a tremendous game, reaching double-double status with 29 points and 13 rebounds; he also had four steals and two blocked shots. Evan Williamson added 12 points, while Tillman Etchison scored nine.

Heights is 9-9 and plays at Benton Central Friday in the fifth-place game of the Hoosier Conference tournament.

| HEIGHTS 69, FRANKTON 64 | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|----|----|------|
| Heights | FG | FT | TP | PF | |
| Luke Carroll | 11-17 | 6-9 | 29 | 3 | |
| Cooper Vondersaar | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Tanner Maynard | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Isaac Tuma | 1-2 | 2-5 | 4 | 4 | |
| Tillman Etchison | 3-8 | 3-4 | 9 | 0 | |
| Dean Mason | 1-3 | 4-4 | 7 | 1 | |
| Maddox Bohland | 2-5 | 4-6 | 8 | 0 | |
| Evan Williamson | 4-5 | 2-2 | 12 | 0 | |
| Totals | 22-41 | 21-30 | 69 | 9 | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | |
| Frankton | 17 | 11 | 14 | 22 | - 64 |
| Heights | 19 | 18 | 14 | 18 | - 69 |
| Heights 3-point shooting (4-9) Williamson 2-3, Carroll 1-2, Mason 1-2, Bohland 0-1, Etchison 0-1. | | | | | |
| Heights rebounds (26) Carroll 13, Vondersaar 4, Bohland 3, Mason 3, Etchison 2, Williamson 1. | | | | | |

Sheridan dropped a 66-30 game to Lapel Tuesday at Larry Hobbs Hall.

The Bulldogs led 18-6 after the first quarter and 35-10 at halftime. Carsen Aleman led the Blackhawks with eight points, while Evan Grinstead and Tyler Garner each made a 3-pointer.

Sheridan is 4-15 and plays Friday at Lebanon.

| LAPEL 66, SHERIDAN 30 | | | | | |
|--|----|-----|----|----|------|
| Sheridan | FG | FT | TP | PF | |
| Caleb Wright | 3 | 0-0 | 6 | 0 | |
| Evan Grinstead 2, Tyler Garner 2, David Will 0, Ethan Moistner 1, Carsen Aleman 3, Nathan Hinshaw 1, Evan Krupp 0, Brant Barker 1, Owen Bell 0, Dayne Voege 0, Totals 13, 2-4, 30, 9 | | | | | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | |
| Lapel | 18 | 17 | 18 | 13 | - 66 |
| Sheridan | 6 | 4 | 12 | 8 | - 30 |
| Sheridan 3-pointers (2) Grinstead 1, Garner 1. | | | | | |

Millers fall to Mount Vernon, 71-56

Noblesville dropped an away game at Mount Vernon Tuesday, falling 71-56.

The Marauders, ranked No. 9 in the IBCA one-class poll and No. 10 in the Associated Press Class 4A ratings, took a 19-11 lead after one quarter, then extended their advantage to 33-23 by halftime. Luke Almodovar scored 10 points for the Millers during the first half, while Aaron Fine added nine. Noblesville played even with Mount Vernon in the third period, as both teams scored 16 points. Fine contributed another nine points. But the Marauders outscored the Millers 22-17 in the fourth quarter to clinch the game.

Almodovar led Noblesville with 19 points and four rebounds, while Fine finished with 18 points. Preston Roberts also collected four rebounds.

The Millers are 10-9 and host Avon Friday to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play for the season.

| MOUNT VERNON 71, NOBLESVILLE 56 | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|----|----|------|
| Noblesville | FG | FT | TP | PF | |
| E.J. Smith | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Luke Almodovar | 6-14 | 5-5 | 19 | 3 | |
| Aaron Fine | 8-12 | 2-3 | 18 | 3 | |
| Cooper Bean | 1-4 | 0-0 | 2 | 2 | |
| Preston Roberts | 2-3 | 3-4 | 7 | 1 | |
| Hunter Walston | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 3 | |
| Cam Karns | 1-1 | 2-2 | 4 | 4 | |
| Luke Wilson | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Will Smits | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | |
| Evan Wright | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Totals | 21-41 | 12-14 | 56 | 17 | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | |
| Noblesville | 11 | 12 | 16 | 17 | - 56 |
| Mount Vernon | 19 | 14 | 16 | 22 | - 71 |
| Noblesville 3-point shooting (2-10) Almodovar 2-5, Smith 0-2, Fine 0-1, Bean 0-1, Walston 0-1. | | | | | |
| Noblesville rebounds (22) Almodovar 4, Roberts 4, Fine 3, Walston 3, Karns 3, Bean 2, Smith 1, team 2. | | | | | |

Golden Eagles win CCC finale

Guerin Catholic finished Circle City Conference play on a winning note Tuesday, beating Roncalli 64-53 in the Golden Eagles' CCC and home season-finale at the Eagles Nest.

Guerin Catholic outscored the Royals in each of the four quarters, leading 18-15 after one period and 30-22 at halftime. The Golden Eagles continued to build their lead in the third period, finishing the quarter up 46-36. Guerin led Roncalli 60-44 late in the fourth quarter for its largest advantage of the game.

Four Golden Eagles players reached double figures. Will Grissom led with 14 points, followed by Kamea Chandler with 12. Robert Sorensen and Aden Cannon both added 10 points. Ty Sanders led the rebounds with eight.

Guerin Catholic finished conference play 3-2 and is currently tied for second place in the league with Bishop Chatard. Brebeuf Jesuit is 2-1 in the conference with two more games to play.

The Golden Eagles travel to University

| GUERIN CATHOLIC 64, RONCALLI 53 | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|----|----|------|
| Guerin Catholic | FG | FT | TP | PF | |
| Jack Cherry | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Robert Sorensen | 3-6 | 2-2 | 10 | 0 | |
| Will Grissom | 4-10 | 6-6 | 14 | 2 | |
| Lucas Parker | 1-4 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 | |
| Aden Cannon | 5-7 | 0-0 | 10 | 3 | |
| Matthew Etchison | 1-1 | 4-4 | 7 | 3 | |
| Kamea Chandler | 5-7 | 2-3 | 12 | 1 | |
| Patrick Baird | 2-2 | 0-0 | 6 | 1 | |
| Josh Holba | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 | |
| Luke Scariano | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ty Sanders | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Anthony Ferrucci | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 22-39 | 14-15 | 64 | 12 | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | |
| Roncalli | 15 | 7 | 14 | 17 | - 53 |
| Guerin Catholic | 18 | 12 | 16 | 18 | - 64 |
| Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (6-12) Sorensen 2-4, Baird 2-2, Parker 1-2, Etchison 1-1, Chandler 0-2, Grissom 0-1. | | | | | |
| Guerin Catholic rebounds (23) Sanders 8, Cherry 3, Sorensen 3, Etchison 2, Grissom 2, Chandler 2, Baird 1, Parker 1, team 1. | | | | | |



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Harrison halts University win streak

The University boys saw their six-game winning streak come to an end Tuesday night as they dropped a 61-41 road decision to a tough West Lafayette Harrison squad.

University held a brief 3-2 lead on a Sabien Cain three pointer, but the Raiders scored the next seven points for a 10-3 lead and led 20-10 after the first period. Harrison stretched their lead to 33-21 at halftime and pushed the advantage to 44-27 after three quarters.

Cain led University with 14 points, including 12 in the first half. The 6-1 sophomore battled foul trouble throughout the night. Kahmi Bracey had nine points and Larry Pierce seven. Bryce Gray and Seth Hogg chipped in with five points each.

Jonah Lucas and Ben Henderson with a potent one-two punch for the Raiders, scoring 17 and 16 points respectively.

Harrison improves to 14-6 with the win while University falls to 13-7. The Trail-

| HARRISON 61, UNIVERSITY 41 | | | | | |
|---|----|-----|----|----|------|
| University | FG | FT | TP | PF | |
| Robert Russell | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 3 | |
| Sabien Cain | 6 | 1-1 | 14 | 4 | |
| Andre Ozlowski | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Larry Pierce | 3 | 1-2 | 7 | 1 | |
| Seth Hogg | 2 | 0-0 | 5 | 4 | |
| Bryce Gray | 1 | 2-2 | 5 | 1 | |
| Nate Jeffrey | 0 | 1-2 | 1 | 2 | |
| Kahmi Bracey | 3 | 1-2 | 9 | 1 | |
| Steven Scott | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Jackson Bledsoe | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 15 | 6-9 | 41 | 17 | |
| Score by Quarters | | | | | |
| University | 11 | 10 | 8 | 12 | - 41 |
| Harrison | 20 | 13 | 11 | 17 | - 61 |
| University 3-pointers (5) Bracey 2, Gray 1, Cain 1, Hogg 1. | | | | | |

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Gymnastics

Millers compete at Connersville, Gymnastics Company

The Noblesville gymnastics team finished a busy past seven days Tuesday by competing at a meet at the Gymnastics Company in Indianapolis. This followed a solid performance by the Millers Saturday at the Connersville Invitational.

Noblesville produced its best score of the season at Connersville, totaling a 94.35. Millers coach Jody Kiovsky said that the invitational was "a very difficult competition," as there were several gymnasts expected to compete at the state meet.

"I am beyond pleased with how well my small team was able to perform today," said Kiovksy.

Noblesville's strongest event was the floor exercise, where it totaled 24.80 points. Charlotte Moise scored an 8.45 on the floor, the Millers' highest score of the night. Hailey Knoll added an 8.275 and Lyrric Barnett scored an 8.075.

"We produced a team total score on floor that surpassed and flipped right past our previous team high score in floor," said Kiovsky.

Moise also scored an 8.375 on vault and an 8.125 on the uneven bars.

Guerin Catholic's Harleigh Abbott also competed at the invitational, scoring a 26.45. Her best individual score was a 7.90 on vault.

Returning to action Tuesday, Noblesville scored a 90.475 to finish third out of four teams at the Gymnastics Company. Abbott again represented Guerin Catholic and Lutheran had a single gymnast competing as well.

Moise had a terrific meet, finishing second in the balance beam with an 8.20. It was the Millers' best place of the night and tied for thier highest individual score. Knoll scored an 8.20 on the vault.

Moise finished sixth in the all-around with a 31.825, placing in three of the four events. She also took sixth on the bars and was ninth on the floor.

Kiovsky said Noblesville added higher value skills into its routines at the meet, noting that the Millers "did a good job" and were able to pull off those skills, "but our deductions tonight came from their form," which she said falls under the categories of execution and amplitude, "which is how well you are able to perform the skills. This comes with practice and overall consistency of performing the same skill over and over until it presents beautifully," she said.

Still, Kiovsky was glad to see her gymnasts perform these new skills in actual competition so they would be prepared to use them in the sectional, which takes place 10 days from now.

"I was pleased to see the girls 'step up to the plate' and place the needed skills in their routines," said Kiovsky.

Abbott finished with an all-around score of 25.40. Her best result was an 8.05 in vault.

Noblesville and GC's Abbott will be off until Friday, Feb. 26, when they travel to Lafayette Jefferson to compete in the sectional.

AT CONNERSVILLE

Team scores: Richmond 108.175, Columbus North 105.95, Franklin Central 103.15, Roncalli 102.375, Bloomington South 99.275, Connersville 98.65, Edgewood 96.10, Noblesville 94.35, Lapel 94.325, Morristown 83.35, Frankton 35.15, Franklin County 30.475, Guerin Catholic 26.45.

All-around scores: Charlotte Moise (N), 32.50, Hailey Knoll (N) 31.05, Lyrric Barnett (N) 30.65, Harleigh Abbott (GC) 26.45.

Vault: Moise (N) 8.375, Abbott (GC) 7.90, Sierra Graue (N) 7.85, Knoll (N) 7.85, Barnett (N) 7.70, Jessica Tret (N) 7.25.

Uneven bars: Moise (N) 8.125, Barnett (N) 7.225, Knoll (N) 7.20, Abbott (GC) 4.80.

Balance beam: Knoll (N) 7.725, Barnett (N) 7.65, Moise (N) 7.55, Abbott (GC) 6.125, Tret (N) 5.95, Graue (N) 5.65.

Floor exercise: Moise (N) 8.45, Knoll (N) 8.275, Barnett (N) 8.075, Abbott (GC) 7.625, Tret (N) 6.75.

AT THE GYMNASTICS COMPANY

Team scores: Franklin Central 102.325, Roncalli 99.15, Noblesville 90.475, Scecina 53.55, Lutheran 32.525, Guerin Catholic 25.40.

All-around scores: 6. Charlotte Moise (N) 31.825, Hailey Knoll (N) 27.475, Harleigh Abbott (GC) 25.40, Lyrric Barnett (N) 25.40.

Vault: Knoll (N) 8.20, Moise (N) 8.125, Abbott (GC) 8.05, Barnett (N) 8.05, Sierra Graue (N) 7.75, Alayna Lotridge (N) 7.65, Jessica Tret (N) 7.10.

Uneven bars: 6. Moise (N) 7.65, Barnett (N) 7.20, Knoll (N) 5.60, Abbott (GC) 4.675.

Balance beam: 2. Moise (N) 8.20, 4. Barnett (N) 7.975, Knoll (N) 6.275, Abbott (GC) 6.175, Graue (N) 6.00, Lotridge (N) 5.125, Tret (N) 4.45.

Floor exercise: 9. Moise (N) 7.85, Barnett (N) 7.80, Knoll (N) 7.60, Abbott (GC) 6.50, Tret (N) 5.075, Lotridge (N) 4.75.

IBCA honors Week 15 Players of the Week

Thanks to ice, snow, and whatever else we had thrown our way, the girls' Sectionals all concluded early last week, while the regional round took place as scheduled all day Saturday.

Additionally, there were a number of strong boys' matchups throughout the state, as their regular season enters the home stretch. With that said, three boys and three girls have been selected as the Week 15 IBCA/Franciscan Health Players of the Week.

Boone Grove senior Trey Steinhilber, Kokomo sophomore Flory Bidunga, Evansville Bosse senior Jameer Ajibade, Crown Point senior Jessica Carrothers, Northwestern junior McKenna Layden, and East Central junior Josie Trabel were selected as honorees for Feb. 7-Feb. 12 in the recognition program coordinated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Steinhilber is the boys' representative, and Carrothers is the girls' representative in District-1. Bidunga and Layden take home boys' and girls' honors, respectively, in District-2. Ajibade is the boys' recipient, while Trabel

is the girls' recipient in District-3.

Boone Grove executed a flawless week last week, going 3-0 overall and extending their current winning streak to five games. Tuesday, in a Porter County Conference matchup with Westville, senior Trey Steinhilber was outstanding from the charity stripe, knocking down 21-22 shots from 15 feet, on his way to 44 points overall. The Wolves won by an 89-78 margin, but Steinhilber was effective in other ways as well. He also grabbed four rebounds, handed out seven assists, and collected a steal.

They returned to the court Friday and narrowly escaped with a 70-67 victory against Lake Station Edison. Steinhilber, a 6-1 point guard, was not as impactful scoring the ball, as he had just eight points in the contest. However, he was a key facilitator, finding teammates on eight other occasions for scores, plus he collected two more caroms and three steals, and he added a blocked shot.

Saturday, as Boone Grove traveled to Hanover Central, the Wolves needed nearly all of his scoring, as the Senior guard went for 20 points in another tightly contested game, winning 49-42. Steinhilber knocked down a pair of triples and was a perfect 4-4 from the line in this triumph, but he again added eight rebounds, a pair of assists, and a steal to his stat line.

Crown Point Senior Jessica Carrothers had a somewhat similar week; however, she saved her best for last. Tuesday, Carrothers and the Bulldogs had some unfinished business, as they had to secure a sectional title first. While it wasn't as easy as their regular season matchup with Merrillville, they did secure a narrow, 50-48 win, over the neighboring Pirates. Carrothers scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds in the outing.

Saturday saw the Bulldogs head to LaPorte for the Regional, as they squared off with rival Penn early in the day. Carrothers was a solid 6-13 from the field and 5-6 from the line, scoring 17 points in total. The 5-7 guard also grabbed four rebounds, handed out four assists, and collected four steals, as Crown Point advanced with a hard-fought, 47-42 victory. Saturday night was another rivalry game for Crown Point, taking on another Duneland Conference opponent in Lake Central. Carrothers saved the best for last. The senior guard made 19-29 shots from the field, she knocked down a 3-pointer, and she was a perfect 3-3 from the free throw line, scoring a whopping 42 points, as the Bulldogs won the regional title, 59-38, over the Lady Indians. The IUPUI commit added five rebounds, two assists, and four steals in success.

The Kokomo boys played just one game last week, knocking off Richmond in a North Central Conference matchup, 59-45. Sophomore front-liner Flory Bidunga continued his dominant season, posting the rare triple-double, and he did so in an even rarer fashion. The 6-10 post scored 32 points, he grabbed 20 rebounds (seven offensive), and he blocked 11 shots to reach the mark. The Wildkats' big man was 16-24 from the floor, and he didn't attempt a 3-pointer or a free throw on the evening.

Nearby, Northwestern junior McKenna Layden continued her strong campaign, helping the Tigers to a pair of wins in three games. Monday, in the sectional semi-final, Northwestern knocked off West Lafayette Harrison in a close one, 66-62. Layden was 6-11 from the field and a perfect 8-8 from the free throw line, scoring 20 points that evening. She also grabbed eight rebounds, handed out 10 assists, and collected four steals in her first double-double of the week.

The very next night, the Tigers took on Logansport in the Marion sectional finale. In a fairly comfortable, 57-38 win over the Berries, Layden scored 29 points behind 7-12 shooting from long range.

The 6-2 wing again reached the double-double mark, this time with her 10 re-

bounds, plus she contributed five assists, a pair of steals, and a blocked shot, as the Tigers advanced to the regional. Saturday, Northwestern took on a tough Fort Wayne Snider team at the Marion regional site, but their season unfortunately came to an end, 72-43. Still, Layden knocked down four 3-pointers and was a solid 7-8 from the free throw line, scoring 29 points for the second time in the week. The Purdue commit also collected four rebounds and picked off two steals in defeat.

Down in Evansville, denior Jameer Ajibade helped the Bosse Bulldogs to a pair of wins. Wednesday, they headed to Evansville North, where they snuck out of there with a 65-60, Southern Indiana Conference victory. Ajibade was a highly efficient 9-10 from the floor, 2-3 from deep, and 4-5 from the free throw line, scoring 25 points on the evening. He added eight rebounds, five assists, and two steals in the nice all-around effort.

Two nights later, the Bulldogs hosted Evansville Mater Dei in yet another Southern Indiana Conference game. Bosse won this one by a 63-54 margin, but they did so while dealing with significant foul trouble. Ajibade, a 6-4 wing, had to run the offense at times, but he again managed 25 points on another hot shooting night, going 10-13 from the field and 2-4 from deep. Add three made free throws, nine rebounds, and five assists, and he did a little of everything in this game.

East Central junior Josie Trabel had a spectacular week, as the Lady Trojans split a pair of ames in the state tournament. Tuesday night, East Central took on a strong Columbus East squad, winning the sectional crown by a slight 72-67 edge. Trabel scored exactly half their points (36) on 15-22 shooting, she was 3-6 from 3-point range, and she buried all three of her free tosses. She posted a double-double with 11 rebounds, but she also handed out four assists and blocked a shot.

Saturday, Trabel and the Trojans took on a tough Franklin Community squad in the regional opener, losing 78-65 in a game they fought back hard in, unfortunately ending their season. The 6-0 forward was again efficient, knocking down 8-13 shots, 4-7 from deep, and 11-13 from the line, scoring 31 points in total. She again posted a double-double with 10 more rebounds, and she added two assists and three steals.

This is the 14th season for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week program, but just the second season it is being presented by Franciscan Health, a corporate sponsor of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Player of the Week winners are chosen each week from each of the IHSAA's three districts. Girls' winners will be chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Girls State Finals. Boys' winners will be chosen through the Monday following the IHSAA Boys State Finals.

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- District 1 Girls:** Aniyah Bishop, Lake Central; Ashlynn Brooke, Pioneer; Caitlin Conn, North White; RaShunda Jones, South Bend Washington; Bailey Kelham, Garrett; Clair Klinger, Washington Township; Lyndsey Kobza, Kouts; Logan Mouser, North Miami; Jordyn Poole, Fort Wayne Snider; Kylie Wells, Merrillville.

NBA standings

| | |
|---|---|
| Tuesday's games Atlanta 124, Cleveland 116 Dallas 107, Miami 99 Boston 135, Philadelphia 87 | Milwaukee 128, Indiana 119 Minnesota 126, Charlotte 120, OT Memphis 121, New Orleans 109 Phoenix 103, L.A. Clippers 96 |
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Eastern Conference

| Atlantic | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Philadelphia | 34 | 23 | .596 | - |
| Boston | 34 | 25 | .576 | 1.0 |
| Toronto | 31 | 25 | .554 | 2.5 |
| Brooklyn | 30 | 27 | .526 | 4.0 |
| New York | 25 | 33 | .431 | 9.5 |
| Central | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Chicago | 37 | 21 | .638 | - |
| Milwaukee | 36 | 22 | .610 | 1.5 |
| Cleveland | 35 | 23 | .603 | 2.0 |
| Indiana | 19 | 40 | .322 | 18.5 |
| Detroit | 12 | 45 | .211 | 24.5 |
| Southeast | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Miami | 37 | 21 | .638 | - |
| Charlotte | 29 | 30 | .492 | 8.5 |
| Atlanta | 27 | 30 | .474 | 9.5 |
| Washington | 26 | 30 | .464 | 10.0 |
| Orlando | 13 | 46 | .220 | 24.5 |

Western Conference

| Northwest | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Utah | 36 | 21 | .632 | - |
| Denver | 32 | 25 | .561 | 4.0 |
| Minnesota | 31 | 27 | .534 | 5.5 |
| Portland | 24 | 34 | .414 | 12.5 |
| Oklahoma City | 18 | 39 | .316 | 18.0 |
| Pacific | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Phoenix | 47 | 10 | .825 | - |
| Golden State | 42 | 16 | .724 | 5.5 |
| L.A. Clippers | 29 | 31 | .483 | 19.5 |
| L.A. Lakers | 26 | 31 | .456 | 21.0 |
| Sacramento | 22 | 37 | .373 | 26.0 |
| Southwest | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Memphis | 41 | 18 | .695 | - |
| Dallas | 34 | 24 | .586 | 6.5 |
| New Orleans | 23 | 35 | .397 | 17.5 |
| San Antonio | 22 | 36 | .379 | 18.5 |
| Houston | 15 | 41 | .268 | 24.5 |

Pacers battle tough before falling to Bucks

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

For the entire night, the Pacers battled tough with the Milwaukee Bucks in a hostile environment at Fiserv Forum. Unfortunately, Giannis Antetokounmpo proved again why he is one of the greatest athletes in the world.

The six-time All-Star and two-time MVP tallied a season-high 50 points on 17-of-21 (81 percent) shooting and 14 rebounds to carry Milwaukee (36-23) to a 128-119 victory over Indiana (19-40). Khris Middleton finished as the Bucks’ second-highest scorer with 19 points.

However, the future looks bright for Indiana. Buddy Hield kept the Blue & Gold in the game for most of the night. The sharpshooter recorded a season-high 36 points on 14-of-20 (70 percent) shooting, including eight triples. Tyrese Haliburton added 17 points, eight assists, and four steals. Four others also finished in double figures. Indiana played with 10 available players tonight due to injuries.

“We did a lot of good things,” Rick Carlisle noted. “We had 32 assists. We were battling out there. We hung around. It’s just a tough night.”

“I thought we stuck around pretty well given the circumstances,” Haliburton added. “They’re the reigning champs for a

reason – one of the best teams in the NBA. Giannis had 50. Any time you can battle that and keep it close, it’s important.”

The squads started pretty evenly matched. The Pacers found some offense through former lottery pick Jalen Smith. But, the Bucks earned the early edge. Antetokounmpo and Middleton both had six early points to grab a 16-10 advantage with 7:25 left in the first quarter.

The Bucks’ lead grew to eight over the next few minutes. But, Indiana continued to hang around. Trailing 21-13, the Blue & Gold scored six unanswered to cut the gap to two with 3:34 to play. Keifer Sykes’ first bucket – a 3-pointer – capped the spurt.

Down the stretch, the story remained the same. Milwaukee saw a few triples fall to stay in front. Yet, Indiana stayed close behind. Sykes’ second trey cut the deficit to 32-27 with 49.8 seconds left. Unfortunately, backup forward Sandro Mamukelashvili banked in an eight-foot jumper just before time expired.

The Pacers worked diligently to shrink the Bucks’ advantage during the initial moments of the second quarter. Trailing 43-36, Goga Bitadze dropped in a floater from the pain to cut the gap to five. During the Bucks’ ensuing possession, Haliburton picked off Bobby Portis’ pass. The guard then drilled a transition three for his first field goal. The

five unanswered forced Milwaukee to call a timeout with 8:17 left.

Out of the timeout, Jrue Holiday drilled a trey. But, the Blue & Gold retaliated. First, Haliburton found Terry Taylor on consecutive possessions for four points. Then, Hield added his second triple to take a 48-46 lead with 6:49 remaining.

However, the Bucks responded with a 14-2 run over a 3:07 span to earn a 10-point advantage. Lindell Wigginton anchored the spree with two 3-pointers.

The squad fell behind by as many as 11 before cutting the gap to 69-63 before halftime. Hield provided the final highlight, beating the buzzer with a 32-foot triple from the left side from a second-chance opportunity.

Two quick threes from Hield cut the deficit to 71-69 at the 10:46 mark of the third. However, Antetokounmpo quickly scored five unanswered to extend the edge to seven.

Over the next few minutes, Milwaukee kept a multi-possession lead. The young Pacers’ inexperience showed itself. Turnovers allowed Portis and Wigginton to score easy buckets. Antetokounmpo used his unusual size to get to the line.

However, Indiana kept fighting. Trailing 86-77 with 6:16 remaining, the Pacers cut the gap to three with six unanswered in

1:14. When Wigginton responded with a three, Taylor responded with a tough finish against Serge Ibaka inside.

The Blue & Gold cut Milwaukee’s lead to 93-91 after Taylor nailed a turnaround putback with 1:28 left. After Ibaka hit 2-of-3 from the free-throw line, Haliburton responded with a triple from the right side.

Unfortunately, the Bucks added four over the final 45 seconds to stretch their edge to 99-94 going into the fourth.

Hield’s sixth triple negated Jordan Nwora’s jumper and cut the deficit to four. But, the Bucks rattled off nine unanswered – seven from Antetokounmpo – over the next 1:59 to grab a 110-97 edge. Rick Carlisle called a timeout with 7:40 remaining to refocus the squad.

Although Hield hit his seventh three, the Bucks kept chugging along over the next few minutes. Antetokounmpo continued to use hit star-power to affect the game. Middleton then added a pair of free throws to extend the lead to 118-106 with 3:59 left.

The Blue & Gold trimmed the gap to 126-118 on Hield’s eighth triple with 1:27 remaining. But, they could not get the stops on the offensive end to pull off the upset. Antetokounmpo and the Bucks’ experienced veterans closed the game without another problem.

IBCA boys basketball poll for week of Feb. 14

| Rank | School | Points | Record | FPV |
|------|------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|
| 1 | Chesterton | 400 | 20-0 | 20 |
| 2 | Fishers | 378 | 18-2 | |
| 3 | Carmel | 362 | 16-4 | |
| 4 | Homestead | 334 | 17-5 | |
| 5 | Indianapolis Cathedral | 303 | 16-5 | |
| 6 | Floyd Central | 287 | 16-2 | |
| 7 | Valparaiso | 250 | 18-3 | |
| 8 | Ben Davis | 246 | 15-6 | |
| 9 | Mt. Vernon (Fortville) | 245 | 16-2 | |
| 10 | North Central (Indianapolis) | 224 | 15-5 | |
| 11 | Indianapolis Tech | 150 | 16-4 | |
| 12 | Penn | 144 | 16-2 | |
| 13 | Pike | 122 | 13-5 | |
| 14 | Zionsville | 112 | 12-5 | |
| T15 | Lawrence North | 111 | 12-5 | |
| T15 | Westfield | 111 | 15-6 | |
| 17 | Mishawaka Marian | 101 | 16-3 | |
| 18 | NorthWood | 96 | 19-1 | |
| 19 | Brownsburg | 57 | 14-7 | |
| 20 | Anderson | 45 | 16-4 | |

Other schools receiving votes (listed alphabetically):

Bloomfield (16-3), Bloomington North (15-3), Bloomington South (14-6), Brebeuf Jesuit (12-6), Central Noble (20-1), Columbus North (15-5), Fort Wayne Blackhawk Christian (15-3), Glenn (18-1), Indianapolis Attucks (11-9), Jasper (16-3), Lafayette Jefferson (16-4), Lawrence Central (6-12), Leo (13-3), Monroe Central (17-0), Sullivan (18-1), Warren Central (12-6), 21st Century Charter School – Gary (15-3).

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District 2 Boys: Isaac Andrews, Wapahani; Reggie Bass, Arsenal Tech; Landon Biegel, Oak Hill; Xavier Booker, Cathedral; Jake Chapman, Tri-Central; Ryan Conwell, Pike; Chrishon McCray, Avon; David Meriwether, Indianapolis Metropolitan; Harrison Schwinn, Frankton; Ty Wills, Anderson.

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