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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Sunny.  
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HIGH: 42 LOW: 22



## Britton Falls residents step up for people in need in Fishers



Photos provided by Fall Creek Township / Twitter  
Thank you to the Britton Falls neighborhood in Fishers whose residents collected 805 pounds of food and donated \$310 to the Fall Creek Township Food Pantry. These donations are critical because SNAP benefits cannot be used to buy items like cleaning supplies, paper products, soap, laundry detergent, etc. Food pantries are essential in helping those less fortunate in our communities.



## Hearing the voice of God

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 NIV

God said, "Fear not." And then life happened.

I went to bed with fear. I woke up with fear.

But those that trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

For I have chosen you and will not throw you away. Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:9-10

I have never audibly heard the voice of God. However, I have been awakened from a deep sleep to thoughts I knew had to be God putting them in my mind. This has happened on a few occasions. I will tell you, because of those moments, it has changed how I perceive God to be in my life.

I am in no way a Bible scholar or theologian. I'm definitely not a saint. I struggle to call myself a Christian for fear of its negative generalizations and anyone thinking I am above the struggles of a sinner. I am, as the old gospel song says ... just a sinner, saved by Grace.

I had the idea that if I obeyed all the commandments and rules of my church and sat in my good Christian girl pew, that I would live happily ever after, with my little family, in the church I grew up attending, all the while writing my story that would be all sugar and very little spice.

Holy Schmokey, was I wrong.

By the time I was in my mid-40s, I was floundering in my faith. Sure, I still believed in God and was still walking the narrow

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### The REPORTER

The Westfield Fire Department launched a free app this week to allow residents to share information about their household to help fire personnel respond better in the event of an emergency.

Westfield Fire has been working with technology partner First Due to release Community Connect, an application focused on protecting residents and their property in the most effective way possible during an incident or major disaster. Users create a profile and enter property and occupant information, which is then made avail-



Photo provided by Westfield Fire Department

able to the department at the time of dispatch.

"Westfield Fire will utilize this data to save valuable time

when emergency services are rendered," said Westfield Fire Chief Rob Gaylor. "All information collected is secure and

used in conjunction with other safety programs such as Smart 911, currently assisting Hamilton County residents. By signing up for Community Connect, we will gain a more complete picture of the emergency situation that we respond to and provide the best possible care for you, your family and business."

Community Connect is voluntary and residents decide the information that they are comfortable sharing. Those details can include information about your property, the people living there, special needs and pets.

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## Republicans meet for annual Congress of Counties at historic French Lick Resort



Reporter photos by Denise Moe

Several Hamilton County residents attended the 2022 Indiana Republican Party Congress of Counties on Friday and Saturday at the historic French Lick Resort in southern Indiana. This is a two-day training and networking conference for Republican Party leaders and anyone looking to become more involved, including candidates, grassroots activists, volunteers and more. Local Republicans had the chance to meet with several state and federal GOP officials during the conference. See more photos on Page 4 and at ReadTheReporter.com.



## All Westfield students entitled to free lunches

### The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) is providing breakfast and lunch meals for free to all Pre K-12 students through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Students can receive one free lunch and one free breakfast per school day. Meals must meet the existing USDA guidelines to be free of charge. This includes an entrée, fruits, vegetables and milk. The meal must contain at least three components, and one must be a fruit or vegetable. Ala carte/snack items (extra entrées, beverages, and snacks/drinks) will still be an additional charge.

WWS highly encourages students to take advantage of the free meals.

## Sheridan basketball coach Larry Hobbs' grandsons to visit Historical Society Museum

### The REPORTER

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 5 to visit with John and Jeff Hobbs, grandsons of Sheridan's renowned basketball coach of the 1950s, Larry Hobbs.

John is the son of coach Hobbs' younger son Joe, and Jeff is the son of older son Harry. Joe and Harry, of course, both played for their father when they were students at Sheridan in the 1950s.

The Sheridan Historical Society will hold an open house at the museum from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. for community members to come and meet John and Jeff. The grandsons want to hear stories about their grandfather and are looking forward to meeting his former players, as well as students, and listening to their stories. Lest we forget, in addition to being a great coach, Larry Hobbs was also the school principal for years, so there are plenty of non-athletic stories to be told, too. They want to hear all your tales about their Grandpa Larry.

In November 2021, the Sheridan High School bas-

ketball team visited the exhibit. [Click here to read that story.](#)

Both grandsons are interested in what the Sheridan Historical Society has done to honor the era their grandfather coached here, and they are looking forward to meeting as many of the players, cheerleaders, and students as possible and hearing lots of stories. John and Jeff will arrive at the Society's Museum at 315 S. Main St. at 10 a.m. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

The Sheridan Historical



Society hopes everyone with a connection to Larry Hobbs will plan to attend and share your story with John and Jeff. Thanks to help and donations from the Hobbs Era players and cheerleaders, the Historical Society has put together a great exhibit as a salute to the Hobbs Era teams, so if you have not seen it yet, you are in for a real treat.

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VOICE OF GOD

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Christian way, but my faith looked nothing like 'tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.

God and I started having some talks (actually, I did all the talking) where I let him know I was not happy with the things He had allowed to happen in my life. As I prayed, I also started searching and studying the scriptures. You might say I began truly SEEKING GOD.

I felt a bond with Joseph as he spent so many years struggling with all the unfairness that was done to him. I read the part of his story where he said to his brothers, who had betrayed him: *"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good."* Genesis 50:20 NLT

All for good. Whew, that would take some processing. Could good be found in all the bad that I had been through?

I could relate to Job as I felt like I had encountered more than my fair share of plagues. I thought that somehow, I had mistakenly signed up for the crisis-of-the-month club. Even my friends agreed with that thought. As I studied the scriptures, I read this: *So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning.* Job 42:12

I was in my mid-40s. I was entering what I thought would be the second half of my life.

Could God be taking me to these scriptures for a reason? Did the voice of God beckon me to listen to the words that had been divinely inspired? So many times, what I was reading was what my heart needed to hear.

I understood how David felt as he sought to know the heart of God. I studied the Psalms. I marked in the margins of my Bible. I wrote the dates of my reading and added my thoughts. It was as if the Psalms were a love letter to me from God. Psalm 91 became my "go to" for the bad days. *Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety: He is my God and I trust Him.* Psalm 91:1-2. NLT

Trust Him? Isn't that what this faith thing is all about? To be in the shadow of someone you must stay close to them. When you are close to someone you learn to trust them. You know their voice.

Scripture, that I had never read in all my years in the church pew, became a balm to my oh-so-weary soul.

I remembered how I had written in my journal, all those many years ago, when my world started spinning out of control. **Seek and ye shall find.**

What I was finding could never be understood by that good girl of my childhood. It was only after walking through the darkest valley, losing so much of what I valued and dealing with so much pain, that I could find who God was in my life.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High ... will find rest.

And so, I dwelled. And I found rest.

The years would still be difficult at times, but as the scripture reminded me ... He alone is my refuge. I simply had to trust.

Eventually, I was able to see the goodness that had come from darkest valleys. My faith grew stronger. My voice had a message of Hope. As God held my pen, He had been writing a story of Redemption.

And the second half of my life?

God has kept the promises He gave me in His word. I know what it means to **seek and find.**

I have a voice and I have a message. Fear not the dark valleys of tomorrow. God is already there. He holds the pen to your Redemption story.

APP

from Page 1

Bryan Kercheval is the first Westfield resident to sign up for Community Connect.

"The Westfield Community Connect program is a great tool for our community and our public safety responders," Kercheval said. "As a former Westfield volunteer firefighter, I can tell you that those precious seconds and minutes do count in an emergency. If we as citizens can provide valuable information to public safety before an emergency occurs, then we can help them when responding to our homes during an emergency."

In addition to the residential portal, Community Connect also helps business owners and property managers keep people at commercial properties safe by giving Westfield Fire access to critical documents such as evacuation procedures, occupant rosters, hazardous material lists and more. Additionally, designated contacts at properties that joined the program will receive immediate alerts via text message when First Responders are dispatched to the building address.

For more information, including registration, go to [communityconnect.io/info/in-westfield](https://communityconnect.io/info/in-westfield).

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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# Lifting: The next best thing

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

Lifting weights: It isn't a sport, yet not a fun pastime. It's a process that has many benefits to what the lifter wants to accomplish.

In the gym, people build friendships and many muscles that are hard to break. When people go to the gym there are many different goals they could want to achieve – goals like losing weight, building muscle, training for a sport, and overall self-improvement.

The gym is a sacred place for some people but to others, a waste of time. People mistake it for a waste of time by thinking it's a negative environment. In most places it's a positive place where people have a common goal in

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ZACH BALES  
Sheridan High School Student

mind. It boosts confidence in people to do what they want. Different gyms have different types of training types to best suit some people. For example, an Olympic weightlifting gym or powerlifting gym are very different in what they offer.

There are many sports within lifting. Olympic weightlifting and powerlifting are two of the bigger sports. People in these sports compete on all different levels of competition. In Olympic lifting, it is divided into classes dependent on weight, while powerlifting age and weight make up the classes. Another sport that can be included with lifting is bodybuilding. It is a very competitive sport based on how good your body looks compared to a certain physique. The classes are divided into what physique a person has, and their height

determines how much they weigh. Although these sports are some of the most popular ways to train, there are so many more ways to train. Most options to train are either split into strength or endurance training. Both have their benefits, and depending on what someone's goal is, they can decide what's best for them. Strength training is more for athletes in powerlifting or Olympic weightlifting, while endurance training is for athletes in sports that run a lot or require a lot of conditioning. For athletes who play contact sports such as football and other kinds of sports, both strength and endurance training are optimal for them. Lifting can be very beneficial to many people if done the right way. The industry is booming at the moment. More and more people are influencing others through lifting. As more gyms open, more people get memberships.

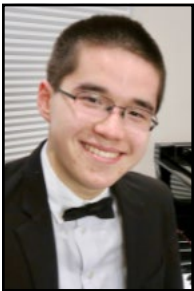
# Fishers pianist Micah Young to perform with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

## The REPORTER

Indiana's finest young musical talent will be on full display at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis for the Michael Ben and Illene Komisarow Maurer Young Musicians Contest Winners Concert.

The concert features the 2020 and 2021 Maurer Young Musicians Contest Winners in concert with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO). [Click here](#) to reserve your free tickets.

The Maurer Young Musicians Contest, which is organized by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association, encourages accomplished young Indiana musicians (through grade 12) to set and achieve goals of technical and artistic excellence by providing an opportunity to perform in a competitive setting. ISO resident conductor Jacob Joyce leads the orchestra for this



Young

## These featured contest winners will perform alongside the ISO:

- Micah Young, piano (2020 co-winner) – Fishers  
Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Minor, Op. 30, Sergei Rachmaninoff
- Serge Kalinovsky, cello (2020 co-winner) – Bloomington  
Cello Concerto No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 30 – Victor Herbert
- Cooper Olsen, violin (2021 winner) – Bloomington  
Ruslan and Lyudmila Overture, Mikhail Glinka  
Poème, Op. 25, Ernest Chausson

exciting performance. Per the ISO health and safety guidelines, proof of vaccination and face masks are mandatory. For more information regarding the policies of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, go to [indianapolissymphony.org/visit/safety](#).

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## County, state GOP gathered in French Lick for annual conference



Reporter photos by Denise Moe  
**Local Republican Party officials and supporters met with Indiana's U.S. Senators Mike Braun (top center) and Todd Young (bottom center) during the annual Congress of Counties on Friday and Saturday. The conference was held at the historical French Lick Resort in southern Indiana.**



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## Fishers needs volunteers for planning, zoning

### The REPORTER

Are you seeking an ongoing volunteer opportunity at Fishers City Hall where you can build connections and relationships with city employees?

The Planning & Zoning Department is dedicated to administering the policies, programs, and regulations that manage Fishers' growth and development. The department is seeking scanning volunteers who will support the department's document management efforts by helping digitize historical zoning documents. Volunteer days and times are flexible based on the volunteer's schedule and availability. Three hours a day, one or two days a

week is preferred.

• **Looking for:** Attention to detail and accuracy, someone who enjoys organizing, ability to work independently with some supervision

• **Tasks:** Prepping and scanning documents, keying identifying data for scanned files

• **Pros:** Flexible schedule, friendly work environment, be a part of one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana

Volunteers must submit and pass a background check. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Amy Crell at [crella@fishers.in.us](mailto:crella@fishers.in.us) or call (317) 670-9437.

## Fishers road construction updates, week of Feb. 28

### The REPORTER

#### State Road 37 & 146th Street

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

#### State Road 37 & 131st Street

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

131st Street west of SR

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

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](http://37Thrives.com).

#### Technology Drive (Northeast Commerce Park)

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

# Looking for Peace in the Midst of Turbulent Times?



These are crazy turbulent times. Life is so uncertain and unstable. Blustery winds of crime, disease, betrayal and fear are blowing all around us. Often, we are robbed of peaceful sleep by all the very real troubles of life. Even during these trying times would you like to live a peaceful and contented life?

In coming to this troubled earth, Jesus said that He came so that we might have life and more abundantly (John 10:10). He is our Good Shephard who leads us by quiet waters and green pastures

(John 10:11; Psalm 23). Quiet waters and green pastures where there is no cause of fear and want. Turbulent times? Yes, but following our Good Shephard we can find a peaceful, abundant and contented life. Sound appealing?

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:6-7)*

You are invited to study with us, grow with us and turn to God in 2022. Let us help you lay hold of this marvelous peace. A warm welcome awaits you at the **Stony Creek Church of Christ!**

We are located at 15530 Herriman Blvd. in Noblesville.



## Stony Creek Church of Christ

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm



Letter to the Editor

# U.S. finally honors sacrifice of Native American Veterans

Dear Editor:

The nation's newest memorial which honors Native American Veterans opened in 2020 on the grounds of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The memorial honors all the American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian veterans who have served in every branch of the U.S. Military since the American Revolution.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) recognizes not only those who served in the Revolutionary War but also those who provided aid and comfort. An example of this honor is Oneida Polly Cooper, who joined with other tribal members to supply food to Valley Forge during the harsh winter of 1777-1778.

The current NSDAR administration supported the new memorial with a donation of \$10,000 from the National Society's American Indian Fund. American Indians and Alaska Natives serve in the Armed Forces at five times the national average and have served with distinction in every major conflict for more than 200 years. They also have a higher concentration of women servicemembers than all other groups. Nearly 20 percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives servicemembers were women, while 15.6 percent of all other servicemembers were women. According to the Department of Defense, more than 24,000 of the 1.2 million current and active duty servicemembers are Native Americans, and the 2010 Census identified more than 150,000 American Indian and Alaska Native veterans.

Finally, these men and women have a national memorial that recognizes their valor.

Known as the Warriors' Circle of Honor, the memorial was designed by Harvey Pratt, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Mr. Pratt served in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine in Air Rescue and Security. The official dedication of the memorial will occur on Veterans' Day of 2022.

You may visit the online exhibit, *Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces*, at [americanindian.si.edu](http://americanindian.si.edu).

**Sharon McMahon**  
*Chair, American Indians Committee  
Horseshoe Prairie Chapter  
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution*

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# Rock Garage to offer Guitar Tone Class

**The REPORTER**

Rock Garage, a business on the north side of Indianapolis that provides music lessons and helps place those looking to become part of a band, is offering a new Guitar Tone Class.

This class will encompass two parts. The first of these is Understanding Effects. These will include Gain Based Effects, Dynamic Effects, Modular Effects, Filter, Pitch and Time Effects. You will learn how effects work and how to control them. From pedal placement to combining effects to getting the best sound out of your multi-effects floor processor, you will gain a solid understanding of all common effects by the end of Part 1 of the course.

Part 2 of the course will focus on Tone Fundamentals. Part 2 takes a much closer look at tone in general. From setting up different clean tones to dialing in the perfect gain tone, you will learn everything needed to create a wide range of tones.

Getting the most out of your effects pedals and multi-effects processor depends on how well you can set up your tone. That is exactly what you will be doing in this part of the course. You will focus on the Basics of Guitar and Bass, Amp Basics, Clean Tones, and Crunch/Dirty/Distorted Tones.

At completion, you will have a solid understanding of tone and how to dial in the right tones for whatever musical situation you are in. You will also take a look at how much is too much? Can you have too many pedals? Can you have too many effects on at once? The answer to these questions may surprise you.

The mission of Rock Garage is for members to improve as musicians, but also for them to have a good time doing it. The instructors at Rock Garage have been performing and instructing for years. You can learn more about each of the educators on their website at [rockgaragemusic.com](http://rockgaragemusic.com). You can also preview some of the performances and concerts on their [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/rockgaragemusic).


Rock Garage is located at 8115 Center Run Drive, Indianapolis. Rock Garage's phone number is (317) 610-0111.

# New at Sheridan Public Library

- The REPORTER**
- Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:
- Fiction**
1. My Darling Husband – Kimberly Belle
  2. Quicksilver – Dean Koontz
  3. Reckless Girls – Rachel Hawkins
  4. Replacement Wife – Darby Kane
  5. School for Good Mothers – Jessamine Chan
  6. Thousand Voices – Lisa Wingate
  7. Dogged by Death – Laura Scott
  8. Family You Make – Jill Shalvis
  9. Never Saw You Coming – Erin Hahn
  10. One You're With – Lauren Denton
- Non-Fiction**
1. Full Out Lessons In Life and Leadership – M. Aldama
  2. My Dad Is Funnier Than Your Dad – Kelly Conway
  3. Unchained: The Eddie Van Halen Story – Paul Brannigan
  4. Declutter Like a Mother – Allie Casazza
- Children's**
1. Monsters Go Green – Zanna Davidson
  2. Lilly's Secret Audition – Holly Webb
  3. The Artic Challenge – Bear Grylls
  4. Shadow Chaser – Simon Tudhope
5. Sound of My Heart – Emily Bannister
  6. Bedtime for Bad Kitty – Nick Bruel
  7. Fast Friends – John Cena
  8. Hello Hometown Heroes – Tony Armier
  9. Recipe for Disaster – Aimee Lucido
  10. What Sounds Fun to You? – Annie Downs
- DVDs**
1. Cry Macho
  2. Addams Family 2
  3. Roadhouse Romance
- Video Games**
1. Avengers (PS4)
- Inspirational Fiction**
1. Searching for Home – Jill Weatherholt
  2. Their Unbreakable Bond – Deb Kastner
  3. Search and Defend – Heather Woodhaven
  4. Wilderness Hideout – Hope White
  5. Undercover Mountain Pursuit – Sharon Dunn
  6. Amish Schoolroom – Amy Clipston
  7. Beyond the Tides – Liz Johnson
  8. Braced for Love – Mary Connealy
  9. Deep Divide – Kimberly Woodhouse
  10. Double Dose of Love – Kathleen Fuller
- Young Adult**
1. Miles Morales 1 – Saladin Ahmed
  2. Miles Morales 6 – Saladin Ahmed
  3. You've Reached Sam – Dustin Thao

# Thanks for reading The Reporter!

# Employment Opportunity



**The Town of Sheridan has an immediate full-time Accounts Payable/Utility Clerk position available in the Clerk's Office.**

You may pick up a job description and application at the Sheridan Town Hall located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069

Or you may mail your resume to the same address

or it is available at [www.sheridan.org](http://www.sheridan.org)

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# AG Todd Rokita announces \$26B settlement with drug distributors, Johnson & Johnson

*Indiana communities can receive up to \$507M if they opt into settlement under pending legislation*

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Friday the final approval of a \$26 billion opioid agreement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors – Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen – and Johnson & Johnson.

Indiana communities can receive up to \$507 million if Indiana communities opt into the state's settlement under pending legislation in the Indiana General Assembly that gives them

until July to do so.

"We have worked exhaustively with other states and Indiana cities, counties, and towns to secure this settlement," Rokita said. "These funds will go toward helping Hoosier communities fight the drug crisis, helping bolster local law enforcement, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs and other important programs. This is a huge win for Indiana."

The defendants will start releasing funds to a national administrator on April 2 and

money will start flowing to state and local governments in the second quarter of 2022.

In Indiana, the current settlement structure splits the funds into several segments, amounting to a 50-50 split between the state and local communities.

First, 30 percent of the settlement funds can be used; however, local communities and the state want



Rokita

to use those funds. Of that amount, half goes to local communities, and half goes to the state.

Second, the other 70 percent is designated for opioid abatement efforts in local communities. State leaders decide how to allocate half that amount – or 35 percent of the total – and local governments decide how to allocate the other half of that total.

"I am pleased that 577 cities, counties, and towns, representing 89 percent of those eligible, have joined the settlement," Rokita said. "I extend my thanks to them for their leadership on behalf of their communities."

But, according to Rokita, there are large cities like Fort Wayne and Indianapolis and other communities like Shelbyville and Franklin who, on the advice of their outside attorneys, have created unneeded risk to their residents by not joining the settlement. Those attorneys are attempting to secure bigger fees for themselves, while other similar communities across the nation have been losing in court.

"The few Indiana cities that refused to get into the settlement should get into the settlement immediately if a future opportunity presents itself," Rokita said, "just as I have publicly advised them for over a year, despite being threatened by their attorneys for attempting to communicate directly with them."

The agreement marks the culmination of three years of negotiations to resolve more than 4,000 claims of state and local governments across the country. It is the second largest multistate agreement in U.S. history, second only to the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

Fifty-two states and territories have signed on to the agreement as well as thousands of local governments across the country.

In addition to the funds, Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen will:

- Establish a centralized independent clearinghouse

to provide all three distributors and state regulators with aggregated data and analytics about where drugs are going and how often, eliminating blind spots in the current systems used by distributors.

- Use data-driven systems to detect suspicious opioid orders from customer pharmacies.

- Terminate customer pharmacies' ability to receive shipments, and report those companies to state regulators, when they show certain signs of diversion.

- Prohibit shipping of and report suspicious opioid orders.

- Prohibit sales staff from influencing decisions related to identifying suspicious opioid orders.

- Require senior corporate officials to engage in regular oversight of anti-diversion efforts.

Johnson & Johnson is required to:

- Stop selling opioids.
- Not fund or provide grants to third parties for promoting opioids.
- Not lobby on activities related to opioids.

- Share clinical trial data under the Yale University Open Data Access Project.

Rokita has prioritized the fight against the opioid epidemic. In February 2021, he announced a \$12.5 million settlement for Indiana with national consulting firm McKinsey & Co. – part of a \$573 million multistate settlement stemming from the company's role in working with opioid companies such as Purdue Pharma. Those funds are being used to support prevention, education and treatment efforts across Indiana.

## Representative Victoria Spartz Constituent Services



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## Online enrollment opens soon for Westfield Summer Camp ROCKS

### The REPORTER

Westfield Summer Camp ROCKS online enrollment begins 6 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

A link to download the summer catalog with complete camp details and enrollment instructions can be found at on the Westfield Washington Schools [web-site](#). The camps will take

place from June 2 to Aug. 3.

There are over 65 opportunity and sports camps, as well as full-week camps. Registration is open to Westfield families with children aged 3 by June 1 up to 13 years old. Activities will include outdoor games, treasure hunts, cooking, creative art, water play, interactive games, and more.

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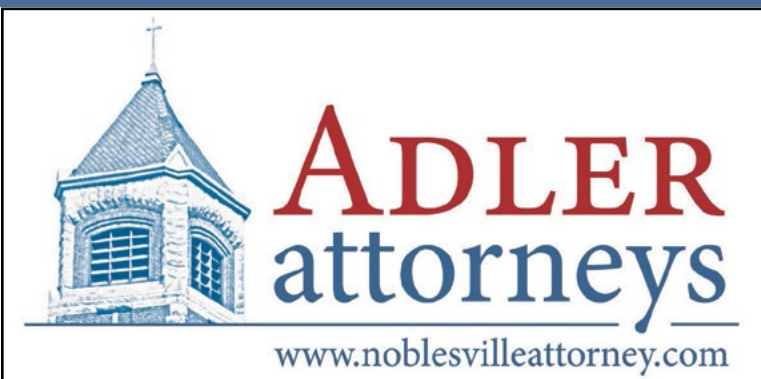
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# Learn how to tackle invasive species on your property

## The REPORTER

Spring brings warmer temperatures, birds chirping, colorful flowers, and green leaves, but if you look closely you'll see the spring resurgence of invasive species that are damaging our natural areas and wrecking cherished animal habitats.

Invasive species are those not originally from this area (non-native) and cause harm to the environment, human health and the economy. Examples include Bradford pear trees, garlic mustard, the emerald ash borer, and Asian bush honeysuckle.

Once your eyes are opened to invasive species, you'll unfortunately see them everywhere. However, there is good news: The actions of property owners managing their own prop-



erties and making informed choices when buying plants can help take back the local ecosystem for beneficial native plants.

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) are here to help you learn how.

Back after a two-year break, SWCD's spring sustainability workshop will focus on invasive species. The public is invited to join the SWCD and HIP for a

hands-on workshop where attendees can learn about the threat of invasive species, practical management basics with demonstrations, and how to identify and eradicate invasive species on their property. Attendees will also get support in creating a management plan for their land.

"Every person has invasive species on their own property or invasive species at a park or public space they love. Probably both!" said Hamilton County SWCD Urban Conservationist and HIP coordinator Claire Lane. "This workshop will cover all the basics you need

to get started managing invasives on your property."

The Sustainability Workshop will take place on Saturday, April 2 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. The workshop costs \$10 per person and will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration can be completed at [hamiltonswcd.org](http://hamiltonswcd.org). You can learn more about invasives at [hcinvases.org](http://hcinvases.org).

Questions regarding the event can be directed to Claire Lane at [Claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Claire.lane@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) or by calling (317) 773-2181.

## 'Best Places to Work' in Indiana include 24 Hamilton County firms

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has released its annual list of the "Best Places to Work in Indiana" for 2022. A total of 24 businesses across Hamilton County are included in this year's list. The honorees are compiled by the Workforce Research Group and determined through employer reports and comprehensive employee surveys.

The rankings of the companies on the "Best Places to Work" list will be unveiled at an awards event on May 12.

"Best Places to Work in Indiana not only recognizes our state's outstanding employers, but also sets a high standard for other Hoosier companies by encouraging them to realize the importance of evaluating their own workplace," Indiana Chamber Chief Executive Officer Kevin Brinegar said in written remarks. "It is clear that a positive work environment makes employees more engaged in their job and in their company, which is what every employer wants and can greatly aid in employee retention – something on the minds of many businesses right now."

The winners were split into four categories: Small companies (15-74 employees); Medium companies (75-249 U.S. employees); Large companies (between 250-999 U.S. employees); and Major companies (1,000 or more U.S. employees).

The list also includes "Hall of Fame" companies, which have been included on the list at least 60 percent

of the time in the program's history. Those companies are indicated by an asterisk.

### Small Companies (15-74 U.S. employees)

- ADVISA / Carmel
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- INCOG BioPharma Services / Fishers
- Invesque / Carmel
- iRIS Recruiting Solutions / Carmel
- KBSO Consulting LLC / Carmel
- \* Leaf Software Solutions / Carmel
- Luther Consulting, LLC / Carmel
- Mobile reCell / Fishers
- The MDC Group / Noblesville
- Ultimate Technologies Group / Fishers

### Medium Companies (75-249 U.S. employees)

- Interactive Digital Solutions, LLC / Noblesville
- \* J.C. Hart Company, Inc. / Carmel
- Lauth Group, Inc. / Carmel
- RQAW / Fishers
- \* SEP / Carmel

### Large Companies (250-999 U.S. employees)

- \* Blue & Co., LLC / Carmel
- Formstack / Fishers
- \* FORUM Credit Union / Fishers
- Merchants Bank of Indiana / Merchants Capital / Carmel
- Shepherd Insurance / Carmel
- Zotec Partners / Carmel

### Major Companies (1,000+ U.S. employees)

- Bastian Solutions / Carmel

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.*  
2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 (NIV)

### Emmett Leon Owens Jr.

January 28, 1966 – February 25, 2022

Emmett Leon Owens Jr., 56, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, February 25, 2022, at his home. He was born on January 28, 1966, in Noblesville.

Lee worked for Weas Engineering for 27 years. He was a devout Christian, wanting others to know God, and was a youth group leader at Bethel Baptist Church in Lapel. Lee enjoyed sports, whether it was playing, watching, or coaching. He liked having cook-outs at Forest Park. Lee was fun loving, had a great sense of humor, and loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Andrew Owens; father, Emmett Owens, Sr.; grandchildren, Grayson and Cadence; siblings, Jeff Owens, Chris (Carlton) Mills, and Brenda Owens; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Jean (Shepherd) Owens; and daughter, Amber Owens.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Pastor Jimmy Gilbert officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evangelist Harrell Noble, P.O. Box 136160, Ft. Worth, Texas 76161. You may also make checks payable to The Brian Noble Children's Foundation (or BNCF) or go to [thebnf.com/donate](http://thebnf.com/donate).

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**Donna Busse**

# Who was the first Hoosier woman to serve in Congress?

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**1867** – Funds were authorized by the Indiana Legislature to improve the entrance to the Michigan City harbor. Two piers were constructed by the Michigan City Harbor Company, and a channel was dredged to connect them. The harbor was able to accept large ships, and Michigan City became one of Indiana's largest lumber markets.

**1920** – Indiana education leaders announced that the 30-year school consolidation plan had reduced the number of one-room schools from over 8,000 to less than 5,000. It was noted that Marion County had only nine one-room schools still in operation,



while many rural counties, such as Harrison, Monroe, Orange, and Crawford, still had over 125 each.

**1933** – Virginia Jenckes from Terre Haute became the first woman from Indiana to serve in the United States House of Representatives. She was an energetic advocate for women and strongly supported flood-control legislation and the repeal of

prohibition. After serving three terms, she remained in Washington to work for the Red Cross, where she helped create the nation's first blood bank.

**1934** – John Dillinger escaped from the Crown Point jail. He stole Lake County Sheriff Lillian Holley's car and headed for Chicago. In July, Dillinger was shot and killed by special agents as he left the Bi-

ograph Theater in Chicago.

**1970** – Famed violinist Isaac Stern was a guest soloist with conductor Izler Solomon and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. *The Indianapolis News* review stated the "audience in Butler University's Clowes Hall was obviously moved by the experience and gave the soloist and ... all those involved an extended ovation at the conclusion."

**2012** – A large area around Henryville, Ind., was struck by a series of tornadoes, killing 13 people and leaving hundreds homeless. Extensive property damage resulted from the twisters, which were on the ground for more than 50 miles.

## Physician, hospital surcharge rates for Patient's Compensation Fund will not increase this year

### The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Indiana Department of Insurance (DOI) Commissioner Amy L. Beard issued Bulletin 263 outlining the 2022-2023 annual surcharge rates for healthcare providers to pay into the Indiana Patient's Compensation Fund (PCF) to be qualified

under Indiana's Medical Malpractice Act.

For physicians and hospitals, the overall surcharge will not change from the current rates. The surcharge rates are effective for coverage beginning July 1, 2022.

The PCF is a dedicated fund administered by the

IDOI as a component of the Indiana Medical Malpractice Act. It provides excess payments of damages to patients who have experienced medical malpractice and excess medical professional liability coverage to participating healthcare providers in Indiana. The PCF is funded by a sur-

charge paid as part of a health care provider's liability insurance premium.

For more information about surcharge calculations, you can find the complete Bulletin 263 on the Indiana Department of Insurance website on the [Insurance Laws, Rules & Bulletins](#) page.

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NOBLESVILLE GIRLS BASKETBALL  
CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS



The taste of victory: The Noblesville girls basketball team bites into its state championship medals shortly after winning the Class 4A state title over Franklin Community 76-52 Saturday at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. It's the second state championship for the Millers.

Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Millers run to second state title

By RICHIE HALL  
INDIANAPOLIS - She had just played 32 minutes of high-quality, super-intense basketball on Indiana's biggest stage. Also, Ashlynn Shade got an additional workout by holding up a big trophy, the one that the Noblesville girls basketball team won Saturday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown Indianapolis. After the fifth-ranked Millers' convincing 76-52 win over No. 2 Franklin Community in the Class 4A state championship game, wouldn't Shade be a little tired? Maybe, but she didn't feel that way. "I feel like I can play another game right now," said Shade. "My adrenaline's going and I'm just so happy right now." That happiness was shared with her

teammates, coaches and the thousands of Noblesville fans that packed the Fieldhouse. Everyone was waiting to see if the Millers could win a second state championship, finally adding a companion to the state title Noblesville won back in 1987. It looked a little shaky at first, when the Grizzly Cubs scored the first five points of the game. But the Millers didn't panic. Instead, Noblesville answered Franklin with a 7-0 spurt of its own. "In this environment, we have nerves and they have nerves," said Donna Buckley, who celebrated the conclusion to her 14th season coaching the Millers with a big win. "They hit a couple, and then once we settled in and got the ball in the paint, I thought that was the difference."

A 3-pointer by Scarlett Kimbrell gave the Grizzly Cubs an 11-9 lead, but Noblesville went on another run, this one nine unanswered points, and never trailed again. "They love to shoot the 3," said Buckley. "We were going to stay in our zone and pressure them, knowing we're going to give up a lot of 3s." But Noblesville was willing to take its chances. It was a little risky, as Franklin is a team that collectively shoots 34 percent from long range, having made 272 triples coming into the 4A final. The Millers' defense was able to hold the Grizzly Cubs' 3-point shooting in check, as they made 6 of 24 from beyond the arc. Meanwhile, Noblesville was having success inside. Twenty-four of the Millers'

29 baskets were 2-pointers, with the majority layins and short jumpers. Noblesville was 24-of-40 from 2-point range for the game, a sizzling 60 percent. "We wanted to pound the ball inside," said Buckley. The coach said her team had "a lot of success" going inside, and that would help the Millers to weather any storms that Franklin's long-range shooting would create. Throughout the tournament, Noblesville made extended scoring runs its trademark. The state championship game was no exception. The Millers' initial 9-0 run turned out to be the first leg of a 23-7 stretch that lasted well into the second quarter and gave Noblesville a 32-18 lead. Once the run was

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No. 5 Noblesville's balanced team effort helps secure  
Class 4A championship in rout of No. 2 Franklin

By CRAIG ADKINS  
INDIANAPOLIS – The 2021-22 Noblesville Millers did everything remotely possible to complete that last part of their season's mission. They knew it would be a tough task against a Franklin team that had only lost once, but the dice rolled the way of the Millers on Saturday night at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis to the tune of a 76-52 victory, crowning them Class 4A state champions. It was a game of runs and aside from the Grizzly Cubs' 5-0 run to start the game, the majority of the momentum shifted towards Noblesville. Noblesville went on a 7-0 run of its own and just like that, the Millers were up 7-5. Franklin would grab the lead again with a

left side three from Erica Buening for 8-7. Junior forward Dani Mendez snagged an offensive rebound and put it back up for two to make it 9-8 Millers. But, the Grizzly Cubs kept at it from the outside. Scarlett Kimbrell knocked down a three to regain the lead at 11-9. "I just wanted to play hard and tough to help us out and get extra possessions for everyone else to score," said Mendez. "She's Danimal," stated Ashlynn Shade of Mendez. "She's like Dennis Rodman, I mean she's a different beast," Shade continued about the emergence of Mendez's play. Reagan Wilson swished a 9-foot jumper to even things at 11-11 and that fueled the Millers for a run to end the quarter. Ava Shoemaker drilled a three from the

right corner and then Meredith Tippner got her first bucket. Mendez stole a pass near mid court and drove to the basket for a layup, helping give Noblesville a 7-2 run at the end of the first for an 18-13 lead. The Millers' feet would continue to stay on the gas pedal throughout the second quarter. This was where Ava would show what she's got. The sophomore scored five of her 12 points in the second, including a driving layup and then another three, this time from the left corner. The younger Shoemaker's second three would give Noblesville their first double-digit lead at 25-13 and it would keep growing. "I am kind of a versatile kid, so the coaches put me in whatever position they want me to play. They put so much confi-

dence in me and every single person on this team," said sophomore utility player Ava Shoemaker. "We're just such a great team together, because we're all best friends. On the court, all of my confidence is coming from my teammates and coaches encouraging all of us. It's just team basketball, you can't not be confident," continued Ava on the confidence that fuels the Millers. It seemed like Franklin just wasn't able to adjust to the Millers' up-tempo style of play, which helped Noblesville go on another run to close out the first half. Ashlynn Shade flexed her offensive prowess in the second to keep extending the

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lead, scoring 14 in the frame to give her 16 at halftime.

“Going into this game, there were tons of positive nerves. Seeing them hit the first couple shots, we thought ‘OK, we’re in this game now, let’s get it going,’” said Shade on Franklin getting a quick start.

“Once we saw the ball going through the hoop, there was no stopping us,” continued Shade on how the Millers woke up quickly on offense to respond.

Shade showed how she can take over a game and seemed to do it with ease, guiding Noblesville throughout the second. Whether it was scoring or a key assist on a bounce pass down low to a wide open Tippner to keep the lead at a solid 17 late in the first half, the UConn commit made things happen on both ends to keep things all but out of reach for Franklin.

Noblesville had answers to everything that the Grizzly Cubs brought back and that pushed the lead at halftime to 47-28.

There were contributions from every bit of the Millers’ depth.

“Everyone was scoring, because once I caught it in the post, I would just kick it out to them and they’re draining threes,” Shade on the offensive balance they had all night.

The Grizzly Cubs cut it back to a 10-point deficit at 53-43, but that didn’t last long.

At the start of the fourth, it was becoming more obvious that the Millers were destined to win their second state championship in school history.

“I think with our season and all of the adversity that we fought through, it mentally prepared us for these tournament games at this high level, it’s just great,” said Shade on the Millers’ play throughout the tournament trail.

After adding six to her total in the third, Shade got back at it with an old-fashioned three-point play just into the fourth and once again, Noblesville continued their game of runs.

The Millers had their biggest lead so far when junior guard Kaitlyn Shoemaker drove the left baseline for a reverse layup, forcing Franklin to take a timeout with 3:33 left.

Making plays like that, Shoemaker con-

tinues her “no fear” style of play, which won’t stop anytime soon.

“I just want to go out and have fun every game. It’s just been so fun to go out every game and play with my best friends,” stated Kaitlyn Shoemaker on her style of play.

“We have so many great basketball players on this team, so many people that can score and go play college basketball,” said Shoemaker complimenting her teammates.

“I decided from the beginning of the season that I wanted to play my role in every game, even if it’s not scoring a bunch of points. Maybe I can get some assists or speed the game up, help the team on defense,” continued the elder of the two Shoemakers.

With the game well in hand, Kaitlyn put the icing on the cake by sinking a three from the left wing to give Noblesville a 76-47 advantage. Head Coach Donna Buckley called a timeout to sub in the remaining reserves off of the bench with 1:25 left.

As there was heartbreak for Franklin on one bench, the Millers were celebrating on theirs as the clock wound down, culminating their season with a 76-52 win, capturing the 2022 Class 4A state championship.

The Noblesville community has been behind the Millers from the start of this journey through the state tournament. They were out in full force on Saturday night in downtown Indianapolis to witness something they hadn’t seen in 35 years, a girls basketball state championship.

The Millers (25-4) cap off a historical run to the championship by defeating ranked teams above and below them in the polls

Ashlynn Shade led all with a game-high 31 points, which ties the Class 4A record for most points scored in a championship game. Shade also grabbed seven rebounds, dished out five assists and had three steals. Reagan Wilson (also seven assists) and Ava Shoemaker each poured in 12. Dani Mendez had a solid nine points and eight boards, while Kaitlyn Shoemaker added seven to go with five rebounds.

The great thing for Noblesville is that they don’t have seniors on this squad. They all come back next season to defend their state championship.



Reporter photos by Kirk Green  
**Noblesville's Ashlynn Shade had a historic performance for the Millers during their Class 4A state championship win over Franklin. Shade scored 31 points, tying the record for most points scored in a 4A final game.**

Click here to see more pictures from the game, free of charge from the Reporter: <https://capturephotographybydkirk.smugmug.com/2022-Lady-Millers-State-Championship/>



**Dani Mendez led Noblesville's rebounding with eight, and also made several big free throws during the game.**



**Kaitlyn Shoemaker scored seven points for Noblesville, part of the Millers' balance that led the team to a state championship.**



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It was a party in the Noblesville team room after the Millers won the Class 4A state championship.

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finished, the Millers' lead never dipped below double digits again.

The runs also give Noblesville a chance to put its considerable depth on display. Shade, who is committed to the University of Connecticut, gets quite a bit of attention, and deservedly so - she is a special talent. But other Millers are capable of scoring as well.

During Noblesville's first-half run, Ava Shoemaker poured in eight points, including a pair of 3s. Her second triple put the Millers on top 28-16, moving them into a double-digit advantage for the first time. Reagan Wilson added five points, including her own 3. Meredith Tippner and Dani Mendez both made baskets and Kaitlyn Shoemaker threw in a pair of free throws.

"It definitely feels amazing," said Wilson. "And it's also just so much pressure that we take off Ashlynn's back because she doesn't have to feel like she has to come out here and score 40 points every night. It's just awesome to have so many threats that, defensively for the other team, it's just like, 'What do you do?'"

Of course, Shade has the capability to take over a game at any given moment. She did that in the second quarter, where she lit up the baskets for 14 points. Shade made two free throws with 2.2 seconds left in the half, and Noblesville was up 47-28 at the break.

Even though the Millers had a 19-point advantage, no lead is completely safe in post-season basketball. The Grizzly Cubs made their expected run in the third quarter, as their star senior Ashlyn Traylor scored 10 points during that period. Meanwhile, Noblesville was held to six points.

Buckley said that in the third quarter, "we honestly didn't play bad. We missed two or three layups." If the Millers make those layups, then they're back up by 15 points and the pressure is back on Franklin, "but we missed them and then they come down and we kept fouling and putting them on the free throw line," said the coach.

The closest Franklin got was 53-43, as Kyrin Brunson - who would win the Mental Attitude Award after the game - hit a free throw to get the Grizzly Cubs within 10. But Shade stepped up again, making a 3-point play with 7:17 to go.

After that, Buckley thought things would be going Noblesville's way. "We just needed to make a shot and we did that and it was over after that," she said.

Did Shade agree?



Noblesville coach Donna Buckley embraces Ava Shoemaker as the Millers get closer to winning the state title.

"One hundred percent. I think we had not our best third quarter, but you're going to have that in basketball. They're going to go on runs and you just got to figure it out, fight through that adversity," said Shade.

Once the Millers had gotten past that adversity, they cruised through the fourth quarter, as Shade's and-1 sparked a 13-0 run that got Noblesville's lead over 20 points. The Millers kept rolling, and a Kaitlyn Shoemaker 3 gave them their largest lead at 76-47 with 1:25 left.

Buckley began to see that the dream was becoming reality "with two or three minutes to go" - the coach admitted that she didn't realize Noblesville's lead was growing so much during the fourth quarter.

"It hit, like, 'Oh my gosh, we're going to win this game,'" said Buckley. "It was such a great moment to realize what we've done and such a great moment for our communi-

ty and just for our entire program."

It was a something Shade had been thinking about from a young age.

"When I was in fourth grade, I went to the gym every single Friday night with my dad, hoping I'd be here one day and just to be here on this court with the championship is unreal," said Shade.

It was also history-making. Shade finished the game with 31 points, tying the record for most points scored in a 4A championship game. Shade is the fourth player to reach that level, joining Terre Haute South's Reicina Russell (2002), Carmel's Chrissy Steffen (2008) and Columbus North's Ali Patberg (2015). In all of those cases, each of those players led her team to the state title. Shade joins those ranks.

The victory gave Noblesville its 11th state championship in school history, and also marks the second time that the Millers

have won state twice in the same school year. Noblesville's boys soccer team won a 3A state title last fall. Back in the 1986-87 school year, the Millers won a girls golf state title to go with their first girls basketball title.

"We've got great athletes," said Buckley. "Our administration is awesome. They put us in position as coaches to be able to go out and do the things that we need to do to win. Just super thankful for their support and our community support. We have great athletes that are willing to work hard and do whatever it takes to win."

NOBLESVILLE 76, FRANKLIN COMMUNITY 52				
Franklin	FG	FT	TP	PF
Lauren Klem	0-3	1-2	1	0
Kyrin Brunson	1-12	4-6	6	2
Scarlett Kimbrell	2-5	2-2	8	4
Erica Buening	2-5	2-2	8	2
Ashlyn Traylor	6-18	5-5	18	4
Adelyn Walker	3-6	2-2	8	4
Brooklyn York	0-1	0-0	0	1
Kyndell Jochim	0-0	0-0	0	0
Josie Phillips	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kennedy Urban	1-1	0-0	3	0
Emma Sappenfield	0-0	0-0	0	0
Addie Morris	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	15-51	16-19	52	17
Franklin 3-point shooting (6-24) Kimbrell 2-5, Buening 2-4, Traylor 1-5, Urban 1-1, Brunson 0-4, Klem 0-2, Walker 0-2, York 0-1.				
Franklin rebounds (27) Brunson 6, Traylor 6, Kimbrell 5, Buening 3, Walker 2, Klem 1, Morris 1, team 3.				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kaitlyn Shoemaker	2-3	2-2	7	2
Ashlynn Shade	13-22	5-5	31	2
Reagan Wilson	5-8	0-0	12	2
Meredith Tippner	2-5	1-2	5	4
Brooklyn Smitherman	0-1	0-0	0	1
Dani Mendez	2-3	5-6	9	4
Ava Shoemaker	5-9	0-0	12	2
Brooklyn Ely	0-1	0-0	0	2
Aubrey Novinger	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kate Rollins	0-0	0-0	0	0
Carly Motz	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bri Gray	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	29-53	13-15	76	19
Noblesville 3-point shooting (5-13) Wilson 2-5, A. Shoemaker 2-4, K. Shoemaker 1-2, Shade 0-1, Ely 0-1.				
Noblesville rebounds (35) Mendez 8, Shade 7, K. Shoemaker 5, Tippner 5, Wilson 2, Smitherman 2, A. Shoemaker 2, Motz 1, team 3.				
Score by Quarters				
Franklin	13	15	14	10 - 52
Noblesville	18	29	6	23 - 76



Noblesville fans packed Gainbridge Fieldhouse on Saturday night to cheer on the Millers.



# CARMEL BOYS SWIMMING - STATE CHAMPIONS

## Greyhounds roll to eighth straight title

By RICHIE HALL  
**INDIANAPOLIS** - The Carmel boys swim team was true to form at the IHSAA state finals: The Greyhounds started fast and finished fast.

Carmel rolled to another state championship Saturday at the IU Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis. The Greyhounds won their eighth consecutive state trophy by scoring 381 points, comfortably ahead of runner-up Zionsville's 247 points. Carmel began the meet with a new national record, then dominated the latter half of the meet, triumphing in five of the last seven events.

The 'Hounds won the medley relay, the opening event, in dominating fashion, with their new national mark of 1 minute, 26.88 seconds. The team of Sean Sullivan, Ryan Malicki, Aaron Shackell and Christopher Holmes was over two seconds ahead of second-place Zionsville.

"It's a huge tone-setter for the meet for us," said Carmel coach Chris Plumb. "I thought we could go 1:27. To go 1:26 is awesome." The coach called the race "a tremendous experience" and said he was "really proud of those guys."

The Greyhounds had to wait for a few races before they got back in the winner's circle, but they were also getting several top eight medals along the way. Aaron Shackell and Gregg Enoch placed second and fourth respectively in the 200 freestyle, then Ryan Malicki and Michael Gorey placed second and sixth in the individual medley, while Brandon Malicki placed 11th. Holmes was the 50 free runner-up.

"This meet's about 'A' Finals," said Plumb. "You got to have more 'A' Finals than the next guy, and to have so many step up last night. The state meet was won last night. We talk about that all the time, and then you try to win a national championship on Saturday. We executed that."

Andrew Robertson's consolation heat victory (officially placing him ninth), also added nine points to the Carmel total. After the diving break, the 'Hounds led Fishers 134-100, but began to accelerate once action returned to the pool. Shackell helped start the run with a victory in the butterfly, clocking in at 47.69 seconds. Leo Han and Holmes also won medals, taking fourth and sixth.

Sullivan got the next blue ribbon, prevailing in the 100 free, while Robertson finished 11th. In the 500 free, Fishers' Kyle Ponsler won the race, but points from Enoch (second), Connor Lathrop (eighth) and Carson Szotek (12th) kept Carmel well ahead.

The Greyhounds rolled through the final third of the meet, starting with a win in the 200 free relay. Holmes, Graham Seaver, Enoch and Sullivan pulled away from Zionsville to finish in 1:22.53. Han took third in the butterfly, with Lathrop (13th) and Emile Haig (16th) adding points as well.

Ryan Malicki triumphed in the breaststroke in a time of 53.89 seconds, with Brandon Malicki placing fifth and Gorey taking 12th. Carmel finished the meet with a big win in the 400 free relay; Shackell, Enoch, Brandon Malicki and Sullivan finished that race in 2:58.11.

Sullivan finished the meet with four state titles, including all three relays.

"Last year, I was in two individual events, no relays or anything," said Sullivan. "So this year I really had to prepare myself different mentally. I had to have more of a team mindset, think about what would be best for the team rather than my individual success."

"I always look at how far people have come to get there," said Plumb. "And watching Sean Sullivan get almost two seconds faster in the 100 free in the past year and going 19 (seconds) in the 100 relay and leading off at 21 next to Will Modglin, I think he has really just come so far. And obviously any champion we had did amazing jobs to win, but when you watch people who have come so far to excel is just as awesome."

The 381 points Carmel scored is the second-most in state history. The Greyhounds totaled 417 points in the 2016 state meet.

### TIGERS TAKE THIRD

Fishers finished a strong third place behind the Greyhounds and Zionsville, scoring 208 points.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall  
**The Carmel boys swim team won its eighth consecutive state championship Saturday at the IU Natatorium in downtown Indianapolis. The Greyhounds scored 381 points and won six events, starting with a new national record in the medley relay.**

It was a thrilling number for the Tigers, but also a little scary if you ask coach Joe Keller. The coach called his team's performance "awesome," noting that all but one of Fishers' swims either held or moved up in position from the prelims.

So what was scary? Well, Fishers had a certain number in mind when it came into the state meet...

"The goal that we set was 208 points, which is kind of eerie that that actually happened, because that was the most points our girls team had ever scored prior to this year," said Keller. "And so we wanted to be at or above that. So we're pretty excited."

The Tigers were led by senior Kyle Ponsler, who scored an event victory for his team. Ponsler won the 500 free in a time of 4:23.30, outpacing second place by one and a half seconds.

"I think that that was part of the race plan was to set it up pretty smooth and easy, and then when we got towards the 300 (mark), to start building legs and then start attacking," said Ponsler. He wanted to go "a little bit faster, but honestly, I was just racing for the win."

Ponsler, who will swim for North Carolina State this fall, was happy to win, as he finished second last year - "it was good redemption," he said.

"He's been awesome," said Keller. "He's a really, really tough kid and we felt pretty confident he can win that event."

Ponsler's 500 free win was part of nine championship medals for the Tigers. All three of Fishers' relays swam in the "A" Final, with the best result coming from the 200 free relay. Connor Carlile, Reed Beaumont, Daniel Bennett and Ponsler finished in third place.

Fishers' other two relays took fifth place. Logan Ayres, Beaumont, Bennett and Keaton Chop achieved that finish in the medley relay to start the meet, while Ponsler, Chop, Taichi Kataoka and Carlile completed the meet with a fifth-place result in the 400 free relay.



**Fishers' Kyle Ponsler won the 500 freestyle race in a time of 4:23.30. The senior will swim for North Carolina State this fall.**

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Ponsler also took third in the 200 free, giving him four medals on the day. Carlile also picked up four medals, as he took fifth in both the IM and 100 free. Fishers' divers had an outstanding day, as William Jansen was the runner-up and teammate Sebastian Otero placed third.

Four more Tigers swam in consolation heats. Beaumont won the "B" Final of the IM (placing him ninth officially) and was 11th in the breaststroke. Ayres took 10th in the backstroke and Jonathan Hines was 16th in the 500 free.

WESTFIELD RISES TO NINTH

Westfield had been in striking distance of the top 10 the entire meet, and delivered an outstanding finish to rise to ninth place, scoring 65 points.

The Shamrocks jumped into the top 10 by winning the consolation heat of the two freestyle relays. The same team - Noah Brauer, Bennett Morse, Aiden Yonkus and Evan Lake - took care of business in both the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. Again, they were officially ninth-place finishes, but both performances scored 18 team points, so Westfield got 36 points out of those swims.

Brauer and Lake both earned medals as well. Brauer placed seventh in the IM, while Lake took eighth in the 200 free. In addition, Lake finished 14th in the 500 free, Morse was 15th in the 100 free and Brauer was 16th in the butterfly.

"I'm super thrilled," said Shamrocks coach Darrick Thomas. "We've had a really great run of several weekends going all the way back to our girls at sectionals and state, and the boys last weekend at sectionals. "We had more swims in this meet this weekend than we've had in a long, long time. We advanced more swims to finals, and we stayed busy through the whole meet, which is really exciting. So, top 10 finish for us is great. It's been a long time since we've been in that position. I'm really super proud of our boys."

MEDALS FOR HUSKIES, MILLERS

Hamilton Heights and Noblesville each scored 13 points, tying them for 30th place.

The Huskies got all of their points from diver Nathan Cox, who finished in sixth with a total score of 453.80 points. Cox was in seventh place after eight dives, and moved up a spot with a solid final dive.

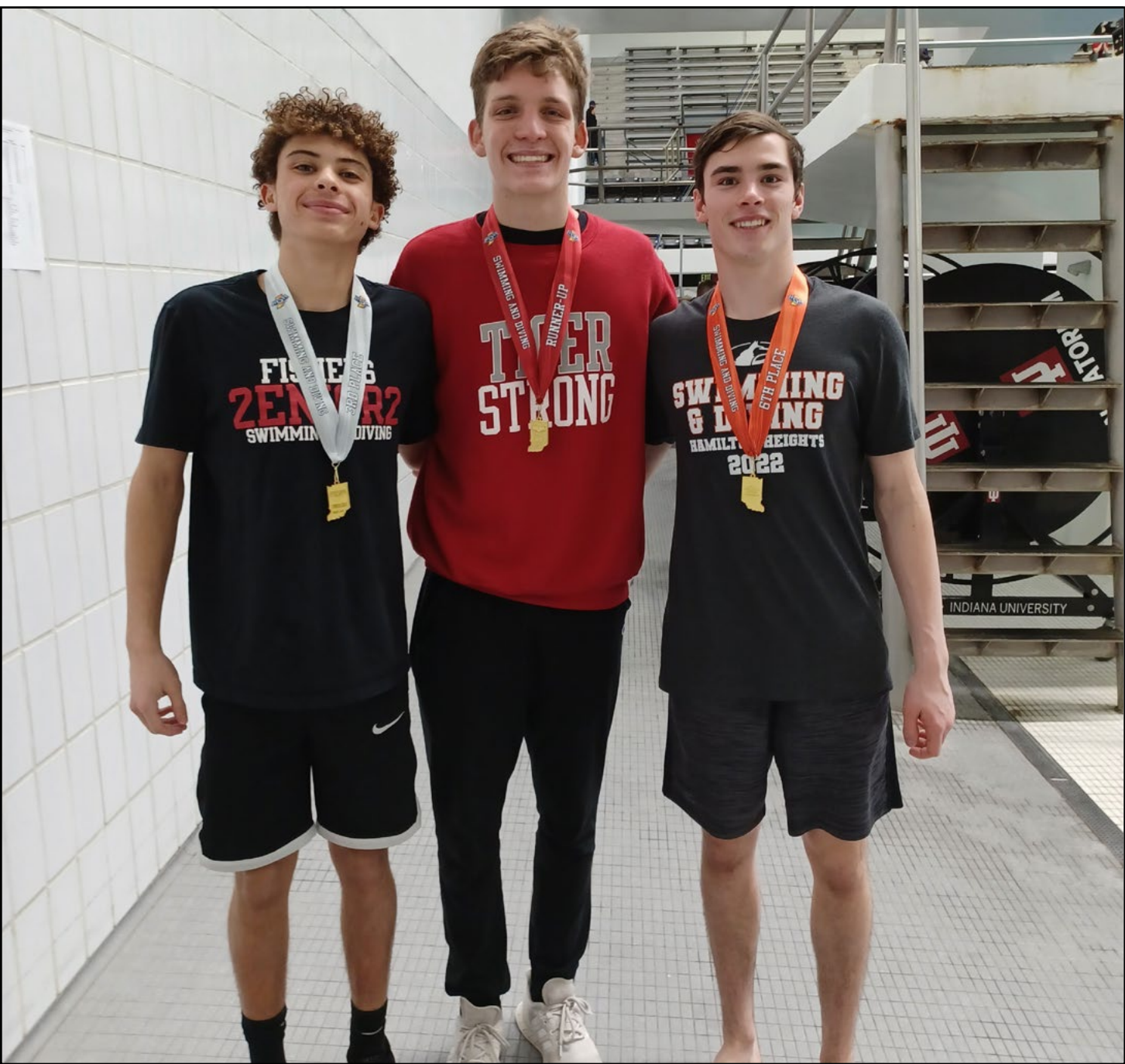
Aidan Biddle accounted for all of the Millers' team points. Biddle earned a seventh-place medal in the breaststroke, and also took 16th in the individual medley.

Hamilton Southeastern's Matt Truxall finished 15th in the breaststroke, giving the Royals two points.

Team scores (Top 5 and all county): 1. Carmel 381, 2. Zionsville 247, 3. Fishers 208, 4. Chesterton 148, 5. Fort Wayne Carroll 147, 9. Westfield 65, T30. Hamilton Heights 13; Noblesville 13, T45. Hamilton Southeastern 2.

200 medley relay  
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Sean Sullivan, Ryan Malicki, Aaron Shackell, Christopher Holmes) 1:26.88, new state and national record, 5. Fishers (Logan Ayres, Reed Beaumont, Daniel Bennett, Keaton Chop) 1:35.17, 8. Southeastern DQ.

200 freestyle  
"A" Final: 1. Mitchell Schott (Culver Academies) 1:35.48, 2. Shackell (C) 1:36.19, 3. Kyle Ponsler (F) 1:36.97, 4. Gregg Enoch (C) 1:38.10, 8. Evan Lake



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
Three Hamilton County divers finished in the top eight at state on Saturday, receiving medals. From left: Fishers' Sebastian Otero (third), Fishers' William Jansen (second) and Hamilton Heights' Nathan Cox (sixth).

(W) 1:42.80.

200 individual medley  
"A" Final: 1. Will Modglin (Zionsville) 1:45.11, 2. R. Malicki (C) 1:47.52, 5. Connor Carlile (F) 1:49.26, 6. Michael Gorey (C) 1:52.06, 7. Noah Brauer (W) 1:53.35.  
"B" Final: 9. Beaumont (F) 1:52.68, 11. Brandon Malicki (C) 1:53.00, 16. Aidan Biddle (N) 1:56.51.

50 freestyle  
"A" Final: 1. Matthew Klinge (Harrison) 20.43, 2. Holmes (C) 20.53.  
"B" Final: 9. Andrew Robertson (C) 21.24.

One-meter diving  
Finals: 1. Holden Higbie (Danville) 535.75, 2. William Jansen (F) 477.55, 3. Sebastien Otero (F) 469.00, 6. Nathan Cox (HH) 453.80.

Preliminaries: 28. Parker Mutter (N) 156.50.

100 butterfly  
"A" Final: 1. Shackell (C) 47.69, 4. Leo Han (C) 49.00, 6. Holmes (C) 49.60.  
"B" Final: 16. Brauer (W) 51.56.

100 freestyle  
"A" Final: 1. Sullivan (C) 44.22, 5. Carlile (F) 45.88.  
"B" Final: 11. Robertson (C) 46.61, 15. Bennett Morse (W) 47.21.

500 freestyle  
"A" Final: 1. Ponsler (F) 4:23.30, 2. Enoch (C) 4:24.82, 8. Connor Lathrop (C) 4:37.74.  
"B" Final: 12. Carson Szotek (C) 4:37.33, 14. Lake (W) 4:41.41, 16. Jonathan Hines (F) 4:42.21.


200 freestyle relay  
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Holmes, Graham Seaver, Enoch, Sullivan) 1:22.53, 3. Fishers (Carlile, Beaumont, Bennett, Ponsler) 1:24.14.  
"B" Final: 9. Westfield (Brauer, Morse, Aiden Yonkus, Lake) 1:26.50.

100 backstroke  
"A" Final: 1. Modglin (Zionsville) 46.16, 3. Han (C) 49.61.  
"B" Final: 10. Ayres (F) 51.48, 13. Lathrop (C) 52.50, 16. Emile Haig (C) 52.70.

100 breaststroke  
"A" Final: 1. R. Malicki (C) 53.89, 5. B. Malicki (C) 56.29, 7. Biddle (N) 56.81.  
"B" Final: 11. Beaumont (F) 57.44, 12. Gorey (C) 57.81, 15. Matthew Truxall (HSE) 58.50.

400 freestyle relay  
"A" Final: 1. Carmel (Shackell, Enoch, B. Malicki, Sullivan) 2:58.11, 5. Fishers (Ponsler, Chop, Taichi Kataoka, Carlile) 3:08.09.  
"B" Final: 9. Westfield (Brauer, Lake, Yonkus, Morse) 3:10.50.

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# NBA standings

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Boston 113, Detroit 104	Memphis 116, Chicago 110
Atlanta 127, Toronto 100	Brooklyn 126, Milwaukee 123
Cleveland 92, Washington 86	Denver 115, Sacramento 110

## Eastern Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Atlantic</b>				
Philadelphia	36	23	.610	-
Boston	36	26	.581	1.5
Toronto	32	27	.542	4.0
Brooklyn	32	29	.525	5.0
New York	25	35	.417	11.5
<b>Central</b>				
Chicago	39	22	.639	-
Cleveland	36	24	.600	2.5
Milwaukee	36	25	.590	3.0
Indiana	20	41	.328	19.0
Detroit	14	46	.233	24.5
<b>Southeast</b>				
Miami	40	21	.656	-
Charlotte	30	31	.492	10.0
Atlanta	29	31	.483	10.5
Washington	27	33	.450	12.5
Orlando	14	47	.230	26.0

## Western Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Northwest</b>				
Utah	37	22	.627	-
Denver	35	25	.583	2.5
Minnesota	32	29	.525	6.0
Portland	25	35	.417	12.5
Oklahoma City	19	41	.317	18.5
<b>Pacific</b>				
Phoenix	49	11	.817	-
Golden State	43	17	.717	6.0
L.A. Clippers	31	31	.500	19.0
L.A. Lakers	27	32	.458	21.5
Sacramento	22	40	.355	28.0
<b>Southwest</b>				
Memphis	42	20	.677	-
Dallas	35	25	.583	6.0
San Antonio	24	36	.400	17.0
New Orleans	24	37	.393	17.5
Houston	15	44	.254	25.5

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**LEFT: Westfield's Evan Lake talks with Shamrocks coach Darrick Thomas before the 500 freestyle race. Lake had earlier finished eighth in the 200 free and go on to place 14th in the 500.**

**BELOW: Noblesville's Aidan Biddle finishes his warm down after competing in the breaststroke event, where he placed seventh.**

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